

## WORCESTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUP COMPETITION CONDITIONS 2016

1. County Championships and Age Groups, hereinafter called the competitions, under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules, shall be competed for annually. The dates and venue(s) of the competitions shall be agreed by the Swimming Committee.

2. Each Club shall nominate one person to be responsible for the validity of the entries of members to the competitions. The name, address and telephone number of the nominated representative shall be forwarded to the Swimming Secretary by the 14th December prior to the year of competition. Failure to comply with this condition will render the Club liable to a fine ten times the individual entry fee to the competitions.

3. Competitors must be members of a Club affiliated to the Association, and be an ASA registered member of the club in whose name they are entered, at least 14 days before the closing date for entries. Any swimmer who enters or takes part in these Championships or Age group Competitions must not represent another County, or have entered or taken part in the Championships or Age Group Competitions of another English County, Scotland or Wales during the same calendar year.

4. The Championships for both sexes will be:  
50 metres backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, freestyle  
100 metres backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, freestyle  
200 metres backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, freestyle  
100,200 and 400 metres individual medley  
400, 800 (Females and 1500 metres (males) freestyle

5. Age Group Categories  
Boys,10/11,12,13,14 ,15 .16& Over years    Girls,10/11,12,13, 14,15,16&Over years

Para Swimmers ( Disability )Male & Female

Must have an authorised British Swimming Classification .They will be integrated in events with able bodied swimmers. Overall Results for these swimmers will be declared from the Heats.

6. The AGE GROUP events shall be:-  
Boys/Girls 10 & 11 years  
50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle .100m/ 200m Medley and 400m Freestyle  
Boys/Girls 12 years & over  
50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle 100m, 200m and 400m Individual Medley  
400m, 800 girls only & 1500m boys only Freestyle

All Heats and HDW events will be spearheaded and the last 3 heats of events ,with finals, will be cyclically seeded.

Para Swimmers

50m Freestyle, S1-S14 -	100m Freestyle S1-S14
200m Freestyle S1-S5 & S14	400m Freestyle S6-S13
50m Backstroke S1-S14	100m Backstroke S6-S14
50m Breaststroke SB1-SB9, SB11-SB14	100m Breaststroke SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14
50m Butterfly S1-S14	100m Butterfly S8-S14
	200m Individual Medley SM5-SM14 .

7. The AGES for ALL EVENTS will be as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition

8. Events styled 50, 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 metres may be swum over related distances dependent on the length of the pool.

9. Entries to the competitions will only be accepted from swimmers who have achieved the qualifying times agreed by the Management Board for events over related distances in the 9 months preceding the closing date. The entry fee for the competitions shall be decided by the Management Board.

10. All entries must be submitted electronically by the Club Swimming representative, on the electronic entry ,provided on the website, to the delegated member of the swimming committee no later than midnight on the closing date fixed by the swimming committee.

11. The Club Swimming representative should submit their club's printed electronic entry sheet plus the total club entry fee to the Swimming Secretary within 7 days of the closing date .Any errors must be notified by the club Representative with in 7 days. Individual entry forms must be retained by the Club until at least 30 days after the completion of the championships.  
The Clubs total entry fee should be accompanied by one cheque made payable to Worcester County SA or Bank transfer. No refunds will be made to competitors who withdraw after the advice of acceptance has been sent unless a medical certificate is produced before the event.  
Incorrect entries will not be accepted. Entries are accepted on the understanding that the competitor accepts the promoter's conditions.  
The swimming committee will post all entries on the County Website within 7 days of the closing date.
12. Club's Registration forms sent to the club swimming representative before the competition day, must be presented to the recorder no later than 30 minutes before the advertised start of the Championships.If this procedure is not adhered to, the promoter reserves the right to exclude any swimmers from swimming in the session.
13. Any entrant failing to comply with any of the foregoing conditions shall not be allowed to participate in the competitions and shall forfeit the entry fee(s).
14. The all 50m & 100m will have finals. In all other events the placing will be decided by the times recorded in the heats. (HDW)
15. All events will be seeded on the submitted times.  
If an event is oversubscribed, then lower cut off times may be set. The Swimming Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and is empowered to reject entries if the number of entrants for an event is oversubscribed.
16. **Awards**
  - a. Age Groups - the number of awards will be decided annually by the Management Board
  - b. Championship medals struck from the Association die, or such prizes as the Management Board may deem suitable, will be awarded to the first three in each. Event .The trophy will be awarded to the Best Time overall in age groups. The Junior Trophy awarded to the best overall Junior.  
Responsibility for the Engraving of trophies has been placed on the winners club .County to be invoiced by clubs.  
  
If in the event the result is a tie for:
    - i. First place; the trophy shall be shared and equal medals or prizes awarded.
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the participants will receive equal awards.
  - c. The Junior Trophy, where applicable, the Junior Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed 15years and under on the 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition..
  - d. Anyone declining to swim in a final shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition and shall not receive an award.
  - e. Male/Boys to swim 1500m events only, Females/girls 800 metre events only
  - f. WCSA a photographer approved by the association may take photographs during the medal ceremonies and post them on County Web Site. .
17. All questions arising for which the conditions do not provide shall be determined by the Management Board.