

Conditions and notes for entry to 2008 Kent County ASA Swimming Championships and Multi Disability Championships
(to be read in conjunction with the Swimming Championship Conditions as set out in the County Handbook)

Conditions

All entries for Championships must reach Mrs J Scott, 48 Normanhurst Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4TP (020 8303 5953) by 19 January 2008, the closing date shown in the schedule. Entries received after midnight 19 January 2008 will not be accepted unless proof of posting can be provided. Entry forms and disks will be available at the Coaches Meeting on Sunday 9 December 2007 and after that date from Mrs Scott. No refunds will be given for incorrectly completed forms. Entry fees for 2008 Championships are: Individual Events £4.50 per event. Team Events £10 per event.

Swimmers may only represent ONE club throughout the Championships.

Age group competitors must enter events in the age group coinciding with their age as at 9 March 2008 (the last championship date). Competitors in Junior Team events must be under 17 on 9 March 2008. Swimmers may be asked to show their ASA Membership Cards at Championship Galas.

All individual events will be seeded slowest to fastest. Each competitor must complete the entry form in black ink, submitting a time, and signed to the effect that the particulars are correct. The club will then send the forms with a disk and remittance to Mrs Scott. The county reserves the right to restrict entries should numbers be excessive.

Submitted times must have been achieved since 1 August 2007. Swimmers who are well off the submitted time may be asked to provide proof as to when and where the time was done. It is a requirement for the swimmers to sign the entry form only if they have achieved the time being submitted.

Swimmers with a disability(ies) must attach a copy of their FAC or Certificate of Disability to their entry form.

A card-less entry system will be used. Swimmers must sign in at the relevant desk not later than 45 minutes prior to the start of each session for events in that session only. Competitors who do not sign in before the closing time may forfeit the right to swim.

Reporting Procedure for Teams - Team cards must be handed over to the CoC at the time of signing in a Team. It is a requirement that Team Managers note that ALL team members listed must be on the pool side. No substitutions of swimmers are permitted after reporting a team. A team of 5 swimmers may be entered. Team Managers must list the names and dates of birth on the back of the entry card and sign the card to confirm that the details are correct. Only one team per club may be entered for any event.

This year, age groups Girls 14, 15, 16 and 17/18 and Boys 15, 16 and 17/18 years will be combined with the Open Championships. Swimmers who compete in the BAGCAT programme may enter the Open events providing they meet the appropriate entry standards. The Open Final will be the fastest 6 swimmers, irrespective of age, and awards will be made to all finalists completing the Open Final and recording the qualifying time in the final. Girls 14, 15, 16 and 17/18 years the awards will be made to the highest placed swimmers in the Open Final and the additional places from times recorded in the heats provided that they record the qualifying time. Boys events 15, 16 and 17/18 years as above. In Open events the Junior and Age Group placings shall be determined from the results of the open final, but where insufficient Juniors and Age Group swimmers, relevant to the number of awards to be made, reach the final, the rest of the places shall be determined from the times achieved in the heats by the remaining Juniors and Age Group swimmers, provided they have achieved the qualifying time.

BAGCAT awards will be made to each age group winner and awards will be made to the fastest six swimmers in each BAGCAT event providing they achieve the qualifying time.

Competitors who have won awards must present themselves to the Clerk of the Course as soon as called for presentation and must be properly attired in club tracksuit/tee-shirt and shorts/trousers (not jeans).

A Junior or Age Group swimmer withdrawing from the final, or being disqualified in the final, can still qualify for an award on count back if heat swims need to be taken into consideration for Junior and Age Group positions provided they have achieved the qualifying time. A swimmer wishing to withdraw from a heat or final must advise the recorders immediately and sign a form indicating their decision to withdraw. Once the swimmer has withdrawn from the event a swimmer cannot be reinstated into the event. This includes first and second reserves who must report to the stewards with the remaining finalists at the appropriate time.

The referee may decide to use 'Over the Top' starts when necessary and practical.

Notes

- A Warm up facilities will be available. Warm Up Marshall appointed by the County will be in control. Club Coaches remain responsible for the behaviour of their swimmers at all times.
- B Coaches' Passes are not issued automatically to Clubs. Coaches' passes at £15 each (to include admission, programme and results) are available from Mrs J Scott, 48 Normanhurst Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4TP. A PASSPORT SIZED PHOTOGRAPH MUST BE PROVIDED. A maximum of two per club will be issued. Coaches must produce their passes to gain free admission and programme. It is a condition of issue that the passes MUST be worn on the poolside during Championships and Competitions. Coaches will be required to leave the poolside if passes are not worn.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL SWIMMERS AND COACHES

There is an inherent danger when diving into water of less than 1.8m in depth, which applies in various areas of all the pools that we use for our Championships except Crystal Palace. All competitors are warned concerning this and are required to take every care when diving into swimming pools. Swimmers must be competent to the standard of the ASA Competitive Start Award to the satisfaction of their coach before they are permitted to use starting blocks. (NB The blocks at Crystal Palace are 650mm above water level.) It is dangerous to topple forward head downwards from starting blocks particularly when trying to restrain a false start. Swimmers must not climb out over the touch pads.