
MEET CONDITIONS – ASA CHAMPIONSHIPS (50m), 4th – 9th August 2015

1. General Conditions

- a) The ASA Swimming Management Group (“the Group”) reserves full powers over the ASA Championships (50m).
- b) The Competition shall be held under ASA Laws and Regulations and FINA Technical Rules of Swimming.
- c) Entries will be by invitation. They will only be accepted from competitors registered as members of a Home Nation Club, (‘British Competitors’) or from one of the countries affiliated to FINA. Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for age verification to the National Entries Administrator, (‘The Administrator’) or other authorised person, not later than 15:00 hours on the day before the Competition begins.
- d) A competitor must be a registered member, or equivalent, of the club in whose name he is entered, at the date of making the initial entry. This club must be offered by the online entry system for Home Nation Swimmers. Swimmers may enter in the name of one club only.
- e) Competitors entered from Countries affiliated to FINA shall be defined as ‘Foreign Competitors’
- f) Individuals forming the teams must be registered members of the club for which they are competing. 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) Ages at midnight on the 31st December 2015.

2. The Events

- a) Individual events:
50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (Female) and 1500m Freestyle (Male),
50m, 100m & 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
200m & 400m Individual Medley
- b) Team events:
4x100m & 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley

3. Entries

- a) Accepted Invitations shall be received by the Administrator no later than the ‘closing date’ i.e. 12 noon on Tuesday 14th July 2015, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, (Individual £10.50, Team £21).
- b) The fastest swimmers, in an individual event, will be invited to compete in the British Summer Championships. The next fastest swimmers, in an individual event, (20 in all events except the 800m & 1500m Freestyle which will be 15) with an ASA affiliated club as their Ranked Club, or who have indicated that they wish to swim in the English Championships, will be invited to compete in the ASA Championships 2015. (Age Groups: 12/13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16/17 years & 18+)
- c) A swimmer who has been invited to compete in the British Summer Championships 2015 may not swim that event at the ASA Championships 2015.
- d) Only times achieved in a 50m pool are accepted for entry, no converted times will be accepted.

- e) All individual times from Home Nation Competitors must be recorded in the British Swimming Rankings from Swimming Competitions designated or licensed for entry into National competitions in the period 13th March to 31st May 2015 and certain designated ASA Regional Championships in June 2015. Invitations will be based on the time recorded at the date of invitation.
- f) Competitors from other countries affiliated to FINA must have achieved the minimum times published in the Qualifying Times Document for such competitors. These competitors must submit times that are recorded in the Long Course FINA Rankings or Long Course Swim News rankings; or in official meet results from a National Governing Body sanctioned competition in a 50m pool and be achieved in the stated period in 3(e). These swimmers will not be considered to be in those invited and will be in addition to the stated entry numbers.
- g) Split Times, either intermediate distance or first leg of a relay race are not acceptable for entry.

4. 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 Championships (or equivalent Scottish or Welsh competitions).
- b) The fastest teams in each event will be invited to compete in the British Summer Championships 2015 irrespective of English Region, Scotland or Wales. (Age Groups: 14-16 years & 17+ years)
- c) The next fastest 20 teams, from an ASA affiliated Club, will be invited to compete in the ASA Championships 2015.
- d) Clubs must confirm their invitation to compete. Failure to do so may result in their invitation being withdrawn.
- e) 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. Administration

- a) Coaches will be required to obtain an Accreditation Pass from the National Events Office in advance of the closing date.
- b) Competitors Accreditation will be issued to Coaches on the afternoon before the event commences, on production of a Coaches Accreditation Pass.
- c) Admission to the pool will only be allowed with a valid accreditation.
- d) A charge will be levied for lost, mislaid or forgotten passes.
- e) Day passes will be issued to all competitors in teams who are not entered into individual events, who do not notify additional swimmers on the form that will be sent to all clubs with a team entered into the Meet.

6. Meet Procedure

- a) All events shall have heats and Finals, with the exception of the Men's 1500m & Women's 800m Freestyle which shall swim the Fastest Heat in the appropriate Finals Session.
- b) Heats – Heats shall be seeded in accordance with FINA rules.
- c) The following age groups will have a Final:- 12/13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16/17years and 18+years.
- d) The fastest ten competitors from the heats will be allocated a place in the Final plus two reserves.
- e) Only two 'Foreign Competitors' may progress to the Final.

- f) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure.

7. Withdrawal from Heats

- a) Withdrawals must be made by the end of the Team Leader Meeting for day 1 swims, and by 12 noon on the day before for all subsequent days.

8. Withdrawal from Finals

- a) Finalists and reserves, not wishing to swim, shall notify the Chief Recorder of their intention to withdraw no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last individual event in the Session in which they have qualified for the next round. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.
- b) Reserves will be released 1 hour prior to the start of the finals session.
- c) Where a reserve is brought in at short notice, the event will not be reseeded.

9. Call Room

- a) Swimmers must report to the competition stewards in the call room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is your responsibility to report in good time for your event.
- b) Finalists are required to report to the Call Room in sufficient time and be available to parade for their event. They must enter the Call Room 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in its confines until lead onto the pool deck for their race. Upon entry, the athlete must ensure that they report to a Steward and be registered as being present in the Call Room.
- c) Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the call room area during the finals at anytime.

10. Medals

- a) Medals shall be awarded to the first, second and third placed invited Home Nation Competitors in each final.

Commemorative Medals will be awarded to Foreign Competitors placed first, second or third in Individual Events.

11. Doping Control

- a) Competitors taking part in the Meet may be subject to random doping control
- b) Competitors are required to bring and have with them at all times either a passport or other form of identity incorporating their photograph.

12. Team Leader Meeting

- a) It is a requirement for a representative from all clubs with swimmers entered in this Meet to attend the Team Leader Meeting which will take place on the evening of 3rd August 2015. The time and location will be notified in the competitor confirmation pack

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