



NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM SWIMMING ASSOCIATION SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

The organisation of the Swimming Championships shall be in the hands of a Championship Committee appointed under the rules of N&DSA.

1. Qualification

a)	The Championships will be open to all members of clubs affiliated to N&DSA holding current asa swimming registration. A swimmer may only represent one club throughout the Championship year.
b)	No individual may compete in more than one asa Counties Championships in any one calendar year.
c)	For age group purposes, a swimmer's age is their age as at the last date of the Individual Championships.
d)	N&DSA will NOT be responsible for any unaccompanied swimmers on the poolside. The responsibility falls on the club entering the swimmer. See rules 5 (e), (f).

2. Entries

a)	Entries must be made using Sportsystems Entry Manager V2 and an entry summary together with the entry fee must be submitted by 10 February 2010. (Clubs unable to use this programme should contact the assistant championships manager (see club summary form). Entries submitted other than by an authorised club representative will be accepted subject to confirmation by an authorised club representative. The order in which the events take place will be published in the annual schedule of events, which will be available no later than 31 December preceding the Championships.
b)	Entry fees have been set at: Individual entry (Long Course) £5.50 ; Individual Entry (Short Course) £4.50 ; Team entry: £10.00
c)	Submitted entry times will be used for seeding and rejection. The Championship Manager reserves the right to limit the number of entries accepted to ensure the smooth running of the Championships.
d)	A list of the accepted entries will be sent to clubs at least 7 days before the meet. If a swimmer/team is not going to swim in a heat they must inform the Recorders of their intention to withdraw no later than 60 minutes before the published start time of the session (except for distance meets when only 30 minutes will be required). Seeded Heat Start lists will be produced approx 30 minutes before the published start time of the session. Finalists including reserves who have achieved the qualifying time and who intend to withdraw from a final must inform the Recorders no later than 30 minutes after the heat/ semi final result has been published.
e)	If a swimmer/team fails to swim and has not been withdrawn from an event the Club entering the swimmer/team shall incur an administration fee of £5 [Heats] & £10 [Finals] and the swimmer/team will not be eligible to swim in any future N&D Championships until the fee has been paid. Exception may be made at the discretion of the Championship Manager.

3. Entry Times

a)	Standard entry times (SET) will be fixed annually for all individual events, A swimmer's entry time must have been achieved no earlier than the calendar year prior to that in which the event takes place.
b)	A swimmer who fails to achieve the entry time for an event may be required to produce to the Championship Manager satisfactory evidence that they have achieved the entry time no earlier than the calendar year prior to that in which the event takes place. Failure to produce satisfactory evidence will incur an administration fee of £5. The responsibility for payment of the fee will rest on the club under whose name the entry has been made. Exception may be made at the discretion of the Championship Manager. A swimmer who fails to achieve the SET in an event will not be eligible to compete in the final nor be eligible for any award in respect of that event and no points will be recorded for that swimmer in respect of that event.

4. Team Events

a)	In all Team Events, clubs may enter more than one team in an event. An individual swimmer must have been a member of the club for a minimum of 60 days prior to the day of the event and may only swim for one team in a particular event. Where more than one team is from any one particular club and competes in the same event then swimmers cannot interchange between teams in that event.
b)	All competing clubs must submit a list of the names of its swimmers in each team in swim order, including reserves, to the Recorders no later than 20 minutes prior to the start time of the session in which the event takes place.
c)	In all events Heats and Finals will be held. If the swim order is changed for a final, an amended list of swimmers must be submitted prior to the start of the final.
d)	Teams including Reserves which have qualified for and do not wish to take part in a final must inform the Recorders no later than 30 minutes after the heat result has been published. Exception may be made at the discretion of the Championship Manager. Should a team which has not been withdrawn from an event fail to swim, the Club entering the team shall incur an administration fee of £5 [Heats] & £10 [Finals]. The responsibility for payment of the penalty shall rest on the club under whose name the entry has been made.
e)	Team events do not score for overall club points at any of the championships.

5. General

a)	The Championships will be held under the relevant asa Technical and Judicial Rules/Laws
b)	All heats will be seeded in spearhead formation.
c)	800m & 1500m events will be swum in mixed gender heats.
d)	All events of 400m (200m for 9/10 years age groups) and over shall be Heat Declared Winner (HDW) events except in Open where there will be finals for both 400m Freestyle and 400m Individual Medley.
e)	N&DSA expects all swimmers to be accompanied on the poolside by a person with a coaches pass, who should be an authorised club person who has been CRB checked and preferably attended a good practice child protection course.
f)	Team staff requiring access to the poolside must be in possession of a Coach's Pass issued by N&DSA. N&DSA recommend at least one member of Team staff of each gender be in attendance where necessary, and all should comply with ASA Child Protection policy.

6. BAGCAT Awards & Tom Randall Memorial Trophy

a)	Awards will be made at the BAGCAT Championships to all individual finalists and the top 8 in HDW Events. Disqualified Swimmers will not be eligible for an award.
b)	BAGCAT age group category awards. These will be made at the BAGCAT Championships to the swimmers (first 3 boys and girls in each age group) who achieve the best Overall Category points scores. i) Boys age groups: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 years, ii) Girls age groups: 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 years
c)	The category awards will be determined by the standard asa BAGCAT Categories using the current FINA points tables
d)	The Tom Randall Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the club scoring the highest points total in the BAGCAT Age Group Championships. Individual Points shall be awarded 8 to 1 for competitors placed 1 to 8 in an eight lane pool or 6 to 1 for competitors placed 1 to 6 in a six lane pool.

7. Youth Awards & Guy North Trophy

a)	Awards will be made to the first 3 Youths in all finals and HDW events at the Open Championships. Disqualified swimmers will not be eligible for an award.
b)	Youth awards will be made to the Youth swimmers (top 3 male and female) who achieve the best FINA points score in any individual event.
c)	The Guy North Trophy will be awarded to the club scoring the highest Youth points total in the individual events at the Open Championships. Individual points shall be awarded 8 to 1 for competitors placed 1 to 8 in an eight or ten lane pool or 6 to 1 for competitors placed 1 to 6 in a six lane pool.

8. Open Awards and Mark Latimer Memorial Trophy

a)	Awards will be made to the first 3 in all finals and HDW events at the Open Championships. Disqualified swimmers will not be eligible for an award.
b)	Open Championship awards will be made to the swimmers (top 3 male and female) who achieve the best FINA points score in any individual event.
c)	The Mark Latimer Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the club scoring the highest points total in the Open Championships Individual points will be awarded 8 to 1 for competitors placed 1 to 8 in an eight or ten lane pool or 6 to 1 for competitors placed 1 to 6 in a six lane pool.

9. Photography

a)	The rules and standing operating procedures [SOPs] of the facility where the Championships are being held must be observed and anyone wishing to use photographic equipment (including still, video, digital and mobile phone cameras) at any Championship Meet will be required to sign the asa Video/Photography Book.
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10. Lead Referee

a)	The lead referee for the 2010 Championships is Liz York Tel Number 0191 268 5877
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11. Championship Conditions changes

a)	The N&DSA Championship Committee may vary the Championship conditions prior to a meet closing date. Any changes may relate to that or future meets.
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