

# Swim England South East

## 14/Under Swimming Championship Conditions 2022

1. The 2022 Swim England South East Region 14/Under Swimming Championships shall be conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at K2, Crawley. As mandated by Swim England, these championships will be licensed as a long course competition.
2. Swimming Championships shall be conducted in accordance with Swim England Laws and Technical Rules of Swimming and shall fully conform to the Swim England Guidance for Running Safe Events.
3. Backstroke starting ledges and a supplementary starting strobe will be provided.

#### 4. **ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY**

##### 4.1 **General**

- 4.1.1 The Championships shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by Swim England, who, on the date of submission of entry, are members of clubs affiliated to Swim England South East Region and who shall not have competed in the championships of another Region since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.
- 4.1.2 A swimmer must have been a Swim England registered member of the club in whose name he/she is entered at least 30 days prior to the first day of the Championships.
- 4.1.3 For all events a swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on 31st December 2022.

#### 5. **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

##### 5.1 **Individual Events**

Ages 11/12, 13, 14 Years	
50m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
100m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle,
200m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Ind Medley
400m	Freestyle, Ind Medley
800m	Freestyle
1500m	Freestyle

#### 6 **ENTRIES**

6.1



Entry fees shall be agreed by the Swim England South East Management Board and published on the competition web site: <https://www.southeastswimming.org/swimming/swimming-competitions/junior-championships-14yrs-and-under/>

6.2

The process for submitting entries will be published on the competition web site.

6.3

All entries to this competition are deemed to be club entries. By submitting the entries to the online entry portal, you are confirming your liability to pay the appropriate entry fee. Entries will be checked against Swim England rankings to ensure that times conform to the conditions of the competition.

6.4

All entries must be submitted on or before 8pm on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

6.5

Shortly after completion of the competition, clubs will be invoiced by e-mail for the fees for accepted entries. Payment must be received within 7 days of the issue of the invoice.

6.6

Late entries may be considered for individual events providing

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

6.7

For all individual events, the Swim England South East Region Swimming Group shall set automatic qualifying times and base level qualifying times. Both short course and long course qualifying times shall be published. Swimmers must submit a time for each entry which has been achieved on or after 1st June 2021.

Submitted times may be either short and/or long course. The entry processing system will select the fastest time. All short course (25m) times will be automatically converted by the entry processing system, using the Swim England (ASA) Equivalent Performance Tables for the purpose of accepting entries.

All times must be set in competitions licences at level 1, 2 or 3.

First leg relay split times are NOT acceptable.

Converted times are NOT acceptable. All times submitted must be times recorded on Swim England Rankings.

6.8

All times will be checked against Swim England rankings on the closing date. Any time that cannot be validated against rankings on the closing date will be rejected as an invalid entry.

A list of times that cannot be validated in rankings will be published 48 hours before the closing date.

Entries may be amended up to closing date. Subsequent improved times will not be

accepted.

- 6.9 All swimmers who have achieved the automatic qualifying time for an event shall be accepted for that event.

If there is space available, swimmers who have not achieved the automatic time for an event but have achieved the base time may be accepted. Those swimmers who are closest to the automatic time shall be accepted first. The numbers of additional swimmers that can be accepted will be determined on an event by event basis. The target number of swimmers for each event shall be published on the competition web site prior to the closing date for entries.

The target number of swimmers for each event shall be considered the minimum number of swimmers for that event, providing that

1. Entries have achieved the base time.
2. No swimmer shall be accepted with a slower entry time than a swimmer in a younger age group who has been rejected for that event.

- 6.10 Notwithstanding condition 6.9, in the interests of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the Championships, Swim England South East Region 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

- 6.11 No entry fee is payable for any entry not accepted as a result of limiting the number of entries.

- 6.12 By submitting an entry, entrants are accepting that entries will be processed using a computer system. Entrants may request that details are not displayed on the web site but need to be aware that entry confirmation and results are not made available in any other form.

- 6.13 By submitting an entry, entrants are accepting that their photographs may be taken and used to promote the sport by Swim England South East Region, and/or made available for download and purchase. All photography will conform to the "Swim England Photography and Photographing Swimmers Policy". Individual parents of swimmers under 18 years of age on the day of competition have the right to withhold consent, by completing a form to be made available for download before the closing date of the competition.

- 6.14 Swim England South East Region plans to provide a live video stream of this competition. It is not practical to exclude individual swimmers from that coverage.

- 6.15 Refund of fees. Once entries have been confirmed, entry fees will only be refunded if the swimmer is unable to swim on medical grounds. A request for refund of fees, together with supporting evidence from a qualified medical practitioner, must be submitted no later than 28 days after the last day of the competition.

## 7. **CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY**

- 7.1 Swim England South East Region shall make reasonable efforts to publish confirmation of entry for all accepted entries at least 7 days before the first day of the Championship. This confirmation will be published on the competition web site.
- 7.2 Entries may be corrected at any time up to the closing date. After this date, only errors introduced by Swim England South East Region will be corrected; any other change will be considered to be a late entry and subject to the provisions of 6.6 above.

