

Autumn Series 2010 (supported by N&DSA) - Standard Series Conditions & Entry Information

The Autumn Series is intended for Graded Swimmers and we would ask all involved to adhere to the spirit of Graded swimming.

1. The Series consists of Graded Competitions held under asa laws and technical rules and is licensed at Level 3 by asa. Times achieved will be eligible for qualification into County and Regional Championships.
2. No entries will be accepted from any swimmer who has qualified for an individual event at any National Championship in 2010
3. The Series organisers reserve the right to exclude all entries from clubs who submit false times in order to enter a swimmer who would not otherwise be eligible for an event. **Spot checks will be made against National rankings.**
4. The organisation of individual meets will be the responsibility of host clubs, subject to the standard conditions. Host clubs will supply any additional information for their own meet as a supplement to these standard conditions.
5. The Series organisers reserve the right to make any unavoidable changes to the Series programme in order to ensure successful completion of the Series as a whole.
6. The Series shall be based on the standard events as laid out in the National Competitive Development Continuum and in line with the main counties championship programme.
7. Age Groups will be: GIRLS 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs and 14yrs/over; BOYS 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs and 15yrs/Over. Age is defined as the age of the swimmer on **14 November 2010**, the final day of the series.
8. Swimmers must not have swum faster than the Upper Limit Times in the 12 months up to the **entry closing date of 30 July 2010**.
9. Entry fees will be £4.00 per event including asa licence fee. All entries must be submitted on an official entry form or disk. **Entry fees must be paid by 20 August 2010 at the latest or entries will be rejected.**
10. All Coaches/Team Managers requiring access to poolside during any of the sessions must be in possession of a poolside pass. Passes will cost £12 for each of the 2-day meets. Poolside passes include lunch & a set of results.
11. The organisers reserve the right to restrict the number of entries to enable completion of sessions within normal time limits. If it becomes necessary to restrict entries, the following criteria will be used: i) swimmers who have not entered the complete set of Bagcat events categories ii) swimmers who have entered another event in the same category iii) submitted entry time. For anyone still unsure about the events in any category a table is included at the end of the conditions for information.
12. Poolside entries and "time only" swims will NOT be accepted for any event in the Series
13. Entries to the 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle will only be accepted for swimmers who are eligible to participate in the other event groups available to them in the series.
14. Events will be seeded by entry time in spearhead order. Awards will be made to the fastest 6 swimmers in each individual age group in each event of the Series. There are no elimination times on the day.
15. Category Awards will be made at the end of the Series to the top three swimmers in each age group based on points accumulated throughout the Series. A swimmer's total point score will be determined by adding together their best score from each event group of the category in which they compete.
16. To qualify for category points, competitors may only swim for one club throughout the Series and must ensure their personal details are correct. In the event of any mistakes resulting from entry processing, the meet recorder must be notified as soon as possible before the start of the first session in which that competitor is involved. (n.b. meet organisers are under no obligation to correct mistakes occurring in entries submitted by disk.)
17. Competitors must be registered with the asa and be able to produce their registration card if required. "Applied for" registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the Series organisers.
18. Confirmation of accepted entries will be sent to competing clubs prior to the start of the Series. Coaches/Team Managers should advise the recorders at each meet of any withdrawals no less than 45 minutes (20 minutes for 800/1500m) before the start of the session in which that event is swum.
19. There can be no claim for damages or losses incurred made against any host club or against N&DSA in the event of any meet in the Series failing to take place for reasons beyond the control of the host club.

20. Anyone found damaging or misusing property or equipment at any host venue will be disqualified from participating further in the Series and may be subject to legal action by the relevant local authority.
21. The use of any photographic equipment at any Series gala will only be permitted in accordance with asa Child Protection Guidelines and will, if appropriate, be subject to further restrictions by the relevant local authority.
22. Anything not covered in these conditions or any supplementary information provided by the individual host clubs will be at the discretion of the Series organisers.
23. Lead Referee for the Series will be Mr Fred Murray, tel 0191 270 2661. Alternatively contact either Tracy Donnelly (donnelly.777@zen.co.uk) or Graeme Smith (graemesmith57@ntlworld.com)

CATEGORIES AS SPECIFIED IN THE N&D SUPPORTED AUTUM GRADED SERIES:

AGE GROUP CATEGORY	EVENT GROUPS	EVENT CHOICES
Boys and Girls 9yrs	Sprint Form Distance IM	50m Free, Back, Breast, Fly 200m Back, Breast, Fly 200 Freestyle 100/200 IM,
Boys and Girls 10yrs	Sprint Form Distance IM	50m Free, Back, Breast, Fly 200m Back, Breast, Fly 200 / 400 / 800 Freestyle 100/200 / 400 IM
Boys 11 – 14 yrs Girls 11 – 13 yrs	100s Form Distance IM	100m Free, Back, Breast, Fly 200m Back, Breast, Fly 200 / 400 / 800 / 1500m Freestyle 100 / 200 / 400 IM
Boys 15yrs/Over Girls 14yrs / Over	Sprint 100s Form Distance IM	50m Free, Back, Breast, Fly 100m Free, Back, Breast, Fly 200m Back, Breast, Fly 200 / 400 / 800 / 1500m Freestyle 100 / 200 / 400 IM

Swimmers should aim to select at least one event from the choices available in each of the event groups applicable to their age group, but are free to compete in as many events as they wish, subject to their compliance with the entry cut off times. The points awarded for their highest scoring event in each of their event groups will be amalgamated to provide their age group category points total.

Please see the restriction governing entry to the 400/800/1500m freestyle events that has been introduced this year and which is explained as clause 13 of the Series Conditions.