

## SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

### S.1. QUALIFICATION

S.1.1 Each person entering the Championships shall on the date of the particular Championship to be entered:

S.1.1.1 have been a member of a club affiliated to the Association since 1st January last past; and

S.1.1.2 have been born in the County of Kent, (which shall for this purpose include the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham and the Unitary Authority of Medway) or have resided therein continuously from 1st January last past except that a swimmer who was not born in Kent (as defined above), and who lives in an adjoining county may compete in Kent Championships provided his residence is not within 10 miles of the Headquarters of a Club affiliated to the county Association in which he resides, Residence shall include any establishment (such as a Boarding School, College, etc.) where an entrant is normally in residence for not less than 26 weeks of the year.

S.1.2 A person removing from the County shall continue to be eligible to compete in the Kent Swimming Championships during the year whilst qualifying to compete in the Swimming Championships of another County.

S1.3 A person who has competed in the Swimming Championships of another County/Region shall not be eligible to compete in Kent Swimming Championships in the same year.

S1.4 A person who is a member of more than one club affiliated to the ASA South East Region or ASA London Region and allocated by the Region to Kent County A.S.A. may compete in the Kent County Swimming Championships/Competitions under the name of only one club in any calendar year. He may enter the Swimming Championships only under the name of, or be a member of a team of, the club of which he had on 1st January in the year of competition, the longest unbroken membership. He shall have been a member of that club and remain so, continuously, from 1st January until the Championship/Competition events in which he is taking part have been completed.

S1.5 The Management Committee may grant exemption from Condition S1.1.2 to a person who is not qualified to compete in the Championships of another County/sub Regional Body. The club of a person seeking exemption shall ensure that a form of application for exemption (available from the General Secretary) is completed in all detail for each competitor involved and forwarded to the General Secretary to arrive not later than 1st October in the year preceding the year of competition. The form must be signed by the appellant and the Club Secretary.

### S2. AGE LIMITS

S2.1 There shall be no upper or lower age limits for Men's and Ladies' Championships, subject to A.S.A. Laws and Technical Rules.

S2.2 Competitors in Junior Championships shall be under 17 years on the last day of the competition

S2.3 Competitors in Age Group Championships shall be of the specified ages on the last day of the competition.

S2.4 The year of competition shall be the calendar year.

### S3. ENTRY QUALIFYING TIMES

Entry qualifying times shall be set for all Individual Swimming Championship events. The times set will be reviewed annually. The times set will be published and be notified to Clubs prior to the Annual Council Meeting of the Association in the year immediately preceding the Championship events. The entry qualifying time shall have been achieved since 1<sup>st</sup> August prior to the Championships. Failing to achieve the entry qualifying time in the Championships may result in the swimmer being asked to produce documentary evidence that the time was achieved in accordance with this rule.

### S4. ENTRIES

S4.1 All entries shall be made on the appropriate official forms of the Association, and shall reach the appointed Officer of the Association, accompanied by the entry fees, not later than 21 days before the dates fixed for the particular Championships. The swimmer's A.S.A. registration/membership number shall be clearly stated on the entry form. Forms with the registration/membership number not correctly inserted shall be rejected. Any entries submitted which do not meet the entry qualifying standard shall not be accepted.

- S4.2 Where age limits are specified, the entry forms shall state the dates of birth of the entrants. Secretaries of clubs shall certify on the forms that the birth certificates or relevant documents have been inspected and that the information on the forms is in accordance therewith.
- S4.3 Where entry-qualifying standards are set, the entry form shall state that these have been achieved by the entrant and be certified by the signature of the entrant and the club secretary. Where the achievement is by way of a club "time trial" the course must have been swum under normal racing conditions and the time recorded by an A.S.A. qualified timekeeper on a county list.
- S4.4 The Swimming Committee may refuse any entry.
- S4.5 "C" Clubs as such shall not be permitted to enter Kent County Championships/Competitions.
- S5. ENTRY FEES  
Entry Fees shall be determined by the Swimming Committee at its June meeting and recommended to the Management Committee for approval at its July meeting each year, to take effect in the following calendar year.
- S6. DISQUALIFICATION.  
Any competitor or team failing to comply with any of the Championships' or Promoter's Conditions or Bye Laws or with A.S.A. Laws and Technical Rules shall be disqualified and shall forfeit the entry fee.
- S7. OFFICIALS  
All technical officials appointed for the Championships shall have qualified under the A.S.A. Examination system and be on a County List.
- S8. AWARDS
- S8.1 Where there is a trophy for a Championship, the winner shall be entitled to hold it, subject to signing the official receipt and indemnity, until required to return it to the Trophies Officer. When the winner is under 18 years of age, a responsible official of his club shall stand as guarantor.
- S8.2 Prizes, the form of which shall be determined by the Management Committee, shall be awarded to the first, second and third placed competitors in each Championship (subject to the promoter's conditions). Prizes will only be awarded to competitors who achieve the entry qualifying time in either the heat or final of an event.
- S9. EVENTS PROMOTED
- S9.1 The following Swimming Championships shall be promoted for Men and Women:-
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| 50m Freestyle    | 100m Freestyle    | 200 m Freestyle   |
| 400m Freestyle   | 800m Freestyle    | 1500m Freestyle   |
| 50m Backstroke   | 100m Backstroke   | 200m Backstroke   |
| 50m Breaststroke | 100m Breaststroke | 200m Breaststroke |
| 50m Butterfly    | 100m Butterfly    | 200m Butterfly    |
| 100m Ind. Medley | 200m Ind. Medley  | 400m Ind. Medley  |
- S9.2 The highest placed Junior in the individual Championships shall be declared the Junior Champion.
- S9.3 The following Age Group Championships shall be promoted for both sexes in each of the age groups:-  
10 years, 11years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years and 17/18 years.
- 50m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle, 400m Freestyle: 50m Backstroke, 200m Backstroke: 50m Breaststroke, 200m Breaststroke: 50m Butterfly, 200m Butterfly,
- For Boys and Girls 10 years to 17 /18 years  
200m Individual Medley and 400m Individual Medley
- For Boys 12 years to 17/18 years and Girls 11 years to 17/18 years  
100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke and 100m Butterfly
- For Girls 12 years to 17/18 years - 800m Freestyle
- For Boys 12 years to 17/18 years - 1500m Freestyle
- For Boys and Girls 10 years - 100m Individual Medley.

