

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**  
**SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS 2008**

1. All Championships shall be conducted in accordance with ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules.

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

**General**

- a. The competing members of any club allocated to the Association shall be allowed to compete providing they are eligible as defined in ASA Law, except that no one who has competed in the Championships of another County shall be eligible to compete in the same year.
- b. For individual events, a swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on the last day of the Championships.
- c. A Junior swimmer shall be under 16 years of age as at midnight on the last day of the Championships.

**Team Championships**

- a. Team Championships shall be open to all clubs allocated to the Association.
- b. All teams shall consist of four members.
- c. A swimmer entered in the name of one club in individual events may not compete in the name of another club in the team events.
- d. Clubs may enter a maximum of three teams; members shall swim for one team only.

**3. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

**Individual Events**

Open (Men and Women) & Junior (Boys and Girls)	Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m Backstroke: 50m, 100m, 200m Breaststroke: 50m, 100m, 200m Butterfly: 50m, 100m, 200m Ind. Medley: 100m, 200m, 400m
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Youth/Senior	Female: 14years, 15years, 16years, 17/18years, 19/Over Male: 15years, 16years, 17/18years, 19/Over Events as for Open and Junior
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BAGCATS: Swimmers in age groups 9years, 10years, 11years, 12years, 13years and 14years (boys only) shall compete in events and receive awards based on their overall performance in the British Age Group Categories (BAGCATS) as follows:

Boys	Age Group	Girls
Best 50m Best 200m back, breast or butterfly Best 200m or 400m free Best Ind Medley	9/10 Years 11 Years (Boys) 4 swims to count	Best 50m Best 200m back, breast or butterfly Best 200m or 400m free Best Ind Medley
Best 50m Best 100m Best 200m back, breast or butterfly Best 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m free Best Ind Medley	11 Years (Girls) 12/13 Years 14 Years (Boys) 5 swims to count	Best 50m Best 100m Best 200m back, breast or butterfly Best 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m free Best Ind Medley

**Team Events**

Open	Men & Women	4x100m Freestyle & Medley Teams 4x200m Freestyle Team
Junior	Boys & Girls	4x50m Freestyle & Medley Teams
13 Years & Under	Boys & Girls	4x50m Freestyle & Medley Teams
9-11 Years	Boys & Girls	4x50m Freestyle & Medley Teams

#### **4. ENTRIES**

- a. Entry Fees for events shall be approved by the Management Committee.
- b. Entries on the appropriate form, together with the entry fee, must reach the Swimming Secretary (or the appointed Entries Co-ordinator) by the published closing date. (If available, an approved electronic entry method may alternatively be used).
- c. Late Entries may be accepted in exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the Swimming Secretary or the appointed Entries Co-ordinator.
- d. Entries must be signed by the competitors Club Secretary or nominated official. Such a signature shall be taken as certification of eligibility.
- e. Entrants who are members of more than one club must state in writing at the time of entry, the club he/she represents.
- f. The Management Committee may refuse an entry from a Club or a member of that Club, which, in their opinion, has not in the past fulfilled its obligations to the County Association.
- h. Where qualifying standards have been set, all entrants must have equalled or bettered the entry consideration time in a Licensed Meet, on or after the first day of competition of the HCASA Development Competition in the previous year and on or before the closing date for entries. Submitted times shall be based on a 25m pool; all times to be converted using the published ASA Equivalent Performance Tables. Subsequent improved times will not be accepted. The Swimming Secretary may waive the requirement for times to have been achieved in a Licensed Meet for selected events where that event is not regularly included in competition programmes.
- i. In the interest of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the competition the Association reserves the right to limit the number of entries to any event. If this becomes necessary, the Swimming Secretary (or appointed Entries Co-ordinator) will inform each swimmer whose entry has not been accepted. Entries will be rejected on the basis of submitted times, slowest swimmers rejected. In the BAGCATs Championships, priority will be given to swimmers who have entered a complete BAGCAT programme.
- j. Any swimmer submitting an ineligible entry will have the entry rejected and forfeit the entry fee. Any swimmer whose entry is not accepted as a result of limiting the number of entries will have their fee refunded.
- k. Clubs may enter a maximum of three teams for each Team Championship event.
- l. For all Team Championships, club members who may be selected for a team but who are not participating in an individual event must be listed. The list must show the full name, registration number and address. No swimmer may participate in a team Championship unless their name is on a submitted list.

