

# DERBYSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

(Affiliated to Swim England East Midland Region)

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## COMPETITION RULES

### **PART A - GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS**

- A1 Championships shall be competed for annually, the date and venue of each Championship having been suggested by the relevant Technical Sub-Committee and approved by the Executive.
- A2 All entrants in the Individual Events must be eligible competitors as defined by Swim England Regulations and must be registered with Swim England by the closing date for the competition in the name of the club under which they wish to enter. That club must be directly affiliated to Derbyshire ASA.
- Members of relay teams must be members of the club which is entering the team. If a swimmer is a member of more than one club and has entered one or more individual events, they can only swim for the club they entered as individuals.
- Suspension of a club for non-payment of its affiliation fees to this Association (as provided for in Law 9) between the closing date for entry to a competition and the date of that competition shall not in itself debar a member of that club from competing in individual events in that competition. This concession shall not apply to clubs competing in team events.
- A3 Competitors in Junior Championships shall comply with the age requirements of the Championships.
- A4 A swimmer who has taken part in any recognised discipline Championship of another County, in the same discipline, shall not be eligible to compete, either as an individual or a member of a team, in the same year, in any Championship promoted by Derbyshire ASA. The four recognised disciplines are - swimming, diving, artistic swimming and water polo.
- A5 Swimming Championships shall be held in a pool of not less than 25 metres in length. Diving, Artistic Swimming and Water Polo Championships shall be held in a pool of the required dimensions.
- A6 Officials for all Championships shall be appointed by the Association from amongst those on the British Swimming lists or other suitable lists and be licensed to a level appropriate to the duty they are appointed to.
- A7 All entries, where possible, shall be submitted electronically through the swimmer's club.
- All entries must be accompanied with full payment and be submitted before the closing date.
- A8 Fees for individual/team events, poolside passes and spectator entry, as relevant, will be suggested by the relevant Technical Sub-Committee and approved by the Executive. All monies shall be retained by the Association.
- When Championships and/or other competitions are combined, and competed for as one event, only one entry form is required and only one fee is payable.
- A9 The awards for each Championship shall be suggested by the relevant Technical Sub-Committee and approved by the Executive.
- A10 The winner of each Championship shall be entitled to hold the trophy, if any, until recalled by the Trophy Controller. The winner will be required to sign a receipt for the trophy. The cost of engraving the trophies will be borne by the Association. The trophy shall be kept in good condition and returned in good condition.
- A11 Any questions arising for which the Association's conditions do not provide shall be determined by the Executive.

- A12 For the purpose of these competitions a swimmer's age is that attained on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which the competition is held.
- A 13 A Junior is defined as under 17yrs on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which the competition is held.
- A 14 For Junior records the swimmer will not have reached their 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the day the time was recorded.

### **PART B - INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS**

- B1 Individual Swimming Championships will be competed for according to the distances and strokes below:-
- |                   |     |      |      |      |      |       |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|-------|
| FREESTYLE         | 50m | 100m | 200m | 400m | 800m | 1500m |
| BACKSTROKE        | 50m | 100m | 200m |      |      |       |
| BREASTSTROKE      | 50m | 100m | 200m |      |      |       |
| BUTTERFLY         | 50m | 100m | 200m |      |      |       |
| INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY |     | 100m | 200m | 400m |      |       |
- B2 The events in B1 shall be competed for by Open/Male (Open), Female (Open), Junior Open/Male and Junior Female. Competitors for all events shall be at least 10 years of age by the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which the competition is held (apart from the 800m/1500m Freestyle and 400m Individual Medley, where competitors shall be at least 12 years of age by the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which the competition is held).
- B3 Open and Junior Championships and other competitions may be swum as combined events, provided that the Executive has agreed and that the arrangement is so advertised.
- Titles and other awards will be made for the events as though they were not combined. All swimmers taking part will be considered as competing for all titles for which they are eligible.
- Age bands for all events shall be defined in the Entry Pack for the Championships.
- B4 Events of 50m and 100m in length shall be swum with heats and finals unless the relevant Technical Sub-Committee suggests otherwise and such change is approved by the Executive in which case events will be swum as heat declared winners, with results decided on heat times, subject, where necessary, to the placing by Judges.
- Provided that the Executive agrees and that it is so published, events of 200m and over may be swum as heats and finals. If not, events will be swum as heat declared winners, with results decided on heat times, subject, where necessary, to the placing by Judges.
- B5 All events will be seeded.
- (a) Events with heats and finals shall be spearhead seeded, with the last 3 heats being cyclically seeded.
- (b) Events which are heat declared winners shall have all heats spearheaded.
- B6 All competitors must have an entry time for an event they wish to enter, which is equal to or faster than the qualifying time for the event.
- Entry times must be from the British Swimming Ranking database and have been achieved in the specified period in the Entry Pack.
- B7 Events swum other than those covered by rules B1 may not be styled Individual Swimming Championships of the Association.