## 8. **MEET PROCEDURE**

- 8.1 There shall be separate events for males and females.
- 8.2 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 (or the start of warm-up, whichever is the later). Provision will be made for clubs with no representative present to submit notification of withdrawals. Informal notification of withdrawals by phone or e-mail will not be accepted. A fine of £10 may be levied in respect of each competitor who fails to withdraw and does not present themselves at the start of the event (except in the case of genuine illness or a proven emergency).
- 8.3 Withdrawals are final. Any request to reinstate a swimmer who has been withdrawn will be considered to be a late entry and subject to the provisions of 6.6 above.
- 8.4 **Heats and Finals**
- 8.4.1 Events may be combined for the purpose of heats and heat declared winner events. Heats shall be held for all events.
- 8.4.2 If finals are arranged in a separate session, the promoter reserves the right to restructure the programme with finals integrated into the same session as the heats for the same events, if it is not possible to attract sufficient technical officials and/or non-technical volunteers to meet the minimum requirements required for licensed competitions.
- 8.4.3 In finals, the maximum number of places practicable shall be allocated. A maximum of four reserves shall be declared for each final.
- 8.4.4 The names of finalists and 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.
- 8.4.5 Where finals are organised in the same session as heats:
- All withdrawals from finals must be submitted no later than 5 minutes after the announcement of finalists from the last session of heats.
  - Swim-offs will not be held. In the event that there are equal times for the slowest place in the final, if sufficient swimmers with equal times do not choose to withdraw, neither (none) of the swimmers with equal times will be allocated a place in the final, that lane or lanes remaining empty. If there is a withdrawal or withdrawals from the final, both (all) of the swimmers with equal times will be allocated a place in the final.
- 8.4.6 Where finals are organised in separate session:

- All withdrawals from finals must be submitted no later than the start of warm-up for the final's session.
- Swim-offs will be held if there are two or more swimmers with equal times and positions for the last place in the final or for first reserve.

8.4.7 All finalists who have not withdrawn, including reserves, are expected to present themselves to the competitors' stewards for the final.

8.4.8 A fine of £10 may be levied in respect of any competitor withdrawing from a final after the time allowed (except in the case of genuine illness or a proven emergency).

8.4.9 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.

8.4.10 Heats shall be swum for all individual events of 50m, 100m and 200m. All events shall be seeded from slowest to fastest. In events where there are finals, the final three heats shall be cyclically seeded.

8.4.11 Individual events of 400m and over shall be decided on heat times and places (heat declared winner).

8.4.12 If the number of entries that have achieved the automatic entry time cannot be accommodated in the time available, the promoter reserves the right to designate additional events as Heat Declared Winner.

8.4.13 A final may not start earlier than 15 minutes after all of the swimmers involved have completed their heat swim for that event.

8.5 Time Trials will not be permitted during the Championships.

8.6 Competitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the clerks of the course in time for their race. There will be no call for missing competitors. If a swimmer does not present themselves for a final, the highest ranked reserve who presents themselves for the final shall swim in the vacant lane.

8.7 For some or all events, swimmers may be instructed to report to the clerks of the course at the starting blocks

8.8 All penalties for failing to withdraw from an event in accordance with 8.2 and 8.4.8 are payable by the competitor's club.

## 9 **ACCESS TO POOLSIDE**

9.1 Access to poolside is restricted to swimmers competing in the session, coaches, team managers and chaperones in possession of poolside passes, accredited officials and volunteers. With the exception of swimmers, everyone on poolside must wear a visible poolside pass, which will be available for purchase by coaches and team managers in advance of the competition. Volunteers', officials' and chaperones' poolside passes are complimentary.

9.2 All supervising coaches and team managers must abide by Swim England Wavepower policies and guidelines and shall have completed appropriate training in accordance with those

policies and guidelines.

9.3 To manage space on poolside and to comply with conditions of hire of the pool used for the competition

- swimmers are not allowed to carry a bag larger than a small draw string bag onto poolside
- coaches and team managers are allowed a single kit bag on poolside
- only 1 folding chair per club is permitted on poolside

any loose kit, such as fins, rollers and slam balls are banned from poolside during the competition.

## 10 SPECTATORS

10.1 A limited number of spectators may be allowed in the spectator gallery. The number of spectators will be determined based on the promoter's risk assessment, local conditions introduced by the operator, guidance from Swim England and NHS advice. Entrance will be by ticket purchased in advance. Full details of the number of spectators to be accepted and the procedures for purchasing tickets will be published on the competition web site.

## 11 AWARDS

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

11.2 There will be no presentations. Awards may be collected from the medals table in the foyer shortly after the results of the event have been announced.

11.3 Medals must be collected by the competitor or their representative during the competition. Unclaimed medals will NOT be posted on after the competition.

## 12. DISPUTES/CHANGES TO CONDITIONS

12.1 Any dispute related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall be determined by the Promoter. Any individual who is not satisfied with such determination has the right to invoke Swim England Judicial processes.

12.2 Whenever possible, a jury of Appeal shall be appointed.

12.3 If it is not possible to configure the pool for a long course competition, the competition shall run as a short course competition.

12.4 Once the license has been granted for this competition, no changes to conditions are permitted without the explicit approval of the Swim England South East Region Licensing Panel.

## 13. HEALTH AND SAFETY

13.1 Every individual participating in this competition in any capacity must conform to any specific health and safety requirements imposed by Swim England or Swim England South East Region. These requirements will be published on the competition web site at least 3 days before the start of the competition.

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