

asa NATIONAL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS (50M) 2009

1.0 General Conditions

- [a] The Amateur Swimming Association (the asa) Technical Swimming Committee reserves full powers over all asa Championships. The Executive Director shall act as Promoter for the event.
- [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 asa 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.

2.0 The Events

[a] British Age Group Categories [BAGCATS]

Girls – 11, 12 & 13 years

Boys – 11,12,13 & 14 years

[b] Ages at midnight on 26th July 2009 for individual & team events.

[c] Individual Events:

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m Freestyle (800m & 1500m not Boys 11 years)

100m & 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke & Butterfly

200m & 400m Individual Medley

[d] Time trials will not be permitted.

[e] All events, except 800m & 1500m Freestyle, shall have heats and a final with the 10 fastest competitors from each age group competing.

[f] The 800m & 1500m Freestyle shall be Heat Declared Winner [HDW] events – will be seeded at the start of the session and all heats will be swum in the same session. All swimmers in the 800m & 1500m Freestyle must declare their intention to compete to the Chief Recorder prior to the start of the warm-up.

[g] 11 year boys who qualify for a 200m form stroke event will be given the opportunity to compete in the corresponding 100m event.

[h] 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 Entries

- [a] All entries shall be received by the asa National Events 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 or, for foreign competitors, in a competition approved by their Federation. Times achieved by British swimmers in such Foreign Competitions may be accepted.
- [c] 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.
- [d] The asa National Events Administrator may request validation of any stated entry time.
- [e] Entry times must have been achieved between the 1st October 2008 and 31st May 2009 or any asa Regional BAGCAT events held in June 2009 or SASA & WASA Equivalent Competitions held before the closing date.
Foreign Competitors must provide suitable evidence to verify their entries.
- [f] Competitors who qualify for both the asa National Age Group Championships and the asa Youth Championships may only enter one of the competitions.
- [g] Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure.

4.0 Team Events

- [a] Only clubs affiliated to the asa, SASA or WASA may enter the team relay events. Entry will be as a result of performance achieved at the English Regional Age Group Championships (or equivalent Scottish or Welsh Nationals), where qualifying rounds will be held.
- [b] 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.
- [c] The fastest 30 teams will be accepted into the team events 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 to the asa National Events Administrator within 7 days of receiving their invitation. Failure to do so may result in their invitation being withdrawn.
- (e) Clubs must complete a team declaration form, which must be handed to the Recorders at least 60 minutes before the start of the session in which the relevant team event takes place. Teams not complying with this instruction will lose their automatic right to compete.
- (f) Where a club has more than one team in an event, a swimmer who has been declared for one team may not compete for another team in the same event.

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5.0 Meet Procedure

[a] Swimmers with 50m long course pool entry times shall be placed in graduated time order, slowest to fastest. Swimmers with entry times from other pool lengths will have their entries placed at the start of the event with no swimmer being seeded faster than one with a 50m pool entry time.

[b] There shall be an interval of not less than 30 minutes between the last heat and the final for that event.

[c] In the finals 10 finalists and 2 reserves will be selected. Only two foreign swimmers will be allowed to progress to the final. For this purpose a foreign swimmer will be defined as a swimmer who is not a member of any asa, SASA or WASA club.

[d] Finalists, and reserves, must report to the Call Room 15 minutes prior to the advertised time for their final. They shall remain in the Call Room until taken on to the poolside for their race, or released, by the appointed official. Swimmers or Teams who do not report before the stipulated time will be deemed to have withdrawn in breach of condition 6[c].

6.0 Withdrawals

Heats

[a] Competitors must notify the asa National Events Administrator of their withdrawal from an event 14 days prior to the start of the competition.

[b] Under exceptional circumstances only, withdrawals on the day of the Championship may be accepted by the Meet Director. However, these must then be notified to the Chief Recorder, on the relevant form, not later than 60 minutes prior to the start of the appropriate heats session. Competitors failing to comply shall be fined £10 for each inappropriate withdrawal. If a team fails to notify the Chief Recorder of their withdrawal, the Club they represent shall be fined the sum of £100.

Finals

[c] Finalists and reserve finalists (individuals and teams) shall declare to the Chief Recorder, within 30 minutes of the last individual event in that session, if they intend to withdraw from an event. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.

[d] Competitors or teams withdrawing on medical grounds after the expiry of the imposed deadlines shall have their withdrawal endorsed by the Championship Medical Officer or the Meet Director.

[e] An individual competitor shall be fined the sum of £50 if they fail to notify the Chief Recorder of a withdrawal within the stipulated time. If a team fails to notify the Chief Recorder of a withdrawal within the stipulated time, the Club they represent shall be fined the sum of £100.

[f] Any competitor withdrawing from a final in such a manner as to prevent a reserve from taking part (except in the case of genuine illness endorsed by the Championship Medical Officer or of a proven emergency) shall be fined £50. Where a reserve is brought in at short notice, the reserve shall occupy the vacant lane and there will be no amendments made to the allocation of other lanes.

[g] Both individual competitors and teams will be unable to take any further part in the meet, until such time as any fines levied, have been paid.

Fines

[h] Payment of all fines is the responsibility of the Club entering the competitor or team. Failure to pay any fine within 28 days of notification will result in further disciplinary action by the asa Technical Swimming Committee.

7.0 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 Awards [Bagcat Awards] will be determined by the use of the British Age Group Comparative Points Tables. The highest points gained from each of the Sprint, Form Stroke, Distance and Individual Medley events available to each age group shall be used to determine the category winners. Points will only be accrued from the HEATS of the events detailed below:

Girls 11, 12 & 13 years:

100m best 100m

Form Stroke best 200m

Distance best 200m, 400m, 800m or 1500m Free

Individual Medley best 200m or 400m

Boys 11, 12, 13 & 14 years

100m best 100m

Form Stroke best 200m

Distance best 200m, 400m, 800m or 1500m Free (as applicable)

Individual Medley best 200m or 400m

NB Form Stroke is defined as being Backstroke, Breaststroke or Butterfly

[d] British competitors placed 1st to 10th shall receive an award and a commemorative award will be given to Foreign Competitors finishing 1st to 3rd in their category.

[e] Presentations - the Meet Director will determine when the presentations will take place. Competitors must report to the Presentation Marshall immediately after the completion of their final. Appropriate clothing, i.e. a full tracksuit and training shoes must be worn for presentations.

(f) Awards will be made to the Top Female Club, Top Male Club and Top Overall Club based on points scoring.