

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

General Conditions

- 1 **The Championships shall be held in accordance with ASA Rules and ASA Technical Laws.**
- 2 **Championships shall be conducted annually upon dates and at venues to be fixed by the Executive.**
- 3 **Individual Championships shall be open to competitors as defined by the ASA General Competition Laws who, since 1 October of the year preceding the year of the Championships, have been in continuous membership of clubs affiliated to the Association.**
- 4 **For Team Championships the General Championships conditions together with the following additional conditions shall apply:**
 - 4.1 **Team Championships shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Association.**
 - 4.2 **The club of which a competitor has been in longest unbroken membership on the day of the event shall have first claim on his services for Team Championships.**
 - 4.3 **The Individual Championships' eligibility conditions 3 and 4 above shall apply to each member of the team.**
- 5 **A competitor entered in the name of one club for an event in any discipline may not be entered for another event in that discipline in the name of another club during that calendar year.**
- 6 **A competitor who has competed in the Championships of another County shall not be eligible to compete in the Association's Championships in the same discipline in the same calendar year. In the case of a competitor removing from the County, he shall be eligible to compete during the year whilst qualifying to compete in the Championships of another County.**

- 7 **Entry Fees**
 - 7.1 **The entry fee for each individual Senior and Junior Championship and Team Championships shall be determined by the Executive.**
 - 7.2 **If an entry is incorrect then the entry fee shall be forfeited.**

- 8 **Competitors in Junior Individual and Team Championships shall be under 17 years of age on the 31 December in the year of competition (except as provided for in Diving and Synchronised Swimming).**
- 9 **In Junior Championships the entry form must state the date of birth of the competitor or in the case of Team Championships the date of birth of each prospective competitor. Birth certificates or appropriate evidence must be produced should the Executive subsequently direct.**
- 10 **Any dispute or question arising that the foregoing conditions do not provide for shall be determined by the Executive.**
- 11 **Any holder of a trophy who fails to return that trophy by the specified date shall not be allowed to take custody of any trophies which he or she might be awarded during the County Championships in that calendar year.**

Swimming

- 12 **Entries shall be made on the official form and must reach the Championships Hon. Secretary on or before the specified closing date.**
 - 12.1 **Swimmers must have equalled or bettered, during the twelve months prior to the closing date, the entry time set by the Executive for each event entered. The competitor's time for the distance, either made in a 25 metre pool or converted by**

using the Equivalent Performance Tables published by the ASA, shall be entered on the form. Documentary evidence of the competitor's submitted time may be requested by the Executive.

- 12.2 Swimmers shall be entered in the programme and shall compete in time order, slowest first. Only under exceptional circumstances shall a competitor be allowed to compete out of programme order and then only by permission of the Referee.
- 12.3 The results shall be decided on heat time classification, with the addition that the time of any swimmer who swims in the Age Group final will be taken into account. Where the swimmer's Age Group final time is faster than his time, that time shall be used. Where that time is slower, or if the swimmer is disqualified in the Age Group final, the heat time shall be used.
- 13 All Championships shall be held under the one-start rule.
- 14 All Championships shall be held in a still-water, in baths not less than 25 metres in length. Any movement of the water due to the normal operation of the filter system may be disregarded.
- 15 Unless at least two competitors or teams swim, the race will not be held, except that the holder of an Individual Championship shall be entitled to swim over and thereby retain the title having made an entry in accordance with Condition 14.
- 16 When heats are necessary, at least four swimmers or teams (six in an eight lane pool), returning the fastest times, shall proceed to the final. Names of finalists and at least two reserves shall be publicly announced as soon as possible after the completion of the heats, except for Juniors, and Senior individual events of 400 metres and over and team events in which results shall be decided on heat time classification.
- 17 Medals shall be awarded to the first, second and third in each competition provided there are not less than six entries; first and second if not less than four entries and first only if less than four entries.
- 18 All officials shall be appointed or approved by the Executive.
- 19 In Team Championships the names of first claim members from whom the team will be selected must be shown on the entry form.
- 20 **Inter-Club Aggregate Competition - Men and Women:**
- 20.1 Points shall be awarded for up to the first six competitors who achieve any specified qualifying time in the event, in the men's and women's championships only, including team events, in the following manner: Winner 5 points; Second 5 points; Third 4 points; Fourth 3 points; Fifth 2 points; Sixth 1 point. No two clubs can make use of the same competitor for the purpose of counting points in these competitions in any one year.
- 20.2 The total number of points obtained by the Club shall be added together on completion of the Championships and the Club obtaining the highest aggregate shall be declared the winner. In the event of a dead heat on aggregate points the Clubs concerned shall be declared joint winners.
- 20.3 Should any swimmer fail to achieve the entry time in an event, one point shall be deducted from his Club's aggregate.
