

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

### **GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS [conditions 1-11 are applicable for all disciplines]**

1. The Championships shall be held in accordance with ASA Rules and ASA Technical Laws.
2. Championships shall be conducted annually upon dates and at venues to be fixed by the Executive.
3. Individual Championships shall be open to competitors as defined by the ASA General Competition Laws who, since 1 October of the year preceding the year of the Championships, have been in continuous membership of clubs affiliated to the Association, except where provided in individual discipline conditions.
4. For Team Championships the General Championships conditions together with the following additional conditions shall apply:
  - 4.1. Team Championships shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Association.
  - 4.2. The club of which a competitor has been in longest unbroken membership on the day of the event shall have first claim on his services for Team Championships.
  - 4.3. The Individual Championships' eligibility condition 3 above shall apply to each member of the team.
5. A competitor entered in the name of one club for an event in any discipline may not be entered for another event in that discipline in the name of another club during that Calendar year.
6. A competitor who has competed in the Championships of another County shall not be eligible to compete in the Association's Championships in the same discipline in the same calendar year. In the case of a competitor removing from the County, he shall be eligible to compete during the year whilst qualifying to compete in the Championships of another County.
7. Entry Fees
  - 7.1. The entry fee for each individual Senior and Junior Championship and Team Championships shall be determined by the Executive.
  - 7.2. If an entry is incorrect then the entry fee shall be forfeited.
8. The age of competitors in Junior Individual and Team Championships shall be subject to specific discipline conditions
9. In Junior Championships the date of birth of the competitor must be stated on the entry form. In the case of Team Championships the date of birth of each competitor must be shown on the entry form or the team declaration. Birth certificates or appropriate evidence must be produced if requested by the Executive.

10. Any dispute or question arising that the foregoing conditions do not provide for shall be determined by the Executive.
11. Any holder of a trophy who fails to return that trophy by the specified date shall not be allowed to take custody of any trophies which he or she might be awarded during the County Championships in that calendar year.

## **Swimming**

12. All Championships shall be held in a still-water, in pools not less than 25 metres in length. Any movement of the water due to the normal operation of the filter system may be disregarded.
13. Entries shall be made on the official form and must reach the Championships Hon. Secretary on or before the specified closing date. Swimmers must have equalled or bettered, during the twelve months prior to the closing date, the entry time set by the Executive for each event entered. The competitor's time for the distance, either made in a 25 metre pool or converted by using the Equivalent Performance Tables published by the ASA, shall be entered on the form. Documentary evidence of the competitor's submitted time may be requested by the Executive.
14. Individual Championships shall be open to a competitor as defined by the ASA General Competition Laws who at the closing date for entries is a member of a club affiliated to the Association.
15. Swimmers shall be entered in the programme and shall compete in time order, fastest first (except swimmers will compete slowest first in the 800m and 1500m freestyle events). Only under exceptional circumstances shall a competitor be allowed to compete out of programme order and then only by permission of the Referee.
16. Unless at least two competitors or teams swim, the race will not be held, except that the holder of an Individual Championship shall be entitled to swim over and thereby retain the title having made a valid entry in accordance with these Conditions.
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  - 17.1. All events of 200 metres or longer and the 100m Individual Medley and all Junior Championships will be decided on heat time classification. The results of the other events shall be decided by finals.
  - 17.2. Competitors in the Junior Individual Championships shall be 14 years of age and under on the last day of the county championships competition.
  - 17.3. The Junior Team Championship shall be for teams comprising swimmers meeting the BAGCAT qualification criteria in the County Age Group Conditions.
  - 17.4. The fastest 8 swimmers shall swim in the championship final. The next fastest 8 swimmers shall swim in the B final, and there shall be two reserve swimmers. Where swimmers withdraw from finals, reserves swimmers and B final swimmers shall be promoted as appropriate. Names of finalists and reserves shall be publicly announced as soon as possible after the completion of the heats. There will be no swim offs for equal placed swimmers and in such cases

the number of swimmers in the championship and B finals shall be reduced as necessary.

- 17.5. Medals shall be awarded to the first, second and third in each competition provided there are not less than six entries; first and second if not less than four entries and first only if less than four entries.
18. All officials shall be appointed or approved by the Executive.
19. Inter-Club Aggregate Competition – Men and Women
  - 19.1. Points shall be awarded for up to the first six competitors in the event, in the men's and women's championships only, including team events, in the following manner: Winner 6 points; Second 5 points; Third 4 points; Fourth 3 points; Fifth 2 points; Sixth 1 point. No two clubs can make use of the same competitor for the purpose of counting points in these competitions in any one year.
  - 19.2. The total number of points obtained by the Club shall be added together on completion of the Championships and the Club obtaining the highest aggregate shall be declared the winner. In the event of a dead heat on aggregate points the Clubs concerned shall be declared joint winners.
20. These Championship conditions may be supplemented by additional conditions to ensure the smooth running of the competition.