

## ***Suffolk County ASA Championship Conditions***

1. The venue of the Championships, which will be conducted in strict accordance with the asa Laws and the asa Technical Rules, shall be in Suffolk and whenever possible at Crown Pools, Ipswich except for 800m & 1500m events.
2. Competitors must have been a bona fide member of a club affiliated to the Association for three months prior to the date of the competition, and be registered as a Category 2 swimmer in accordance with the asa Laws. A swimmer who enters or takes part in these Championships must not represent another County or compete in or have competed in another County's Championships in the same calendar year.
3. The entry fee for Individual and Team events and the schedule of events shall be fixed and agreed by the County Executive prior to the Annual General Meeting.
4. Entries, on the official entry form, together with the entry fee, must reach the Honorary Championship Secretary of the Association by the closing date specified. All fees so deposited must be handed over to the Honorary Treasurer of the Association. Certification of the Individual entry forms must be signed by the Competitor and countersigned by a Club Official as being correct. Parents / Guardians can refuse permission for children under the age of 18 to have photographs taken during the Championships that may be used for publicity purposes but must do so in writing to the Honorary Championships Secretary by the closing date for entries to be received.
5. Any competitor failing to comply with conditions 2 or 4 will be liable to disqualification and to forfeit any fees that may have been paid.
6. The first 12 swimmers in the BAGCAT categories will receive an award. The first 3 swimmers in each British Age Group (Girls 14+ and Boys 15+) stroke category, based on GB Points, will receive an award. The first 3 swimmers in each British Age Group (Girls 14+ and Boys 15+) individual event will receive an award.
7. A Lead Referee will be appointed from the closing date for entries to deal with any protest prior to the event. The appointment of Referees, Judges and Timekeepers, who must be on the National List, shall be made by the Honorary Championship Secretary. Disputes and protests will be decided by a Jury of Appeal appointed by the Honorary Championship Secretary, whose Chairman will have swimming qualifications equal or superior to the Lead Referee.
8. The Honorary Championship Secretary shall notify all appointed officials and competitors of the times and dates at which the Championships will be held. Such notice must be given at least five days before the date of the Championships.
9. Alterations to these conditions can only be made by a two-thirds majority of members eligible to vote present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose. Twenty days notice of any proposed alterations to be given to the Honorary Secretary of the Association.
10. The Championship will be swum during the period allocated in the asa National Calendar. The format and dates to be recommended by the Honorary Championship Secretary with due regard to the fixed league dates (i.e. National Swimming League, Fenland League etc.) and ratified by the Executive.
11. Age Groups for the Championships to be Female 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,14/15 & 16+, Male 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/16 & 17+ for the Individual Events. The events available for each age group will be as shown on the Qualifying Times issued each year. Additionally, any female swimmer aged 10 or male swimmer aged 11 on the last day of the Championships and 11 (female) or 12 (male) before midnight on the last day of the East Region BAGCAT Championships, will be permitted to enter 100 metre events provided they have achieved the 200 metre County Qualifying Time for that specific stroke. The 200m time will be used as the entry time. Times achieved will not be considered for inclusion in Finals and any BAGCAT points achieved will not be considered for BAGCAT awards.
12. The age groups for the Relay Championships will be 9/10 years, 11/12 years, 13/14 years, 15/16 years and Open. Distance for the 9/10 years to be 4 x 25 metres and all other age groups to be 4 x 50 metres. Swimming up is not allowed in any relay event. Open events may include swimmers from any age group. The names of swimmers and dates of birth in each relay must be submitted to the recorders on the appropriate Team Declaration Sheet. If there are heats and finals, room should be left for the final team should it differ from the team in the heat. (Swimmers from a team disqualified in the heats may not swim in another team in the final)

13. Where a card system is used, completed cards will be issued to each club at least seven days before the date of the event. Cards must be posted at least 30 minutes before the start of the gala by swimmers intending to compete. These will be arranged into heats or finals (depending on the number of swimmers) and annotated with the final lane numbers, and returned to the swimmers. Reserves for the finals shall be notified and are required to remain on poolside. After each block of the Championships, the cards will be returned to the club's for distribution to swimmers.
14. Where the meet is run without re-entry cards, a list will be sent to all competing Club's detailing swimmer entries for all events. Any errors must be reported to the Championship Secretary by e-mail or in writing by the date given in the information pack. After this date no further changes, omissions or errors will be taken into account and the entry fee will be forfeited. Start sheets will be compiled for the 50, 100, 200, 400, 800 & 1500 metre events on the basis of this information. Swimmers not competing on the day should be notified to the Event Team using the withdrawal form provided. Swimmers will be seeded slowest to fastest in all events. All heats in HDW events will be spearheaded. The last three heats of 50m & 100m events will be cyclically seeded. The heat and lane number allocated to each competitor will be published on start lists issued on the day. Competitors are responsible to report to the Competitors Stewards should be aware that if they miss their heat for any reason, they may not be able to swim in a later heat.
15. The fastest eight swimmers from the heats of the 50m and 100m events in each age group as shown in Championships Condition No 11 will be selected for the Finals. Where there is a tie for eighth place, after consultation with the swimmers, a swim off may take place. There will be a maximum of two reserves for each Final. The fastest swimmer from all finals in each event will be declared the County Champion for that event. In Heat Declared Winner events, the County Champion will be the fastest swimmer selected from the heats of all age groups.
16. The fastest eight swimmers from the 50m Freestyle Heats (Male & Female) will be invited to compete in the Skins Final. Those invited must inform the Championships Secretary at least 24 hours before the date of the swim of their intention to take part. If necessary, a reserve will be found based on the times achieved in the heats and finals of the 50m Freestyle events.
17. Time only swims in any event will not be allowed
18. The Eggleston Memorial Trophy is to be awarded to the best male swimmer aged fifteen and over of the Championships based on the highest number of GB points achieved from five non-specified events (Heat, Final or HDW). In the case of a tie, there will be joint Champions. In addition to the trophy, the winner, second and third place swimmers will receive a trophy as a permanent memento of the award.
19. The Bobbie Wilson Trophy will be awarded to the best female swimmer aged fourteen and over of the Championships using the same rules of selection as the Eggleston Trophy. In addition to the Trophy the winner, second and third place swimmers will receive a trophy as a permanent memento of the award.
20. The Volvo Cup shall be awarded to the club scoring the most points in the Individual Championships. Points will be awarded for the top eight from the heats in each age group and finals of 50m and 100m events and the top eight in each age group of the HDW events - 8 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place down to 1 point for 8<sup>th</sup> place. The team with the most points to be top team. In the event of a tie, the number of first places to be taken into account.
21. The Doug Lambert Trophy shall be awarded to the club scoring the most points *in* the Relay Championships. Points will be awarded to the top eight teams in each age group - 8 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place down to 1 point for 8<sup>th</sup> place.
22. The number of entries to the Championships may be limited under the following conditions:
  - a) Entries with times slower than the qualifying times will be rejected
  - b) The slowest entries may be rejected at the discretion of the Promoters to conform with licensing criteria
  - c) All entry times must be achieved after June 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year of the Championships
23. The County will make every effort to ensure that the Championships are licensed by the asa and if successful will comply with the requirements of licensing.