#### **5. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES**

- a. The Swimming Secretary (or Entries Administrator) shall make reasonable efforts to despatch confirmation of entry for all accepted entries at least 14 days before the first day of the Championships.
- b. Swimmers are responsible for checking their entry confirmation. Any errors found must be notified to the Swimming Secretary (or Entries Administrator) at least 7 days before the first day of the Championships. The Association will make every effort to correct any error reported by this date, irrespective of the source of the error, Subsequent to this date, only errors introduced by the Association will be corrected.

#### **6. MEET PROCEDURE**

- a. A withdrawal system will be in operation. Club representatives are expected to submit withdrawal forms for swimmers who are not intending to swim, no later than 45 minutes before the advertised starting time of the first event in the session. Competitors who fail to withdraw and do not present themselves at the start may be suspended from all further events at the Championships. There shall be no refund of entry fees to swimmers who withdraw from events, unless the withdrawal is for medical reasons.
- b. Finals shall be swum for open events of 50m, 100m and 200m. All other events shall be decided on a heat times and places (heat declared winner).
- c. Heats shall be swum for all events. All events shall be seeded slowest to fastest. The final heat in each event shall be spearheaded.
- d. In finals, the maximum number of places practicable shall be allocated. A maximum of four reserves shall be declared for each final. Lanes for finals shall be allocated on the spearhead principle.

- e. The names of finalists and reserves shall be announced as soon as practicable after completion of the heats. Announced finalists and reserves not intending to swim shall withdraw by completing a withdrawal form, no more than 30 minutes after the announcement.
- f. Any competitor or team withdrawing from a final more than 30 minutes after the announcement of finalists (except in the case of genuine illness or of a proven emergency) shall incur a penalty of £10 and shall not be eligible to compete in any future HCASA event until the penalty has been paid.
- g. Junior results shall be determined as follows:
  - Junior swimmers who are placed in the final shall be placed in order of finishing ahead of all other Junior swimmers
  - Other Junior swimmers shall be placed in accordance with heat times
- h. Time Trials will not be permitted during the championships.
- i. Competitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the Clerks of the Course in time for their race. There will be no calls for competitors who fail to appear at the start of their heat.
- j. On the day of the event, the names of competitors actually swimming in each team shall be declared on a team declaration form.

## **7. COMPETITORS WITH A PERMANENT DISABILITY**

- a. The Championships shall include multi-disability events. Eligibility and the algorithm for determining results shall be as advised by the Amateur Swimming Association.
- b. For events where there is no multi-disability competition, entries from disabled competitors holding a Functional Ability Card (or recognised equivalent) will be accepted providing they have equalled or bettered a qualifying time set by the Disability Secretary.

## **8. AWARDS**

### **Open and Junior**

Awards will be presented to first, second and third placed swimmers in each individual event.

### **Youth and Senior**

Awards will be available for collection by first, second and third placed swimmers in each individual event.

### **BAGCATS**

Awards will be presented to the first 15 swimmers in each group, providing that there are more than 20 competitors in the age group. In any age group where there are fewer than 20 competitors, the number of awards shall be reduced pro-rata.

### **Team Events**

Awards will be presented to all members of teams placed first, second and third in open and junior team events and to all finalists in age group team events.

## **9. DISPUTES**

- a. Any dispute related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall initially be determined by the Swimming Secretary. Any individual who is not satisfied with such determination has the right to invoke ASA Judicial processes.
- b. Whenever possible, a Jury of Appeal shall be appointed.

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