



# Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire ASA

(Sub regional body of the Swim England South East)

## County and Age Group Championships 2023

(Under Swim England Laws and Technical Rules)

### Summary of Main Changes from 2022

#### Introduction

1. COVID restrictions are removed, spectators return to the gallery. Swimmers are also welcome to watch on, but not be permanently based on, poolside, although if poolside becomes over crowded we will ask for some to go to the sports hall
2. To avoid crowding poolside, we will keep using 2 sections of the sports hall to provide additional space for swimmers to relax while waiting for their events and for land warm-ups. Each club will have an area reserved for their swimmers in the sports hall.

#### Competitors with disabilities

3. The blanket 25% extension to consideration times has been removed. Instead, the consideration times can be extended to take into account a para-swimmer's classification category and the equivalent national para-swimming qualification times. Extensions will be subject to the promoter's discretion.
4. Clubs with para swimmers wishing to take advantage of extended consideration times should email the Entries Secretary ([championships@bsbasa.org](mailto:championships@bsbasa.org)) before submitting their entries.

#### Entry Procedure - General

5. As for 2022, all entries must be made via your swimming club. Each club must nominate the person responsible for submitting their entry by the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022, as well as points of contact for organising Volunteers and Officials for the meet.
6. Entries must be made in electronic format. BSBASA will provide entry files in both SportsSystem and Hytek formats for clubs to prepare the entries from their members. The *SportsSystem Entry Manger* software format is preferred, however "SD3" files from Hytek/Team Unify systems will also be accepted. If a club wishes to submit an entry from a Hytek based system (e.g. from TeamUnify), the club must confirm that the entry times provided have been checked and are aligned with Rankings data. A penalty will be imposed on any club if any of their swimmers are subsequently found not to have a qualifying time for the meet or if an incorrect entry time provides any significant advantage.
7. **The closing date for submitting and paying for entries is 23:59 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.**
8. Entry fees are unchanged from 2022

#### Entry Procedure - Individual events

9. Swimmers must have achieved the consideration time during the period 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021. These times must have been achieved at Swim England licensed meets (Level 1 – 4) and be included in the [Swim England Rankings Database](#) or the [Swim England Masters Rankings Database](#) at the date of entering.

## **Poolside Passes**

10. Only nominated Coaches, TMs, chaperones and volunteers will be permitted access poolside during the competition. This includes the community pool area and the changing village. Clubs must nominate the members of their workforce team who will be active in this capacity in advance. Nominations must be sent by email to the promoter.
11. Coaching and TM passes should be purchased at the time of submitting the club entry. Additional passes can be purchased if required later. Chaperones passes are free, however chaperones are only permitted when required to assist para-swimmers.
12. Clubs must confirm that their Coaches, TMs and chaperons meet the following criteria when supplying the nominations:

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>DBS</b>	<b>Teaching/Coaching Level 1 (minimum)</b>	<b>Team Manager Module 1</b>	<b>Safeguarding training</b>
<b>Coaches</b>	x	x		x
<b>Team Managers</b>	x		x	x
<b>Chaperones</b>	x			x

13. Wristbands will be provided for coaches, TMs, chaperones and volunteers to identify that they have valid poolside passes and allow them to be easily identified. Wrist bands should be collected from the welcome desk on arrival at the leisure centre.
14. Wristbands should be kept in a visible place so that they can be easily checked. Volunteers and security will regularly monitor the pool and changing village areas. Anyone without a valid poolside pass will be asked to leave the meet immediately.
15. Officials do not need wristbands, but should wear their British Swimming ID badges when poolside. Any officials who do not have ID badges (e.g. Judge Level 1's in training) will need a wristband which will be provided at the officials briefing.
16. For clarity, swimmers do not require poolside passes. It is considered that swimmers are easy to identify. If there is any reason to suspect that a swimmer is not supposed to be poolside, they will be asked which club they belong to so that further checks can be made. We recommend that they wear a club top to make this process easier.

## **Awards**

17. The medal table returns for swimmers to collect Age Group and Para swimming medals.
18. Poolside presentations will continue as before for County Junior & Session trophies and medals.

## **Still and video photography**

19. As spectators are returning this year, we will not be providing a full live stream of the event on the internet. This is due to the space that the cameras take up in the spectator gallery as well as the costs for providing this service. Instead, we will provide a live stream of the score board which will include details of the swimmers names, lanes, splits and finish times for each heat and final.

## **Consideration times**

20. Consideration times have largely returned to the 2020 times, with some minor changes to selected events which had proportionally fewer qualifying swimmers.

## The Programme

21. The order of events has been significantly modified from last year to balance the sessions lengths more evenly and avoid splitting the junior and senior 800m and 1500m events. Finals and Relays will be held in the evenings.
22. The session times given in the promoters conditions are provisional and will be confirmed with the accepted entries.

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Day 4</b>
<b>Session 1</b> Girls 400m Free Boys 800m Free Girls 200m Back	<b>Session 4</b> Boys 400m IM Girls 1500m Free Boys 200m Fly	<b>Session 7</b> Boys 400m Free Girls 800m Free Boys 200m Back	<b>Session 10</b> Girls 400m IM Boys 1500m Free Girls 200m Fly
<b>Session 2</b> Boys 100m Free - Heats Girls 100m Fly - Heats Boys 50m Breast - Heats Girls 50m Back - Heats Boys 200m IM	<b>Session 5</b> Girls 200m Breast Boys 100m Breast - Heats Girls 100m Back - Heats Boys 50m Fly - Heats Girls 50m Free - Heats Boys 200m Free	<b>Session 8</b> Girls 100m Free - Heats Boys 100m Fly - Heats Girls 50m Breast - Heats Boys 50m Back - Heats Girls 200m IM	<b>Session 11</b> Boys 200m Breast Girls 100m Breast - Heats Boys 100m Back - Heats Girls 50m Fly - Heats Boys 50m Free - Heats Girls 200m Free
<b>Session 3</b> Girls 100m Fly - Finals Boys 100m Free - Finals Girls 50m Back - Finals Boys 50m Breast - Finals Girls 10/11 4x50m Free Boys 10/11 4x50m Free Girls 10/11 4x50m Medley Boys 10/11 4x50m Medley	<b>Session 6</b> Girls 100m Back - Finals Boys 100m Breast - Finals Girls 50m Free - Finals Boys 50m Fly - Finals Girls 16&U 4x100m Medley Boys 16&U 4x100m Medley Girls 16&U 4x100m Free Boys 16&U 4x100m Free	<b>Session 9</b> Boys 100m Fly - Finals Girls 100m Free - Finals Boys 50m Back - Finals Girls 50m Breast - Finals Boys 12&13 4x100m Free Girls 12&13 4x100m Free Boys 12&13 4x100m Medley Girls 12&13 4x100m Medley	<b>Session 12</b> Boys 100m Back - Finals Girls 100m Breast - Finals Boys 50m Free - Finals Girls 50m Fly - Finals Boys Open 4x100m Medley Girls Open 4x100m Medley Boys Open 4x100m Free Girls Open 4x100m Free