



# Gloucester County A.S.A. Competitions

(Under ASA Law & Technical Rules)



## **GCASA CHAMPIONSHIP & AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS CONDITIONS FOR SPEEDSWIMMING COMPETITIONS**

### **General**

- 1) All Competitions shall be staged annually under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules, at venues and dates agreed and published by the County Executive Committee.
- 2) Any question as to the proper interpretation, application of these rules and any matter relating to County Swimming Competitions not covered by these rules and not covered by ASA Law providing for Protest or Complaint and thus falling to the decision of the Promoter, shall be determined on its behalf by the Emergency Committee.
- 3) Officials shall be appointed in accordance with ASA Laws and requirements for the purpose of licensing and shall be selected by the Hon. Secretary for Swimming Officials.
- 4) All competitors shall be registered (category two) as per ASA Law by the closing date for entry.
- 5) Wherever possible the length of the course shall be 25 metres.
- 6) Any failure to comply with these conditions will result in entries being rejected.

### **Eligibility**

- 7) All competitions shall be open to competitors who are eligible under current ASA Laws and who are, on the closing date of entry, members of the ASA for the club they are to represent and:
  - a) Who have resided within the County (as defined in the County Constitution as published in the current ASA South West Region Handbook) for 3 continuous months immediately prior to the closing date of entry, or
  - b) Who have been born within the County (as defined above), or
  - c) Who are members of HM Forces, whose unit is affiliated under ASA Law and based within the County (as defined above) and whose name is on the books of that unit at the closing date of entry, or
  - d) Provided that they hold the longest unbroken membership of a club, affiliated to Gloucester County ASA for 60 days immediately prior to the closing date of entry.
  - e) The club shall be responsible for compliance with this condition and shall furnish evidence of this compliance, if requested.
- 8) All questions as to eligibility of a competitor shall be decided by the Emergency Committee, who shall in their absolute discretion, have the power to relax the residential qualification where they consider that there are sufficiently extenuating circumstances.
- 9) No swimmer, who shall have been a competitor in County Age Group or Championship events of another English county, in the year of competition, shall be eligible in that year.
- 10) A competitor may represent only one club in the same year of competition.
- 11) For clarification, a competitor is so regarded as soon as his/her entry has been received by the Meet Manager and shall cease to be a competitor only if the entry is rejected or withdrawn by written notice received by the Meet Manager, not less than 48 hours prior to the event.

### **Year of Competition**

- 12) The year of competition is 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March inclusive and age grouping shall be determined as age on 31<sup>st</sup> March in the year of the competition. (As an example, the competition year for 2008 runs from midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 to midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008).
- 13) All ages shall be those attained by the swimmer in the year of competition.
  - a) Swimmers may compete only in the age group for their own age including Team Events and not compete in any other age group.
  - b) No swimmer who shall not reach the age of 9yrs in the year of competition may compete in any event.
- 14) **Note:** Qualification for Regional Competitions now requires swimmers to achieve times in a licensed meet. Swimmers whose birth date falls between 31<sup>st</sup> March and the age qualifying date for the Regional Competitions, whose coach is of the opinion that the swimmer has a realistic chance of gaining the regional qualifying time, will be permitted to enter the GCASA Competitions for the purpose of achieving Regional qualification. They will not be eligible for any award.

### Entries & Seeding

- 15) Swimmers must enter on the prescribed form, which shall be returned along with the entry disk by the swimmer's club. Entries are to be transferred by the club to a prepared disk provided by the County.
  - a) If all the information required is not given or is found to be materially incorrect and is not corrected by the club closing date, the entry shall be void and the entry fee forfeited.
  - b) It will be the clubs responsibility to ensure accuracy of all information provided.
- 16) Entry fees for all events shall be set by the County Executive Committee. Disk, entry forms, and correct fees must reach the Meet Manager by the club closing date or your club/swimmer(s) **will be rejected**.
- 17) Cards will be issued for the control of entries. Cards must be posted in the box provided and by the time indicated on the card for each session, failure to do so will result in the competitor losing their right to swim.
- 18) For individual events, competitors will be accepted providing their entry time is within the relevant Qualifying Time. Qualifying Times shall be published with the Entry Conditions.
- 19) The stations of the competitors (seeded in time order i.e. slowest to fastest) shall be as follows:
  - a) In Championship Events, spearheaded on the basis of times achieved in the Age Group Event.
  - b) In Age Group Events with a single age group, spearheaded in the fastest heat.
  - c) In Age Group Events with multi age groups, cyclically seeded in the last 3 heats, provided there are 5 or more heats as published in the programme.
    - i) Note: This will not apply for events: Girls 11/Under or the Boys 12/Under.
  - d) In Team events, heats shall be random and by spearheading in finals.
- 20) All competitors will have their ASA Membership checked. A competitor who is not a member (category two) or whose membership is found to have been lapsed will automatically be rejected.

