

SER OPEN WATER 2008 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RULES

- 1) **Eligibility:** Open to all swimmers affiliated to an ASA SER Club aged 13 years and over as at the 31st December 2008 whom are category 2 registered competitors.
- 2) **Qualifying events (6):**
 - 20th July - Brighton pier to pier (1 km)
 - 26th July - Sussex Open (5 km)
 - 27th July - Eastbourne (2 km)
 - 3rd August – Dover Regatta (2 km)
 - 6th September – SER Championships, Southsea (3 km)
 - 7th September – Southsea pier to pier (2 km)
- 3) **Points:** Will be awarded to the first six SER women and men swimmers to finish in each age group as follows:-
 - 1st = 10 points
 - 2nd = 7 “
 - 3rd = 4 “
 - 4th = 3 “
 - 5th = 2 “
 - 6th = 1 “
- 4) **Dead heat:** Should swimmers dead heat the available points shall be equally shared.
- 5) **Discard event:** Subject to 4 competitions or more taking place, a swimmers best results from the number of events held, less one, will be counted.
- 6) **Awards:** To be made at the final event of the series as follows:-
 - Open age Championship challenge trophies to the woman and man swimmers with the highest number of points.
 - Open age individual prizes and certificates to the three women and men with the highest number of points.
 - All age groups (per paragraph 8) prizes and certificates to the three women and men with the highest number of points.
- 7) **Championship placing if points are equal:** In the event two or more swimmers achieve the same points total, placing shall be decided by the order the swimmers finish at the SER Championship 3 km event (NB. If a competitor does not swim at the SER Championships they are no longer a contender in an equal points situation).
- 8) **Age Groups:** (All ages taken as at 31st December 2008)
 - Open = 13 years+
 - Junior = 13 ~ 16 years
 - 17 ~ 24 years
 - 25 ~ 34 years
 - 35 ~ 44 years
 - 45 ~ 54 years
 - 55 ~ 64 years
 - 65 years+
- 9) **Entry into events:** It is every competitors responsibility to make timely entries and the authority of individual competition promoters to limit numbers of swimmers in accordance with their events Risk Assessment is final.