Swimming Championship Conditions

1. Swimming Championships shall be conducted annually upon dates designated for Regional Championships by the ASA. Dates shall be agreed by the Region Swimming Group.

2. Swimming Championships shall be conducted in accordance with ASA Laws and Technical Rules of Swimming.

3. **ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY**

3.1 **General**

3.1.1 The Championships shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by the ASA, who are members of clubs affiliated to the Region, who shall not have competed in the Championships/competitions of another Region in the same calendar year.

3.1.2 A swimmer must have been an ASA registered member of the club in whose name he is entered at least 30 days prior to the first day of the Championships.

3.1.3 For individual events a swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on the last day of the Championships.

3.1.4 A Junior swimmer shall be aged 16 years or under as at midnight on the last day of the Championships.

3.2 **Team Championships**

3.2.1 Team Championships shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Association.

3.2.2 All teams shall consist of four members.

3.2.3 A swimmer entered in the name of one club, (or dual clubs), in the individual events may not compete in the name of another club (or dual clubs), in the team events.

3.2.4 Clubs may enter one or more teams, but members shall swim for one team only.

3.2.5 For team events a swimmer's age shall be determined as at the date of competition unless the event forms part of a qualifying round for entry into National Championships. In such events a Swimmer's age shall be the age attained as per the age qualifying date for the National Championships as shown on the relevant entry forms/information leaflet.

3.2.6 Clubs must submit a provisional team declaration sheet, together with ASA registration details of all team members who have not entered an individual event, no later than 23:59 on the Wednesday prior to the weekend of competition. Changes to declared teams are permitted at any time up to the start of the event.

4. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

4.1 Individual Events

Open/Junior/Youth Championships	
50m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
100m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
200m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Ind Medley
400m	Freestyle, Ind Medley
800m	Freestyle (Girls)
1500m	Freestyle (Boys)
Age Groups (for Youth Championships):	
14 years, 15/16 years, 17 & Over	

Age Group Championships (British Age Group Categories)		
	Age Group	
Girls & Boys Age 10	form distance medley	Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly 200m Free 200m Ind Medley
Girls Age 11, 12, 13, 14 and Boys Age 11, 12, 13, 14	100s form distance medley	Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly Best 200m, 400m, 800m (girls) 1500m(boys) Free Best 200m or 400m Ind Medley

4.2 Team Events

Open and Junior Championships	
4x100m	Freestyle, Medley

Youth Championships	
4x100m	Freestyle, Medley
4x200m	Freestyle
Age Groups:	
Girls 15-18 Years, Boys 15-18 Years	

Age Group Championships	
4x100m	Freestyle, Medley
4x200m	Freestyle
Age Groups:	
Girls: 11-14 Years, Boys 11-14 Years	

5 ENTRIES

5.1 Entry fees shall be agreed by the Region Swimming Group.

5.2 Entries shall be submitted via the online entry system on the Region's web site. Under exceptional circumstances only, entries may be submitted using the official entry form (or a photocopy thereof).

Entries submitted online are not finally accepted until the entry declaration sheet and entry fee have been received by the designated Entries Administrator.

5.3 All entries must be received by the designated Entries Administrator for the Championship by the specified closing date. The closing date shall be no earlier than 42 days before the first day of the Championship. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Swimming Manager, *but in exceptional circumstances only*.

An additional 3 days will be allowed following the specified closing date, for receipt of the entry declaration sheet and entry fees.

Late entries will be considered for individual events providing

- There is space available
- The entry time must be equal to or faster than the automatic qualifying time for the event
- A supplement of 100% of the normal entry fee, per event, is paid

Late entries for team events will not be considered.

5.4 For all individual events, the Swimming Manager shall set automatic qualifying times and may set base level qualifying times. Swimmers must submit a time for each entry, achieved in a Level 1, 2 or 3 Licensed Meet on or after a date to be published on the entry form for the competition. Submitted times shall be based on a 25m pool; all times to be converted by the use of the published ASA Equivalent Performance Tables. South East Region reserves the right to validate times against the ranking published by the ASA and/or to ask for proof of entry time. Subsequent improved times will not be accepted. The Swimming Manager may waive the requirement for times to have been achieved in a Licensed Meet for selected events where that event is not regularly included in competition programmes.

5.5 All swimmers who have achieved the automatic qualifying time shall be accepted for that event. If a base level qualifying time has been set and there is time available, South East Region may accept additional swimmers who have not achieved the automatic qualifying time, on the basis of the time submitted. All swimmers must have achieved the base level qualifying time if set. In the Youth Championships priority will be given to swimmers aged 15 & Over.

5.6 For the Age Group Championships only, swimmers may enter one event only with a time slower than the automatic qualifying time, if that event is needed to complete a full BAGCAT series.