### **PART C – TEAM SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS**

- C1 Team Swimming Championships shall be competed for according to the distances and strokes below:-
- (a) 4 x 50m FREESTYLE RELAY
- (b) 4 x 50m MEDLEY RELAY
- (c) 4 x 100m FREESTYLE RELAY (this event is currently in abeyance).
- (d) 4 x 100m MEDLEY RELAY (this event is currently in abeyance).

(e) 4 x 200m FREESTYLE RELAY (this event is currently in abeyance).

C2 The events in rule C1 shall be competed for by both boys and girls in age bands as so determined by the Swimming Committee. (Currently in abeyance).

The events in rule C1 (a) & (b) shall also be competed for by mixed teams (2 girls, 2 boys) in age bands as so determined by the Swimming Committee.

C3 Any club fully affiliated to the Association may enter these Championships, clubs may not group together to enter nor may associations of clubs enter teams.

C4 Members of relay teams must be members of the club which is entering the team and must be eligible competitors as defined by Swim England Regulations and must be registered with Swim England by the closing date for the competition in the name of the club under which they wish to enter.

If a swimmer is a member of more than one club and has entered one or more individual events, they can only swim for the club they entered as individuals.

C5 Clubs which have taken part in any Team Swimming Championship of another County, during the same year, shall not be eligible to compete.

C6 Events other than those covered by rules C1 and C2 may not be styled Team Swimming Championships of the Association.

#### **PART D – INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM SWIMMING COMPETITION CONDITIONS**

D1 These rules cover such additional swimming competitions as the Executive may arrange, beyond the Individual and Team Swimming Championships and the Age Group Competitions.

D2 The competitions need not be held annually unless the Executive so directs.

D3 The rules of the Association's Championships and Age Group Competitions shall be taken as generally applying unless otherwise determined by the Executive. This will particularly apply in respect of eligibility to compete, junior status, definition of age, pool length, officials, entry and fees.

#### **PART E – DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS**

These Championships are currently in abeyance.

E1 The following Diving Championships shall be competed for:-

- (a) Junior Open/Male 1 Metre Championship
- (b) Junior Female 1 Metre Championship
- (c) Open/Male 1 Metre Championship
- (d) Female 1 Metre Championship
- (e) Open/Male 3 Metre Championship
- (f) Female 3 Metre Championship
- (g) Open/Male 5 Metre Championship
- (h) Female 5 Metre Championship

At the discretion of the Diving Committee, the following events may be competed for:-

Diving Age Group Competitions

- (i) Open/Male 9 through 12 years 1 Metre
- (j) Female 9 through 12 years 1 Metre

Diving Championships

- (k) Junior Open/Male 3 Metre Championship
- (l) Junior Female 3 Metre Championship

E2 CONDITIONS:-

- (a) The General Conditions of rules A1 through A12 shall apply.

