

## **BRITISH GAS ASA NATIONAL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS (50M) 2010**

### **1.0 General Conditions**

- [a] The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) Swimming Committee reserves full powers over all ASA Championships.
- [b] The Championships shall be held at a venue and for a period determined by the Committee.
- [c] The Championships shall be competed for annually under the Laws of the Association, the Technical Rules of FINA and any additional conditions published in the Meet Information.
- [d] Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered as members of the ASA, SASA or WASA, or competitors from one of the countries affiliated to FINA. Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for age verification to the National Events Administrator not later than 15:00 hours on the day before the Championships begin.
- [f] A competitor must have been a registered member, or equivalent, of the club in whose name he is entered, at least 60 days prior to the first day of the Championships.
- [g] Individuals forming the teams must have been registered members of the club, at least 60 days prior to the first day of the Championships. A swimmer entered in the name of one club in the individual events may not compete in the name of another club in the team events.
- [h] A competitor entered in the name of a club affiliated to ASA, SASA or WASA will be considered as a 'British competitor' for the purposes of this competition. All other competitors will be considered to be 'foreign competitors.' Only two 'foreign competitors' will be allowed to progress to a Final.
- [i] Time trials will not be permitted.
- [j] Ages at midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010

### **2.0 The Events**

- [a] **British Age Group Categories [BAGCATS]**
  - Girls – 11, 12 & 13 years
  - Boys – 11, 12, 13 & 14 years
- [b] **Individual Events:**
  - 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m Freestyle (800m & 1500m not Boys 11 years)
  - 100m & 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke & Butterfly
  - 200m & 400m Individual Medley
- [c] **Team Events.**
  - Girls: 11-13 years & Boys 11-14 years: 4 x 100m Medley, 4 x 100m Freestyle and 4 x 200m Freestyle.

### **3.0 Individual Entries**

- [a] Entries shall be received by the appropriate Championship Administrator ("the Administrator") by the relevant closing date accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.
- [b] All competitors must have equalled or bettered the entry time in an event designated or licensed by the ASA, SASA or WASA for entry into National competitions or, for foreign competitors, approved by their Federation. Times must have been achieved since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.
- [c] The Administrator may request validation of any stated entry time.
- [d] Entry times achieved in a 50m pool will be accepted as submitted. Times achieved in any other length of pool will be accepted as 25m short course times with NO conversions allowed. Only times achieved in a 50m pool will be accepted for the Boys/Girls 800m & 1500m Freestyle.
- [e] Competitors who qualify for both the ASA National Age Group Championships and the ASA Youth Championships may only enter one of the competitions.
- [f] 11 year boys who qualify for a 200m form stroke event will be given the opportunity to compete in the corresponding 100m event.
- [g] Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure.

### **4.0 Team Entries**

- [a]. Entry accepted solely from clubs affiliated to the ASA, SASA or WASA as a result of performance in qualifying rounds at the ASA Regional Age Group Championships (or equivalent Scottish or Welsh competitions).
- [b] The fastest 30 teams in each event will be accepted irrespective of English Region, Scotland or Wales. In the event of equal times being submitted for the final available place, a ballot will determine. The names of 2 reserve teams will be published.
- [d] Clubs must confirm their invitation to compete. Failure to do so may result in their invitation being withdrawn.

### **5.0 Trophies & Medals**

- [a] Medals will be awarded to British competitors, placed first, second or third in individual or team events.
- [b] Commemorative medals will be awarded to foreign competitors placed first, second or third in individual events.
- [c] British Age Group Category (BAGCAT) Awards: British competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in each age group shall receive an award. Points will be accrued from performances in heat swims.
- [d] Awards will be made to the Top Female Club, Top Male Club and Top Overall Club based on points scoring.

### **6.0 Doping Control**

- [a] Competitors taking part in the championships may be subject to random doping control.