



Gloucester County Amateur Swimming Association



GCASA CHAMPIONSHIP & AGE GROUP CONDITIONS 2017

Mission Statement

The County Blocks which are held each year are to enable individuals to enter a full range of events. The competition brings together swimmers with a range of abilities, all competing together in the same pool.

General

- 1) All Competitions shall be staged annually under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules.
- 2) Entry Fees, Dates, venues and closing dates shall be recommended by County Championship Management group and endorsed by the County Executive.
- 3) Any question as to the proper interpretation and application of these rules shall be decided by the Meet Manager, whose decision shall be final. All other matters relating to County Swimming Competitions not covered by these rules and not covered by ASA Law and thus falling to the decision of the Meet Manager, shall be determined by the Emergency Committee.
- 4) Officials shall be appointed in accordance with ASA Laws and requirements for the purpose of licensing and shall be selected by the Manager - Swimming Officials.
- 5) Should the situation arise where there are insufficient officials/helpers on the day, the competition may be cancelled.
- 6) Any failure to comply with these conditions will be assessed by the Meet Manager and may result in entries being rejected.

Eligibility

- 7) All competitions shall be open to competitors who are eligible under current ASA Laws and who are, on the closing date of entry, a registered member of the ASA in the name of the GCASA affiliated club they are to represent and:
 - a) Entries from City of Bristol Swimming Club will only be accepted for swimmers that are fee paying members of the ASA for City of Bristol Swimming Club, as described in ASA regulation 47.4.3 (ASA Handbook 2016); and
 - b) Entries from United Bristol Swimming Club will not be accepted.
- 8) No swimmer who shall have been a competitor in County Age-group or Championship events of another English county in the current year of competition shall be eligible.
- 9) A competitor may represent only one club in the year of competition.

10) A competitor is so regarded as soon as his/her entry has been received by the Meet Manager and shall cease to be a competitor only if the entry is rejected or withdrawn by written notice received by the Meet Manager before the closing date for entry. In these circumstances, the entry fee will be refunded. Competitors may withdraw from all sessions taking place in a two day period on medical grounds. To be eligible for refund of the relevant entry fees, within two weeks of the relevant sessions, competitors must supply the Meet Manager with a letter from their Head Coach or General Practitioner documenting the reason they were unable to compete. If sessions are oversubscribed and the Meet Manager is unable to accept all entries then in the event the entry fees for those not accepted will be refunded in full.

11) Any exceptions to the eligibility criteria will require a formal application and will be considered by the GCASA Emergency Committee

Year of Competition

12) The year of competition is 1st January to 31st December inclusive and age grouping shall be determined as age on 31st December in the year of the competition. (As an example, the competition year for 2017 runs from midnight on 1st January 2017 to midnight on 31st December 2017).

Entries

13) Swimmers may only compete in events for their own age group.

14) Disability swimmer entries must be submitted electronically and in paper format. All other entries are required to be submitted electronically using the Hy-Tek Team Manager software, or TM Lite software.

15) Clubs must submit consolidated electronic entries (Entry Fees £5.00 per event) via e-mail to gcasachampionshipentries@gmail.com together with any poolside passes applications (Cost £30 each).

Electronic entries and postal entries will be acknowledged with receipt confirmation, for all entries, the submitted date will be the date of confirmation receipt from the Entry Secretary.

No payment is required with the initial entry submission. Once the final accepted entry list has been confirmed a payment invoice will be issued to clubs and individual entrants.

Postal entries should be sent to

Steve Jones, 24 Burleigh Way, Wickwar, South Gloucestershire, GL12 8LR (Please mark envelopes "GCASA")

Individual entry forms are to be retained by the club and must be signed by each swimmer.

Please ensure that you put adequate postage on the postal entry. Envelopes with insufficient postage will not be collected from the Royal Mail depot.

Entries will not be accepted for the following reasons:

- Incorrectly submitted
- Received after Midnight on the closing date:

Monday 19th December 2016

16) Each event in this competition has a qualifying time. Times **must** have been achieved after 1st January 2016. These times must have been achieved at ASA licensed meets (Level 1 – 4) and be included in the ASA Ranking Database at the date of entering. If an event is oversubscribed, the Meet Manager is empowered to reject entries.

Disability Swimmers

17) The GCASA Championship & Age Group conditions 2017 shall apply to disability competitors except where varied by any of the following conditions:

A. All MD Competitors must:

1. Have an authorised British Swimming, UKSA, or IPC classification, which is held on the British swimming or IPC Swimming classification database at the time of entry.
2. Provide the Meet Manager with proof of disability swimmers classification, from the ASA database, with their entry, so that the information can be passed on to the lead referee before the start of the event.

B. Coaches, Chaperones and Personal Care Attendants:

1. Should a club enter 1-4 disability swimmers they will be entitled to purchase one extra poolside pass for the sessions where the swimmers are competing for use by personal care attendants and Chaperones.
2. Should a club enter 5 or more disability swimmers they will be entitled to purchase two extra poolside passes for the sessions where the swimmers are competing for use by personal care attendants and Chaperones.
3. All Coaches, Chaperones and personal care attendants must conform with the ASA child protection procedures.
4. All Coaches, Chaperones and personal care attendants must have accreditation.