- (b) Each competitor shall ensure that their list of dives on the official ASA Dive Sheet set (which will be sent to the club secretary with acknowledgement of entry), is either:-
  - a. sent to reach the Diving Secretary no later than seven clear days before the advertised date of the event OR
  - b. is handed to the Diving Secretary, or his nominee, at the venue of the Championship no later than ONE HOUR before the advertised starting time of the gala

Dive lists submitted as F2 b. a. may be substituted at the venue up to ONE HOUR before the advertised before the start.

- (c) For Age Group Competitions F1 (i) and F1 (j) the event shall consist of 3 voluntary dives from 3 groups. Each dive is to be of a different number from the International Tariff Table and may be performed in any position from the stated springboard.
- (d) For Championships F1 (a) (b) (k) and (l) the events shall consist of 6 voluntary dives from a minimum of four groups. Each dive is to be of a different number from the International Tariff Table and may be performed in any position from the stated springboard.
- (e) For Championship F1 (c) (d) (e) and (f) the events shall consist of 8 voluntary dives from a minimum of 5 groups. Each dive is to be of a different number from the International Tariff Table and may be performed in any position from the stated springboard.

#### **PART F – ARTISTIC SWIMMING COMPETITION CONDITIONS**

*This Competition is currently in abeyance.*

- F1 These competitions shall be held annually, the events, dates and venues having been suggested by the Competitions Committee and approved by the Executive. All events for one year shall be held in the same calendar year.
- F2 General Championship Conditions A2 and A4 to A12 inclusive, with the words “Artistic Swimming Competitions” replacing the word “Championships” shall apply as far as is relevant.
- F3 All music for the routines shall be provided by the competitor recorded on standard cassettes. These must be clearly labelled with the competitor’s name and club and the event for which it is intended.

Competitors are entitled to hear the first few bars of their music just prior to their performance.

#### **PART G – WATER POLO COMPETITION CONDITIONS**

- G1 These conditions to be written as and when required.

#### **PART H – ASSOCIATION RECORDS (“COUNTY” RECORDS)**

- H1 For individual swimmers the following distances will be recognised for both Open/Male and Female and for both Open and Junior classes:-

|                   |     |      |      |      |      |       |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|-------|
| FREESTYLE         | 50m | 100m | 200m | 400m | 800m | 1500m |
| BACKSTROKE        | 50m | 100m | 200m |      |      |       |
| BREASTSTROKE      | 50m | 100m | 200m |      |      |       |
| BUTTERFLY         | 50m | 100m | 200m |      |      |       |
| INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY |     | 100m | 200m | 400m |      |       |

- H2 For club teams the following distances will be recognised for both Men and Ladies for Open classes only:-

- (a) 4 x 100m FREESTYLE RELAY
- (b) 4 x 100m MEDLEY RELAY
- (c) 4 x 200m FREESTYLE RELAY
- (d) 4 x 200m MEDLEY RELAY

- H3 Pool length must not be less than 25m. Distinction will be made between Long Course and

#### Short Course Records.

- H4 For a record set in competition, the time accepted shall be the official recorded time for the event concerned. The time may be a split time at an appropriate distance or may be time for the first leg of a relay event.
- H5 For record purposes, relevant officials must be registered and licensed in the roles they perform. The lists of all Counties and Regions are deemed to be approved. Approval of any other list will be at the Executive discretion.
- H6 A claimant for a record must be a bona-fide Swim England registered member of a club affiliated to the Association and must have been able to enter the event had the Derbyshire club been his or her only club or must have swum as a member of such multi-club team as could have selected the swimmer had the Derbyshire club been his or her only club.
- H7 No application is required for records where the time is registered on the British Swimming rankings database. For other records set elsewhere, applications must be made on the official form available from the Association Records Secretary.
- H8 All records require ratification of the Executive. Such ratification is not automatic but when it is withheld the reason must be recorded and notified to the claimant who has a right of appeal in accordance with Swim England Regulations.

