

asa NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS / asa 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 at the event.
- [b] The Championships shall be held at a venue and for a period determined by the Committee.
- [c] The Championships shall take place 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.
- [e] 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.
- [f] 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

2.1 Youth Championships:

- [a] Youth Ages:
 - Girls – 14/15 & 16/17 years
 - Boys – 15/16 & 17/18 years
- [b] Ages at midnight on 2nd August 2009 for individual & team events.
- [c] **Individual Events:**
 - 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m Freestyle
 - 100m & 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke & Butterfly
 - 200m & 400m Individual Medley
- [d] Time trials will not be permitted.
- [e] All events for 50m, 100m & 200m Freestyle and 200m I.M. shall have heats, semi-finals & Finals.
- [f] All events for 200m Form Strokes, 400m Freestyle and 400m I.M. shall have heats and a final.
- [g] All events for 800m & 1500m Freestyle will be Heat Declared Winner.
- [h] A Youth Competitor may also qualify for the National Long Course Championships final and in so doing must comply with all- withdrawal procedures for any final in which they do not wish to compete
- [i] **Team Events.**
 - Girls: 14/17 years 4 x 200m Freestyle and 4 x 100m Freestyle and Medley
 - Boys: 15/18 years 4 x 200m Freestyle and 4 x 100m Freestyle and Medley

2.2 National Long Course Championships:

- [a] **Individual Events:**
 - 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, Freestyle
 - 50m, 100m & 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke & Butterfly
 - 200m & 400m Individual Medley
- [b] Time trials will not be permitted.
- [c] All events shall have heats & finals except the 800m & 1500m Freestyle, which will be Heat Declared Winner.

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] Entry times achieved in a 50m pool will be accepted as submitted
- [c] the asa National Events Administrator may request validation of any stated entry time.
- [d] All competitors must have equaled or bettered the entry time in either a 25m (Youth only) or 50m pool, in an event designated or licensed by the asa, SASA, or WASA or, for foreign competitors, approved by their Federation. Times achieved by British swimmers in such Foreign Competitions may be accepted. Only times achieved in a 50m pool will be accepted for the Boys/Girls 800m & 1500m Freestyle. No conversions are permitted in respect of entry times from a 25m pool.
- [e] Entry times must have been achieved between 1st October 2008 and 31st May 2009 or at any asa Regional events held in June 2009 or SASA or WASA equivalent competitions held before the closing date.
- [f] Competitors who qualify for both the asa National Age Group Championships and the asa Youth Championships may only enter one of the competitions. However, any National Age Group Championship competitor, achieving the qualifying standard to enter the National Long Course Championships, may participate, but in doing so, they will only be able to swim in the consolidated heats and in the National Long Course Championships finals. They will not be eligible to participate in the Youth finals.
- [g] Competitors whose entries have been accepted shall be subject to the withdrawal procedures set out in Section 6.

4.0 Team Events

- [a] Only clubs affiliated to the asa, SASA or WASA may enter the Youth team relay events. Entry will be as a result of performance achieved at the English Regional Youth Championships (or equivalent Scottish or Welsh Nationals), where qualifying rounds will be held.

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- [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 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] Teams whose entries have been accepted shall be subject to the withdrawal procedures set out in Section 6.
- [f] 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.
- [g] 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.

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. The last three heats shall be cyclically seeded.
- [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 Youth 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 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[e]

6.0 Withdrawals

Heats

- [a] Withdrawals from the first days events shall be notified to the Chief Recorder no later than the conclusion of the Technical Meeting held the previous evening.
- [b] Withdrawals from subsequent heat sessions not previously notified to the Chief Recorder shall be lodged with the Chief Recorder no later than the end of the final session on the day prior to the event.
- [c] Competitors who do not swim in the heats and have not complied with the above shall be fined as follows: Individual Competitors £10.00 for each inappropriate withdrawal; Teams £100.00 for each inappropriate withdrawal.
- [d] Under exceptional circumstances or medical grounds approved by the Meet Director a withdrawal may be made from a heat on the day of a swim without any penalty being imposed.

Finals

- [e] Individual qualifiers and reserves for Finals and Semi Finals not wishing to swim shall notify the Chief Recorder of their intention to withdraw no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last Individual event in the Session in which they have qualified for the next round.
- [f] Team qualifiers and reserves not wishing to swim shall notify the Chief Recorder of their intention to withdraw no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the heats of the event in which they have qualified for the next round.
- [g] Qualifiers and reserves in Finals and Semi Finals who withdraw after the above times shall be fined as follows: Individual Competitors: £50.00; Teams £100.00. Any qualifier for a Final or Semi Final who withdraws in such a manner as to prevent a reserve from taking part shall be fined and be debarred from taking any further part in the Championships.
- [h] Where a reserve is brought in at short notice the event will not be reseeded
- [i] Under exceptional circumstances or medical grounds approved by the Meet Director a withdrawal from a Final or Semi Final may be made without any penalty being imposed.

Fines

- [j] 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] Perpetual trophies, where available, will be presented. 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] The Youth Champion shall be the swimmer who records the fastest time in either of the Youth Finals, or in the case of the 800m & 1500m Freestyle events, the fastest time in the heats.
- [d] Presentations – the Meet Director will determine when the presentations will take place. Competitors must report to the Presentation Marshal immediately after the completion of their final. Appropriate clothing i.e. full tracksuit and training shoes must be worn for presentations.