

BRITISH GAS ASA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (AGE GROUP) (50M) 2014

1.0 General Conditions

- [a] The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) Swimming Committee reserves full powers over all ASA Championships.
- [b] The Championships shall be held on 30th July – 3rd August 2014 at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheffield.
- [c] The Championships shall be competed for annually under the Laws of the Association, the Technical Rules of FINA and any additional conditions published in the Meet Information.
- [d] Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered as members of the ASA, SASA or WASA, or competitors from one of the countries affiliated to FINA. Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for age verification to the National Events Administrator not later than 15:00 hours on the day before the Championships begin.
- [e] A competitor must have been a registered member, or equivalent, of the club in whose name he is entered, at least 60 days prior to the first day of the Championships. The appropriate Registration Form must have been received by the Swimmers Governing Body, before the 60th day.
- [f] Individuals forming the teams must have been registered members of the club, at least 60 days prior to the first day of the Championships. A swimmer entered in the name of one club in the individual events may not compete in the name of another club in the team events.
- [g] A competitor entered in the name of a club affiliated to ASA, SASA or WASA will be considered as a 'British competitor' for the purposes of this competition. All other competitors will be considered to be 'foreign competitors.'
- [h] Time trials will not be permitted.
- [i] Ages at midnight on 3rd August 2014
- [j] Entries will close at 12 noon on Tuesday 1st July 2014.

2.0 The Events

- [a] **British Age Group Categories [BAGCATS]**
 - Girls – 11, 12, 13 & 14 years (11/12 years will be a combined age group for competition purposes)
 - Boys – 11, 12, 13 & 14 years (11/12 years will be a combined age group for competition purposes)
- [b] **Individual Events:**
 - 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (Girls) & 1500m Freestyle (Boys)
 - 100m & 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke & Butterfly
 - 200m & 400m Individual Medley
- [c] **Team Events.**
 - Girls & Boys: 10-14 years: 4 x 100m Medley, 4 x 100m Freestyle and 4 x 200m Freestyle.

3.0 Individual Entries

- [a] Entries shall be received by the National Entries Administrator ("the Administrator") by the relevant closing date accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. (Individual Entries £9.50) An online entry system will be used and a current photograph will be required for Accreditation purposes. Payment must be made for all entries at the time of entry, via the online system
- [b] All competitors must have equalled or bettered the entry time in an event designated or licensed by the ASA, SASA or WASA for entry into National competitions or, for foreign competitors, approved by their Federation. Times must have been achieved since 1st July 2013.
- [c] The Administrator may request validation of any stated entry time.
- [d] Entry times achieved in a 50m pool will be accepted as submitted. Times achieved in any other length of pool will be accepted as 25m short course times with NO conversions allowed. Only times achieved in a 50m pool will be accepted for the Girls 800m & Boys 1500m Freestyle. The only split time that will be accepted for entry is one recorded on the first leg of a 4x100m or 4x200m Team Event.
- [e] Competitors who qualify for both the ASA National Age Group Championships and the ASA Youth Championships may only enter one of the competitions.
- [f] Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure.

4.0 Team Entries

- [a]. Entry accepted solely from clubs affiliated to the ASA, SASA or WASA as a result of performance in qualifying rounds at the ASA Regional Age Group Championships (or equivalent Scottish or Welsh competitions).
- [b] The fastest 40 teams in each event will be accepted irrespective of English Region, Scotland or Wales. In the event of equal times being submitted for the final available place, a ballot will determine. The names of 2 reserve teams will be published. (team Entry Fee £19)
- [d] Clubs must confirm their invitation to compete. Failure to do so may result in their invitation being withdrawn.

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5.0 Administration

[a] Coaches will be required to obtain an accreditation pass from the National Event Office in advance of the closing date for entries. Admission to the pool will only be allowed with a valid accreditation.

[b] Competitors photographic accreditation will be issued to Coaches on the afternoon before the event commences, on production of their Coaches Accreditation Pass. Admission to the pool will only be allowed with a valid accreditation. A charge will be levied for lost, mislaid or forgotten passes. Day passes will be issued to all competitors in teams who are not entered into individual events who do not notify details of additional swimmers on the form that will be sent to all clubs with a team accepted for the Championships.

6.0 Team Declarations

[a] Clubs must complete a team declaration form, which must be handed to the Recorders at least 60 minutes before the start of the session in which the relevant team event takes place. Teams not complying with this instruction will lose their right to compete. Where a club has more than one team in an event, a swimmer who has been declared for one team may not compete for another team in the same event.

7.0 Withdrawal from Heats

[a] Withdrawals from the 1st day's heats must be notified to the recorders, on the appropriate form, before the close of the Team Managers Meeting on the evening before the start of the Championships. Subsequent withdrawals must be made by 12 noon the day before the heat takes place.

8.0 Withdrawal from Finals

[a] 10 swimmers and 2 reserves will be declared for all finals. Only 2 foreign competitors will be allowed to progress from the Heats to the Final. The 800m & 1500m Freestyle Events will be Heat Declared Winner.

[b] Individual Finalists and reserve finalists shall declare to the Chief Recorder, if they intend to withdraw from a Final, within 30 minutes of the last individual event in the session in which they qualified for the final, Teams must declare within 30 minutes of the last team event in the session in which they qualified for the final. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.

[c] Competitors or teams withdrawing on medical grounds after the expiry of the imposed deadline shall have their withdrawal endorsed by the Executive Director or the Referee.

[d] An individual competitor shall be fined the sum of £50 if they fail to notify the Chief Recorder of a withdrawal within the stipulated time. If a team fails to notify the Chief Recorder of a withdrawal within the stipulated time, the Club they represent shall be fined the sum of £100.

[e] Where a reserve is brought in at short notice, the reserve shall occupy the vacant lane and there will be no amendments made to the allocation of lanes.

[f] Both individual competitors and teams will be unable to take any further part in the meet, until such time as any fines levied have been paid.

[g] Reserve Finalists, who are not required to swim in a final, will be released after the 30 minute withdrawal period.

9.0 Marshalling

[a] Heats: Swimmers must report to the Competitors Steward on the left hand side of the pool as you face the Scoreboard. They should follow the directions given by the Steward. It is the swimmers responsibility to report in good time.

[b] Finals: Finalists must report to the Call Room prior to the advertised time for their final. They shall remain in the Call Room until taken to the poolside for their race. Swimmers or teams who do not report, before the race is taken to the poolside, shall be deemed to have withdrawn in breach of the conditions.

[c] Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the Call Room, during the Finals, at anytime.

10.0 Trophies & Medals

[a] Medals will be awarded to the swimmers/teams placed first, second and third in all events.

[b] The highest placed swimmer, entered in the name of a club affiliated to the ASA, will also be awarded a Gold Medal unless they are the first placed swimmer in the event.

[c] BAGCAT Awards for Top Male and Female in each age group:

Competitors placed 1st to 3rd shall receive an award. An additional award will be made, if appropriate, to the highest placed swimmer, entered in the name of a club affiliated to the ASA.

[d] Awards will be made to the Top Female Club, Top Male Club and Top Overall Club based on points scoring. All Swimmers/Clubs will score.

11.0 Doping Control

[a] Competitors taking part in the championships may be subject to random doping control.