C. Disability entries:

1. Disability swimmers must provide a paper entry NOT an electronic entry.
2. Entries must be completed on the attached MD entry form.
3. Swimmers are entitled to enter any event which has an entry time for their classification on the attached MD entry standards.
4. Swimmers must have met the entry standard in order to enter that event
5. All MD entries must be received by midnight on **Monday 19th December 2016**.
6. Disability swimmers may submit entries for non MD events on a time-trial basis provided they meet the relevant Qualifying Time for that event

D. Results and Rankings:

1. A Separate results sheet will be produced for MD swimmers ranking them on British Disability Points.
2. MD swimmers will not be separated by age groups.
3. The top 3 Male and the top 3 Female points earners will earn medals.
4. The Male and Female swimmers who acquire the most British Disability Points over the course of the championships shall be named as the County MD Champions.
5. A database of county records will be kept and updated annually after the championships.

E. General:

1. All MD swimmers will swim inclusively within the events ranked on their entry times.
2. All MD swimmers will be included in the 12 and over events.
3. The Swimmer will be judged on the relevant IPC rules

Signing In

18) There will be no entry cards for this event.

All competitors must sign in prior to the commencement of warm up for each session. If a swimmer is competing all day they may sign in for the whole day. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they sign in.

A £5 fine will be levied on any Competitor who signs in and does not then subsequently swim without notification to the Meet Management Office by submitting a completed withdrawal notice prior to the first heat of the relevant event.

Seeding

19) The stations of the competitors (seeded in time order slowest to fastest) shall be as follows:

a) in 200m Championship Events, spearheaded in all heats.

b) in 50m and 100m Events cyclically seeded in the last 3 heats, spearheaded in all other heats.

c) in 400m+ Events, spearheaded in all heats.

20) Time trials will not be accepted for any event other than 800m, 1500m distance freestyle and 400IM when 11 year olds may swim time trials if they have achieved a 12 year old qualifying time .

General Event Information

21) Ages for the majority of Events shall be Girls and Boys 10/11years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15years and 16/Over. Ages for the 800m, 1500m and 400IM Events shall be Girls and Boys 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years and 16/Over.

22) All Events shall be swum collectively in age groups, 10/Over for boys and 10/Over for girls. All swimmers shall if a hat is worn wear a swimming hat affiliated to the GCASA club they are to represent or a neutral swimming hat.

23) Except for the 50m and 100m Events, Event Placing, Event and Category awards for each age group shall be declared on heat times, adjusted as necessary to accord with the heat placings and there shall be no separate age group final.

200m Championship Events

24) Championship Finals shall be held for 200m events. Times achieved will not rank as Age-group Best Times and will not affect age-group placing or awards earlier determined.

25) The fastest 8 swimmers will be eligible to swim in the Championship Final. 8 swimmers and 4 reserves shall be selected. Within 15 minutes of the allocation announcement, any of these 12 swimmers who are unable to compete, must inform the Announcer by completing a Request To Withdraw Form, whereupon the event will be reprocessed to include any reserve swimmer(s).

Any selected competitor who fails to notify the Announcer in the stipulated time of their intent to withdraw and who then does not compete in that event, will incur a penalty charge of £20 and will also be withdrawn from all subsequent age-group and championship events until the penalty charge is paid in full.

50m and 100m Events

26) Age Group Finals will be held for all 50m and 100m events. The fastest eight swimmers from each individual age group will swim in their corresponding age group final.

27) 50m and 100m Event Placing, event and category awards shall be declared on finals times, adjusted as necessary to accord with the finals placing.

County, Senior and Junior Champions

28) Where there is a separate Championship Final, the winner will be the County Champion, the Senior and Junior Champion will be the highest placed Senior(aged 16/Over) and Junior (aged 15 and under) .

Where there is no qualifying Senior/Junior in a Championship Final, the Senior/Junior Champion will be the eligible swimmer returning the fastest time in the relevant Age-group Event.

29) Where there are separate Age Group Finals, the fastest swimmer in the finals will be the County Champion, the Senior and Junior Champions will be the fastest Senior finals swimmer (aged 16/Over) and fastest Junior finals swimmer (aged 15 and under).

30) Where there is not a separate Championship or Age Group Final, i.e. 400/800/1500m Free and 400IM , the County, Senior and Junior Champion, will be the eligible swimmer returning the fastest time in the relevant Age-group event. Championship places 4th-8th will be the swimmers returning the 4th-8th fastest time in the relevant Age-group event.

Awards

31) An award shall be made via a formal presentation to swimmers competing in a Championship Final, or the equivalent swimmers where there is no separate Championship Final (see point 28 and 29). These awards shall be Championship 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & Championship Finalist (4th-8th). An Award shall also be made to the County, Senior and Junior Champions.

32) Awards shall be made for Age-groups 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16&Over.

33) Awards will be available to collect from the Medal Table for competitors who are placed in the first 3 places in all the Age-group Individual events. In addition, awards shall be available to collect in Individual events for competitors placed 4th to 8th, in the age group, 10/11yrs.

34) To gain an award, where applicable a swimmer must achieve the relevant Qualifying Time. Any swimmer failing to meet the qualifying time for an Age-group event will not be eligible for an award.

35) The winner of any perpetual trophy that may be awarded for an event shall provide satisfactory security to the Trophy Controller. While the winner holds such trophy, its safekeeping shall be the sole responsibility of that winner.

Any such trophy shall be returned clean and in good condition immediately upon request from the Trophy Controller. It is the trophy holder's responsibility to have the trophy engraved before it is returned.

36) Any swimmer who does not present them self, or arrange for a substitute to receive an award during the presentations, will lose that award.

37) Formal presentations of awards will be made for

- Championship medals and Trophies

Other awards should be collected from the Medals Table

38) Swimmers should wear a club top or t-shirt reflecting the club they represent for formal presentations of awards.