



WORCESTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUP COMPETITION CONDITIONS 2018

General Information

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 and **email address** of the nominated representative shall be forwarded to the Swimming Secretary by the 1st October prior to the year of competition. If a club updates their nominated representative at any time, it is the clubs responsibility to update the Swimming Secretary as soon as possible. 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.

Competition Information

4. The Championships for both sexes will be:
 - 50 metres: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
 - 100 metres: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley
 - 200 metres: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley
 - 400 metres: Freestyle, Individual Medley
 - 800 metres: Freestyle (Females only)
 - 1500 metres: Freestyle (Males only)
5. Age Group Categories:
 - Boys: 10/11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs , 14yrs, 15yrs , 16yrs & Over
 - Girls: 10/11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs , 14yrs, 15yrs , 16yrs & Over
6. Para Swimmers (male & female) must have an authorised British Swimming Classification. Para Swimmers will be integrated into **championship** events with able bodied swimmers. Overall results for these swimmers will be declared from the Heats.
7. The AGE GROUP events shall be:

Boys/Girls 10 & 11 years :	50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle 100m & 200m Individual Medley 400m Freestyle.
Boys/Girls 12 years & over:	50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke. Butterfly and Freestyle 100m, 200m and 400m Individual Medley 400m Freestyle 800m Freestyle (females only) 1500m Freestyle (males only)

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

8. The AGES for ALL EVENTS will be as at the 31st December in the year of competition.
9. All 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m events will be licensed at ASA Meet Level 2.
800m and 1500m events will be licensed at ASA Meet Level 2.
10. All 50m & 100m events will have finals. In all other events the placing will be decided by the times recorded in the heats (HDW).

Entry Information

11. 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 since 1st April preceding the closing date, except the 800m and 1500m when the time has to have been achieved since 1st January preceding the closing date. The entry fee for the competitions shall be decided by the Management Board.
12. All entries must be from the ASA Ranking list and submitted electronically by the Club's Swimming representative using the system specified by the Swim Committee. This must also include the report export for all entries (males and females) along with the coaches pass form.
13. The electronic entry file will be provided on the website/email and on completion sent to the County Swimming Secretary no later than midnight on the closing date fixed by the Swimming Committee. (Please note, ranked times must be on the ASA Rankings list prior to the closing date for entries so they are available for download. Worcester County will not take responsibility for results not being available on ASA Rankings at the time of the closing deadline). Any error must be notified by the club representative within 7 days of the closing date.
14. Individual entry forms must be retained by the club until at least 30 days after the completion of the Championships. Entry forms must also be available on request by the Swimming Secretary.
15. The Clubs total entry fee should be made payable to Worcester County SA by bank transfer only.
16. No refunds will be made to competitors who withdraw after the closing date. Withdrawals with refunds on medical grounds or extenuating circumstances will be considered following production of a medical certificate up to 21 days after the end of the championships.
17. Incorrect entries will not be accepted.
18. When possible, The Swimming Committee will post all entries on the County Website or email within 7 days of the closing date.
19. All events will be seeded on the submitted times and in accordance with condition 7.
20. 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.

Competition and Finals

21. . The final date for seeding the heats will be midnight on the Tuesday prior to the weekend of the championships. To avoid the potential for fines being applied, any withdrawals must be notified to the promoter by midnight on the Tuesday prior to the championships commencing on the following weekend. Withdrawals after this time will only be accepted for verified medical reasons or specific extenuating circumstances agreed with the promoter.

22. Swimmers are not required to register before the start of any session or advise if they are dropping out of an event with exception of the final events. There will be **up to** 8 finalists per final event with two reserve places. Finalists for events with finals shall be notified via the results board which will be made available on site. If available, the results will be available online.
23. Withdrawal notification by a finalist or reserve finalist shall be given to the recording desk following the below conditions:
- a. Within 30 minutes of the publication of the result from the heats, or within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the session, whichever is sooner.
 - b. Reserves not required for finals will be released after the above deadline. Any subsequent withdrawal may only be made on medical grounds.
 - c. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to check if they are required for a final. The recorders will announce the withdrawal of swimmers.
 - d. Failure to notify withdrawal from a final shall be subject to a £20 fine. The swimmer may not compete again in the **current Championships or the championships in subsequent years** until the fine is paid. The club in whose name the swimmer has entered the competition in will be responsible for payment.

Awards

24. Award information will be as follows:

- a. Age Groups: The number of awards will be decided annually by the Management Board.
- b. The Best Performance award will go to the swimmer with the highest points. Points will be awarded for all final events and events with HDW. Points shall be 8 - 1st Place, 7 - 2nd Place, 6 - 3rd Place, 5 - 4st Place, 4 - 5th Place, 3 - 6st Place, 2 - 7th Place and 1 - 8th Place
- c. 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.
- d. The County Trophy will be awarded to the fastest time from the finals covering all the age groups finals.

If in the event the result is a tie for:

- 1.d.i. First place; the trophy shall be shared and equal medals or prizes awarded.
- 1.d.ii. 2nd or 3rd place, the participants will receive equal awards.
- e. The Junior Trophy, where applicable, will be awarded to the fastest time in the Age Group finals to a swimmer, 15 years and under on the 31st December in the year of competition.
- f. Anyone declining to swim in a final shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition and shall not receive an award.

25. Responsibility for the engraving of trophies shall be organised by the winners club. The County is to be invoiced by clubs for reimbursement.

Miscellaneous

26. *(deleted ticketing arrangements)*
27. An approved photographer approved by the association may take photographs during the medal ceremonies and post them on County web site.
28. Swimmers must adhere to the ASA Code of Conduct. Any swimmer found to be in breach of the conduct **may** be rejected by **the promoter and lead referee** from the competition, for the current and reported to the Management Board for further action **in accordance with the ASA judicial procedures**.
29. All questions arising for which the conditions do not provide shall be determined by the Management Board.
30. 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).