



Suffolk County ASA

Championship Conditions 2012

LICENSE NOS: CC2049, CC2050, CC2051, CC2052

- 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. Due to closure of Crown Pools in 2012 the championships shall take place at Newmarket Leisure Centre.
- 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. Any competitor failing to comply with this condition will be liable to disqualification and to forfeit any fees that may have been paid.
- 3) The entry fee for Individual events and the schedule of events shall be fixed and agreed by the County Executive prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 4) Electronic entries must reach the Honorary Championship Secretary or appointed person of the Association by the closing date specified. All fees will be invoiced to the club by the Honorary Treasurer of the Association and paid in full within 14 days.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Age Groups for the Championships to be 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/16 and 17+ for individual events. The events available for each age group will be as shown on the Qualifying Times issued each year. Additionally, any swimmer aged 10 on the last day of the Championships and 11 years 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.
- 7) The fastest six swimmers from the heats of the 50m and 100m events in each age band for finals will be selected for the Finals. Finals ages in 50m events will be 9-11, 12-14, and 15 & over; 100m events will be 14 & under and 15 & over. Where there is a tie for sixth place, after consultation with the swimmers, a swim off may take place. There will be a maximum of two reserves for each Final.
- 8) The first 12 swimmers in the BAGCAT categories will receive an award. The top 3 swimmers in each age group will receive an award for all events. The top 3 finishers in finals will receive an award. Finals ages in 50m events will be 9-11, 12-14, and 15 & over; 100m events will be 14 & under and 15 & over.
- 9) 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.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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.
- 12) 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.

- 13) 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.
- 14) Relay Championships have been agreed by majority vote to be withheld this year due to lack of facility that can handle swimmer and spectator numbers required for the event to take place.
- 15) A list will be sent to all competing Clubs detailing swimmer entries for all events. Any errors must be reported to the Championship Secretary or appointed person 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 will be spearheaded. 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 and should be aware that if they miss their heat for any reason, they may not be able to swim in a later heat.
- 16) SKINS event will not take place due to limited time during the 2012 Championships
- 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 fifteen 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 age group of the heats and HDW events – 8 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 8th 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 will not be awarded during 2012 Championships as no relay competition will take 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 1st 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.