#### **PART I – RELAY TROPHIES - TEAM SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- I1 The RELAY TROPHIES shall be competed for annually and the winning team awarded a trophy.
- I2 Laws C3 to C6 inclusive shall apply to these trophies.
- I3 Each team shall consist of two boys and two girls.
- I4 Members of the team may swim in any order.
- I5 Each member of the team shall swim 50 metres.
- I6 The trophies shall be named:
- (a) The KEN MILLER TROPHY
  - (b) The MELLOR CUP
  - (c) The Dr B MAY TROPHY
  - (d) The \*\*\*\*\* CUP
- I7 The trophies named in rule I6 (a) & (b) shall be competed for by competitors aged between 10 and 13 years old (inclusive).
- I8 The trophies named in rule I6 (c) & (d) shall be competed for by competitors aged 14 years old and over.
- I9 All age groups will be based on a competitor's age at the 31st December in the year of competition.
- I10 The trophies named in rule I6 (a) & (c) shall have all competitors swimming FREESTYLE.
- I11 The trophies named in rule I6 (b) & (d) shall have the competitors swimming BACKSTROKE, BREASTSTROKE, BUTTERFLY & FREESTYLE (Medley Relay order).
- I12 The RELAY TROPHIES ARE PERPETUAL TROPHIES.

#### **PART J – WRANGLER JEANS TROPHIES - INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*These Trophies are currently in abeyance.*

- J1 The WRANGLER JEANS, Victor Ludorum and Victrix Ludorum Trophies shall be awarded annually.

- J2 The trophies shall be awarded, one to a boy, one to a girl, who have not attained their seventeenth birthday on 31st December in the year of competition.
- J3 The trophies shall be awarded on the basis of the results of the Individual Events in the Association's Age Group Swimming Competitions and Swimming Championships.
- Individual swimming competitions held under Laws E1 to E3 may be treated as Championships for the purpose of this award if the Executive so determines and publishes.
- Events for distances greater than 400m shall not be included in the qualifying events for this award.
- J4 Swimmers shall be awarded points for final places (or equivalent under Laws B3 and B4) as follows:-
- First: 6          Second: 5          Third: 4          Fourth: 3          Fifth: 2          Sixth: 1*
- Tied places shall share points equally.
- J5 Points awarded to swimmers shall be added together and the highest scoring boy and girl shall be the winners of the trophies.
- In the event of two or more boys or girls having equal points, their points from Open events shall be doubled to determine the winner. In the event of two or more boys or girls still having equal points, their points from Junior events shall be doubled to determine the winner.
- In the event of two or more boys or girls still having equal points, the trophy shall be awarded jointly to the tied swimmers.
- J6 The WRANGLER JEAN TROPHIES ARE PERPETUAL TROPHIES.

**PART K – FIONA ENOCH TROPHY - INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*This Trophy is currently in abeyance.*

- K1 The FIONA ENOCH TROPHY shall be awarded annually.
- K2 The trophy shall be awarded to a female aged between 10 and 13 years old (inclusive) on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition.
- K3 The trophy shall be awarded on the basis of the results of the 100m Backstroke / Breaststroke / Butterfly and Freestyle and the 200m Individual Medley events in the Association's Individual Championships.
- K4 Swimmers shall be awarded points for final places as follows:-
- First: 6          Second: 5          Third: 4          Fourth: 3          Fifth: 2          Sixth: 1*
- Tied places shall share points equally.
- K5 Points awarded to swimmers shall be added together and the highest scoring girl shall be the winner of the trophy. In the event of two or more girls having equal highest points, the one having the most first places shall be the winner. In the event of this still resulting in a tie, the Trophy shall be awarded jointly to the tied swimmers.
- K6 The FIONA ENOCH TROPHY is a perpetual trophy.

**PART L – ANDREA PEGG TROPHY - INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*This Trophy is currently in abeyance.*

- L1 The rules for this trophy are as rules L1 to L6 inclusive, but reading "ANDREA PEGG" in place of "FIONA ENOCH" and "open/male" in place of "female".

