

**BERKSHIRE & SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION  
COUNTY AND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020**

**11, 12, 25 & 26 JANUARY 2020**

**at**

**WYCOMBE LEISURE CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE**

**INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS AND PARENTS**

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

All entries made and paid for on time that met the consideration times have been accepted. Swimmers should check their entry information on the accepted swims document (please be careful printing this document, it is over 500 pages!). Errors in the entry information can normally be corrected before the meet (please email [championships@bsbasa.org](mailto:championships@bsbasa.org)). It is most unlikely that corrections will be possible on the day.

**WITHDRAWING FROM AN INDIVIDUAL EVENT**

**It is very important that swimmers withdraw from any event they have entered but do not intend to swim. If swimmers do not withdraw, heats will inevitably be swum with empty lanes. The number of empty lanes will be monitored by the meet organisers.** Swimmers should notify withdrawals to their club's team manager, who will then inform the meet organisers. Clubs with an unacceptable level of unreported withdrawals will be reported to the Performance Swimming Events Committee who may impose a penalty, including a fine.

**REPORTING FOR EVENTS**

It is the responsibility of each swimmer to make sure they report to the competitor stewards in good time for their swim. Start lists will be posted in the call room before the start of each session. See below for further information on marshalling.

**SESSION TIMES**

The final session times are unchanged from the provisional sessions times noted in the meet conditions and are shown below.

Sess	Date	Warm up	Racing starts	Notes
1	11/01/20	9:00	9:35	Withdraw by 9:00
2	11/01/20	12:30	13:20	Withdraw by 12:30
3	11/01/20	16:30	17:05	Declare teams by 16:30
4	12/01/20	9:00	9:45	Withdraw by 9:00
5	12/01/20	12:50	13:40	Withdraw by 12:50
6	12/01/20	17:00	17:35	Declare teams by 17:00
7	25/01/20	9:00	9:35	Withdraw by 9:00
8	25/01/20	13:20	14:10	Withdraw by 13:20
9	25/01/20	17:45	18:20	Declare teams by 17:45
10	26/01/20	9:00	9:45	Withdraw by 9:00
11	26/01/20	12:30	13:20	Withdraw by 12:30
12	26/01/20	17:15	17:50	Declare teams by 17:15

## **WITHDRAWING FROM FINALS**

The list of finalists for events with finals will be published as soon as possible after the heats have been completed. This list of finalists will also contain a “withdraw by time”. Finalists (including reserves) who wish to withdraw (which should be in exceptional circumstances, as above) must notify their club’s designated team manager, who will in turn notify the meet organisers (before the published “withdraw by” time for the relevant finals). A fine of £10 may be levied on clubs in respect of each no show in finals (including promoted reserves). The on-line entry process for future BSBASA performance swimming competitions will be blocked for clubs which have unpaid fines.

## **DIRECTIONS TO WYCOMBE LEISURE CENTRE**

Wycombe Leisure Centre is located very near junction 4 of the M40. From junction 4 follow the A404 towards the centre of High Wycombe and then follow the signs (the leisure centre is on the right, but see below regarding access to the park and ride car park). The postcode is HP11 1UP.

## **PARKING**

Car Parking at the new Wycombe Leisure Centre is limited, we advise all swimmers and spectators to ‘lift-share’ where possible. Space is available in the park and ride / overflow car park (currently free of charge) and the Leisure Centre Multi-Story Pay and Display car park (chargeable).

For the park and ride car park see <http://www.wycombeparkandride.com/finding-the-car-park/>. Please note that this car park has its own entrance from the A404 and cannot be accessed by car from the Leisure Centre. There is a short walk to the leisure centre (around 200m).

Waitrose (next door to the pool) also has its own car park. Competition goers should avoid using this car park – however if you do use it, please observe their payment procedure that is likely to mean that you have to spend money at the store, and they will have a maximum stay period in place.