### Age-group Events

- 21) In all Age-group Events, event placing, event and category awards for each age group shall be declared on heat times (adjusted as necessary to accord with the heat placing) and there shall be no separate Age-group final.
- 22) Events, apart from those that are 800m or over, shall be swum separately for age groups 9 to 12yrs Boys, 9 to 11yrs Girls (Note: This does not apply for events: Girls 11/Under or the Boys 12/Under) and collectively for Boys aged 13/Over and Girls aged 12/Over.
- 23) Events 800m and over shall be swum in age groups 12/Over for boys, 11/Over for girls and as a separate competition i.e. These events will not be included in the BAGCAT schedule.
- 24) Ages for Individual Events shall be:

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| Girls 9/Over  | Boys 9/Over  | 50m All Events, 100m IM & 200m All Events |
| Girls 10/Over | Boys 10/Over | 400m All Events                           |
| Girls 11/Over | Boys 12/Over | 100m All Events, 800m & 1500m Free        |

### Championship Events

- 25) For distances of 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m for Boys 13/Over and for Girls 12/Over a Championship shall be held.
  - a) Times achieved may not rank as Age-group Best Times and will not affect age-group placing or awards earlier determined.
- 26) Swimmers shall be selected for the Championship Event at the completion of the relevant Age-group heats, on the basis of 8 swimmers and 4 reserves. Any of these 12 swimmers unable to compete, must give notice of this to the Meet Manager within 10 minutes of the announcement of Championship allocation, whereupon the event will be reprocessed to include the reserve swimmer(s).

### County Senior and Junior Champions

- 27) A Junior Competitor shall be one who will not have reached the age of 16 years by 31<sup>st</sup> March in the year of competition.
- 28) Where there is a separate Championship Event, the winner will be the County Champion, the senior and Junior Champion, will be the highest placed senior and junior.
  - a) Where there is no qualifying junior/Senior in a Championship Event, the Junior/Senior Champion will be the eligible swimmer returning the fastest time in the relevant Age-group Event.
- 29) Where there is not a separate Championship Event, e.g. 800/1500m Free, the County, Senior and Junior Champion, will be the eligible swimmers returning the fastest time in the relevant Age-group event.
- 30) The County Champion will be selected from the age groups, i.e. 13/Over boys and 12/Over girls, the Senior Champion will be selected from the age group 16/Over and the Junior Champion will be selected from the age groups, i.e. 13 to 15yrs boys and 12 to 15yrs girls.

## **Team Events**

- 31) There will be an Interclub Team Events Age-group Competition, organised in heats and finals. In heats, each club may enter more than one team. The number of heats for each Team Event shall be a maximum of 4 and additional teams will be accepted to fill this number of heats after precedence has been given to first teams; likewise with further addition, precedence is given to second over third. Where the number of additional teams exceeds the spaces available to them, entry selection shall be by lot.
- 32) Events shall be swum as per programme i.e. there will be no straight finals.
- 33) In finals, the 8 fastest clubs, based upon times achieved in the heats, shall compete. (Clubs may only be represented by one team in any final)
- 34) Teams shall consist of 4 eligible swimmers from the club, each of whom shall swim the designated distance. The name, order of swim and date of birth for each swimmer shall be recorded on the event registration form by each club, which shall be handed in before the event. Any change shall be notified to the Meet Manager 20 minutes before the race commences.
  - a) Swimmers from any team disqualified in a heat are not eligible to swim in a final.
  - b) Any first leg swimmer wishing to use their time for ranking, qualification or record purposes, must inform the Referee and Meet Manager 15 minutes before the event.
- 35) All other relevant conditions for Team Events are the same as for Individual Events.
- 36) In addition to Age-group Team Events there will be Men's and Women's Team Championship Event. For these Events a club may only enter one team per event.
- 37) Age Groups for Team Events shall be:  
Boys & Girls – 4x50 Freestyle Team and 4x50 Medley Team  
9/10yrs, 11/12yrs, 13/14yrs & 15/16yrs.  
Mixed (2 Female & 2 Male) – 4x50 Freestyle Team and 4x50 Medley Team  
17/Over.  
Championship/Men & Women – 4x100 Freestyle Team and 4x100 Medley Team  
Open.

## **Awards**

- 38) An award shall be made to swimmers competing in a Championship Event. These awards shall be Championship – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Championship Finalist. An Award shall also be made to the County, Senior and Junior Champion.
- 39) An award shall be made to competitors who swum in the Team Championship Finals. These awards shall be Team Championship – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Team Championship Finalist.
- 40) An award shall be made to competitors who are placed in the first 3 places in all Age-group Individual Events.
  - a) In addition awards shall be made in Individual Events to competitors placed 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, in the BAGCAT age groups, 9 to 13yrs girls and 9 to 14yrs boys.
  - b) Age-groups shall be: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18/Over.
- 41) An award shall be made to competitors who swum in the Age-group Team Finals. These awards shall be Age-group Team – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Age-group Team Finalist.
- 42) To gain an award, where applicable a swimmer must achieve the relevant Qualifying Time.
- 43) The winner of any perpetual trophy that may be awarded for an event shall provide satisfactory security to the Trophy Controller. While the winner holds such trophy, its safekeeping shall be the sole responsibility of that winner.
  - a) Any such trophy shall be returned clean and in good condition immediately upon request from the Trophy Controller.
- 44) BAGCAT Awards: up to 8 awards per age group, male/female.
  - a) To gain a BAGCAT award, a competitor must compete successfully in all sections of the award schedule. See attached sheet.
- 45) Stroke Category Awards: up to 3 awards per stroke, male/female. These awards will be Back, Breast, Fly, Free and IM.
  - a) To gain a Stroke award, a competitor must compete successfully in all sections of the award schedule. See attached sheet.
- 46) Any swimmer or team who do not present them self, or arrange for a substitute, to receive an award during the presentations, will lose that award.