## INTER-CLUB RELAY COMPETITION

**Note: This Competition is currently in abeyance**

### **RULES Revised 1998 (2000)**

1. The competition shall be held annually and the promoter shall be the County Competitions Secretary.
2. The competition shall be open to clubs holding full affiliation to Derbyshire ASA. Clubs holding Associate Member affiliation may not enter this competition. Each club may be represented by only one team *the members of which shall be ASA registered members of the club or have applied for registration in the name of the club.*
3. Events will be swum for five age groups based on age at 31st December of the year of the competition, namely:-

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 10 years and under) | NOTE: minimum age is |
| 12 years and under) | 9 years As per       |
| 14 years and under) | A.S.A. Law           |
| 16 years and under) |                      |
| Open                |                      |

4. The events in the competition will be as follows:-

Breast Stroke - Butterfly - Freestyle - Medley

Events 1 to 30 will have four team members and will be 4 x 2 lengths

Event 31 will be a Mixed Freestyle Cannon of ten members 10 x 2 lengths to be swum, in any order, by one boy and one girl from each age group of rule 3.

5. There is no limit to the number of events a swimmer may take part in, provided he or she is a qualified entrant in accordance with Competition Rules 2 and 3, above.
6. In each division, points will be awarded to clubs for each event, as follows:-

First: 6    Second: 5    Third: 4    Fourth: 3    Fifth: 2    Sixth: 1

These will be awarded even when less than six teams take part.

Tied places will share points, e.g. Tie for second place give (5 + 4) divided by 2 = 4. 1/2 each.

7. In each division points will be totalled and winning clubs announced for each age group and for the whole gala which will include the cannon. If two clubs tie for the overall title, the Cannon Relay points will count double. The winning team in the top division shall be entitled to hold the Dennis West Trophy and the winning team in the bottom division the George Fogg Trophy (subject to Derbyshire ASA Law A.11). If there is only one division it shall be considered to be the bottom division.
8. Each team must be accompanied by two managers who will be responsible for ensuring that their swimmers know what to do and that they are at their correct starting places before the end of the previous event. Team managers are also responsible for keeping order among their swimmers both in the pool and in the changing rooms.
9. The draw for lanes for each division will be made by the promoter and notified with the acceptance of entry.

10. In any circumstances whereby the number of entries exceeds the number to be accepted, clubs that competed in the previous year, other than the two lowest placed clubs in the competition from the previous year, have an automatic right to compete in the current year. In all cases unaccepted clubs shall be notified and their entry fees returned.
11. When more than six clubs are competing the competition may be staged in two or more divisions, the top division to be called Division 1, and so on down. Whenever possible all divisions will compete on the same date and in pools of the same length. Teams that did not compete in the previous year shall be placed in the lowest division.
12. The two lowest placed clubs in each division will be relegated to the next lowest division (where applicable) except for the two clubs in the lowest division, who will be replaced if entries exceed the number of places available. The two highest placed clubs will be similarly promoted to the next higher division. In the event of a tie for second highest and lowest placing. If this fails to resolve the tie, this shall be decided by the number of first places obtained, then second and so on.
13. The date(s), venue(s), entry fees and closing date for entries shall be determined by the promoter and endorsed by the Executive Committee. The promoter shall notify all clubs holding full affiliation of these details NOT LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS prior to the date of the first session of the competition.
14. Any matters not covered by these rules shall be at the discretion of the promoter.

### **DASA National County Teams Competition Selection Policy**

Selection for individual events will be made from British Swimming Short Course Rankings following the Swim England Summer National Championships or later event at the discretion of the Swimming Manager and if amended will be announced on the DASA website.

Long Course conversions will be taken into account.

The Team events will be selected from those swimmers selected for individual events, supplemented by swimmers not selected for individual events, based on 50m Ranking times.

The County Team Coach will, in conjunction with the DASA Swimming Manager, have authority to make changes, where necessary, to ensure the best team performance.