## **CHANGING ROOM AREA**

Unfortunately the pool has been provided with limited changing cubicles. We advise you to arrive for warm up in costume and tracksuit if possible. Please ensure swimmers change quickly to allow other swimmers to use the cubicles. Please note that the Leisure Centre has a mixed gender changing village. We have access to the changing village, main pool, warm up pool and marshalling area and will be controlling access to these areas (see Accreditation below). Other areas of the leisure centre will be open to the public during the championships.

Swimmers must not leave bags in the changing cubicles or anywhere in the changing village, except in the lockers provided. Nor should bags be brought onto poolside.

Parents are reminded that ASA guidance is that they should not be in the changing village whilst their children are changing, unless exceptionally their child requires additional specific assistance. In such cases, parents should contact the promoter in advance as the accreditation and security arrangements will prevent them from gaining automatic access to the changing village.

**Please note that under no circumstances should mobile phones or cameras be used or be visible in the changing village. They must be stored in a pocket or bag at all times in this area.**

## **LOCKERS – *you will need a padlock***

All lockers are secured by Padlock rather than coin mechanism. Padlocks should be 40mm combination locks with a 6mm diameter shackle and can be purchased at Reception (£4) or you can bring your own. Due to the limited number of lockers in the changing rooms, we would ask swimmers, where possible to share lockers, they are reasonably large and have ample room for two swimmers’ bags.

## **ACCREDITATION**

In response to feedback following the 2019 Championships we have introduced an accreditation system for swimmers, coaches, team managers, officials and meet volunteers (that is everyone on poolside). Only those wearing the appropriate accreditation will be permitted in the changing village, on poolside and in the marshalling area.

Swimmer accreditation will be sent to clubs for distribution in the first week of January. The nominated club representative will be invited to apply for accreditation for coaches and team managers. This will also be sent to clubs for distribution in the first week of January. Accreditation for officials and meet volunteers will be issued on the day.

Swimmers, coaches and team managers must ensure they bring their accreditation with them on each day of the Championship. They will not gain access the changing village poolside or the marshalling area without it. Accreditation should be worn at all times when in those areas (except when warming up and competing. Whilst competing accreditation should be placed in the plastic clothing boxes at the start, and collected immediately afterwards).

We do not have the resources to issue replacement accreditation on the day other than in exceptional circumstances. In those exceptional circumstances, the individual should approach the meet desk alongside the upstairs viewing gallery; but, as a deterrent to forgetting or losing accreditation, there will be a £10 charge for each replacement accreditation issued.

## **POOLSIDE**

Poolside space is limited and swimmers may not take large bags poolside. Only small drawstring type bags will be allowed poolside.

Swimmers leaving the poolside areas to visit other parts of the Leisure Centre must be wearing shorts, a top and footwear.

Swimmers may not use the stairs to the spectator gallery at the finish end of the pool.

## **COMPETITOR MARSHALLING**

This will take place in the sports hall which can be accessed through the doors at the finish end of the pool. It is very important that competitors follow the instructions of the stewards and stay in the area allotted. Please note that all events are seeded slow to fast

## **BACKSTROKE LEDGES**

We will be using backstroke ledges.

## **SPECTATORS**

There is a reasonable amount of spectator seating and some standing areas. Spectators should pay the entry fee for all the sessions they wish to watch. They will be given wrist bands (there will be a different colour for each session) to allow them to leave and re-enter and these should be worn at all times. Spectators without the appropriate wrist bands will be asked to leave the spectator gallery. Please note that spectators may not bring their own chairs and walkways must be kept clear. Seats may not be 'reserved' and left empty during the day and we would ask spectators not to 'set up camp' on seats and leave them unused for part of the day. We reserve the right to empty 'reserved' seats if they remain unoccupied for any extended period, in order to allow other spectators to sit.

Spectators may not enter the poolside area or use the stairs at the finish end of the pool. Only coaches and team managers who must be wearing accreditation may be on poolside.

Please note that we do not have the facility to accept card or electronic payment for spectator entry, and all entry fees need to be paid in cash. Also please note that neither the leisure centre or Waitrose has an ATM.

## **FACILITIES**

Wycombe Leisure Centre has a small cafe, offering sandwiches and hot drinks only. Waitrose, located adjacent to the leisure centre, is also open and has a cafe.