5.7 Notwithstanding conditions 5.5 and 5.6, in the interests of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the Championships, the Swimming Manager reserves the right to restrict the number of entries in any event, in which case, the swimmers with the fastest submitted times shall take preference. In Age Group Championships, where results are based on British Age Group Categories, preference may also be given to those swimmers entering a full BAGCAT series.

5.8 Any swimmer submitting an ineligible entry, will have that entry rejected and will forfeit the entry fee. Any swimmer whose entry is not accepted as a result of limiting the number of entries will have their fee refunded.

6. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

6.1 The Entries Administrator shall make reasonable efforts to despatch confirmation of entry for all accepted entries at least 7 days before the first day of the Championship. Where possible, this confirmation will be sent by e-mail.

6.2 Swimmers should check their entry confirmation carefully. Any errors found must be notified to the Entries Administrator at least 3 days before the first day of the Championship. South East Region will make every effort to correct any error reported by this date, irrespective of the source of the error. Subsequent to this date only errors introduced by South East Region will be corrected.

7. MEET PROCEDURE

7.1 There shall be separate events for males and females.

7.2 A withdrawal system will be in operation. Club representatives are expected to submit withdrawal forms for swimmers who are not intending to swim no later than 45 minutes before the advertised starting time of the first event in the session. Provision will be made for clubs with no representative present to submit notification of withdrawals by telephone and via the Region's Web site. A fine of £10 will be levied in respect of each competitor who fails to withdraw and does not present themself at the start of the event (except in the case of genuine illness or of a proven emergency). All fines are levied on the competitor's club.

7.3 Heats and Finals

7.3.1 Events may be combined for the purpose of heats and heat declared winner events. Where finals are held, individual finals will be held for each age group. Heats shall be held for all events.

7.3.2 In finals, the maximum number of places practicable shall be allocated. A maximum of four reserves shall be declared for each final. Lanes for finals shall be allocated on the spearhead principle.

7.3.3 The names of finalists and at least two of a maximum of four reserves shall be announced as soon as practicable after completion of the heats. Announced finalists and reserves not intending to swim shall withdraw by completing a withdrawal form, as soon as possible, and in any case no later than the announced time determined by the promoter. [For boys/men, it is anticipated that this will be 5 minutes after the announcement of finalists for the last boys/men final; for girls/women, it is anticipated that this will be 5 minutes after announcements of finalists for the last girls/women final.]

7.3.4 A fine of £10 will be levied in respect of any competitor or team withdrawing from a final after the time allowed (except in the case of genuine illness or a proven emergency). All fines are levied on the competitor's club.

7.3.5 If a finalist withdraws within the time allowed, the final shall be reseeded. Where a reserve is brought in after this period, the reserve shall occupy the vacant lane and there shall be no changes made to the allocation of other lanes.

7.3.6 Heats shall be swum for all individual events. All events shall be seeded from slowest to fastest. The final heat in each event shall be spearheaded. In events where there are finals, except in the BAGCAT competition, the final two heats shall be cyclically seeded. For team events, where heats are not necessary, the event shall be swum as a straight final in the place allocated in the

programme for the final.

7.3.7 Individual events of 400m and over in the Open and Junior and Youth Championships, and selected events in the Age Group Championships, shall be decided on heat times and places (heat declared winner).

7.3.8 There shall be no finals for the 14 years age group in the Youth Championships.

7.4 Junior results shall be determined as follows:

- Junior swimmers who are placed in the final shall be placed in order of finishing in the final, ahead of all other Junior Swimmers
- Other Junior Swimmers shall be placed in accordance with heat times

7.5 Time Trials will not be permitted during the Championships.

7.6 All BAGCAT awards shall be based on times recorded in heats.

7.7 Competitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the clerks of the course in time for their race. If a competitor fails to appear at the start of their heat, there will be a single call for the competitor by name. If the competitor or their representative fails to indicate immediately their intent to compete, the event shall continue without them.

7.8 All penalties for failing to withdraw from an event in accordance with 7.2 and 7.3.4 are payable by the competitor's club.

8. COMPETITORS WITH A DISABILITY

8.1 The Championships shall include multi-disability events as directed by the Amateur Swimming Association. Eligibility and the algorithm for determining results shall be as advised by the Amateur Swimming Association. Multi-Disability events shall be run under IPC Rules.

9. AWARDS

9.1 The first, second and third placed swimmers or teams in each individual and team event shall be awarded medals.

9.2 No awards are made for the 14 years category in the Youth Championships (because these swimmers are eligible to compete in, and gain awards in, the Age Group Championships).

10. DISPUTES

10.1 Any dispute related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall be determined by the Promoter.

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