For Boys and Girls 9 years – 50m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 200m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 200m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 200m Butterfly, 100m Individual Medley, 200m Individual Medley

S10. COURSES AND DISTANCES.

All Championships shall be swum in still water, the length of the course being either 25 or 50 metres.

S11. HEATS AND FINALS.

S11.1 In the Individual Championships listed in Condition S9.1 and the combined Age Group, Open and Junior events the entries shall be seeded in the programme from best times submitted by entrants on their entry forms by listing them in order, slowest first. In the Team Championships the entries shall be listed in the programme by draw.

S11.2 When the reporting time for an event is reached, those competitors who have reported shall be divided, if necessary, into the smallest possible number of appropriate heats.

S11.3 Where the number of finalists exceeds the number of lanes available by reason of a dead heat or equal time the provisions set out in A.S.A. Law shall apply. No promoter's condition allowing for a lesser number of finalists is imposed.

S11.4 In an event from which both Senior and Junior placings are determined:-

S11.4.1 Junior placings shall be determined from the results of the final, but where insufficient Juniors 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, providing the entry time has been achieved.

S11.4.2 A Junior withdrawing from a final, or being disqualified in a final, can still qualify for an award on count back if heats swims need to be taken into account for Junior medal positions.

S11.5 A swimmer wishing to withdraw from a final must advise the recorders immediately and sign a form indicating his decision to withdraw. Once he has withdrawn from a final a swimmer cannot be reinstated into that final.

S12. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team Championships shall be held under the following additional conditions:-

S12.1 Only one team per club may be entered for each Team Championship including Age Groups. The Team may consist of a maximum of 5 nominated swimmers 4 of whom will compete in each event. Teams are fully interchangeable from within these 5 swimmers between heats and finals. Only 4 medals will be presented to any one team and these will be to the swimmers who took part in the final. The names, dates of birth and A.S.A. Registration numbers of the 5 swimmers in each team shall be entered on the back of the entry card and the card then posted in the appropriate box. All swimmers in the team must be present on the poolside or in the changing rooms when the card is posted. No changes may be made after the card has been posted.

S12.2 Each member of a team shall swim:- Men and Women - 100m; Boys and Girls and Age Groups - 50m.

S13. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS TROPHIES – SWIMMING.

The Championship Points Trophies, the Runners up Trophies and Third Place Trophies shall be competed for in the annual Age Group, Senior and Junior Swimming Championships (including relay events) of the Association. There shall be two competitions, one for men/boys and one for women/girls. The club obtaining the highest points aggregate in each competition shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie in points in respect of either of the trophies the clubs concerned shall hold the trophy jointly. The results of all clubs entering the Championships shall be taken into consideration in calculating the points total. Points shall not be awarded where the swimmer has failed to achieve the entry qualifying time either in the heats or the final of the event.

Points shall be awarded in all events on the following basis irrespective of the number of lanes used:- 1st - 6 points; 2nd - 5 points; 3rd - 4 points; 4th - 3 points; 5th - 2 points; 6th - 1 point.

For Open events a set of points, as above, shall be awarded for the first 6 swimmers. A separate set of points shall also be awarded for the first 6 Junior swimmers.

S14 The Swimming Committee shall have power to decide on any matter not covered by these conditions.