

# **BRITISH GAS ASA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (YOUTH, OPEN & MC) (50M) 2014**

## **1.0 General Conditions**

- [a] The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) Swimming Committee reserves full powers over all ASA Championships.
- [b] The 2014 Championships shall be held on 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Event Officer 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/she is entered, at least 60 days prior to the first day of the Championships. The appropriate Registration Form must have been received by the Swimmer's Governing Body, before the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014.
- [j] Entries will close at 12 noon on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014

## **2.0 The Events**

### **[a] Age Groups:**

Youth defined as Girls & Boys: 15/16 & 17/18  
19 & over  
Open (50m Form Strokes only).

### **[b] Individual Events:**

50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (Girls) & 1500m (Boys) Freestyle  
100m & 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke & Butterfly  
200m & 400m Individual Medley  
50m Backstroke, Breaststroke & Butterfly - **OPEN ONLY**

[c] For all age groups the 800m and 1500m Freestyle events will be Heat Declared Winner.

[d] In the 19 & over & Open age groups all other events will have Heats and a Final.

[e] In the Youth age groupings (15/16 & 17/18 years), all 50m, 100m and 200m Events shall have heats, semi-finals & Finals. The 400m Freestyle & 400m I.M. shall have heats and a final.

### **[f] Team Events.**

Girls & Boys: 15-18 years 4 x 200m Freestyle and 4 x 100m Freestyle and Medley

[g] **MC Events.** See additional conditions.

## **3.0 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) Entry will be by means of an online system and a current photograph will be required for Accreditation purposes. Cheques will not be accepted for payment. 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013.

[c] The Administrator may request validation of any stated entry time.

[d] Entry times must be achieved in a 50m pool. 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 Events**

[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 Youth Championships (or equivalent Scottish or Welsh competitions). The ASA Regional Youth Championships shall be the final qualifier for all Youth Team Events.

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[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 qualifying team. 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.

Entry confirmation will be by means of an online system. Payment must be made for all team entries at the time of entry via the online system.

### **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 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 advertised 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 1<sup>st</sup> day's heats must be notified to the recorders, on the appropriate form, before the close of the Team Manager's Meeting on the evening before the start of the Championships. Subsequent withdrawals should be made by 12 noon the day before the heat takes place.

### **8.0 Withdrawal from Semi Finals/Finals**

[a] 20 swimmers and 2 reserves will be declared for each Semi-final and 10 swimmers and 2 reserves for each final. Only 2 foreign competitors will be allowed to progress to the Final.

[b] Individual Finalists and reserve finalists shall declare to the Chief Recorder, within 30 minutes of the last individual event in the Session in which they have qualified for the next round, if they intend to withdraw from a Semi-Final or Final. Teams must declare within 30 minutes of the last team event in that session. 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 such person as he/she shall nominate.

[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 or semi-final, will be released 30 minutes after the last individual event of the relevant session..

### **9.0 Marshalling**

[a] Heats & Semi Finals: 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 start 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] Perpetual trophies, where available, will be presented. 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] The Youth Champion shall be the swimmer who records the fastest time in either of the Youth Finals, or in the case of heat declared winner, the fastest time in the heats.

[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.