



Swim Wales Short Course Championships (25m) 2014

Multi Classification inclusive

Official event web page:

<http://www.swimwales.org/events/swim-wales-short-course-open-championships-2014.aspx?date=2014-12-19>

Licence No: 014SWNS-005

General Conditions

- (a) Swim Wales reserves full control over all Swim Wales National competition.
- (b) The 2014 meet shall be held on 19th – 22nd December at Wales National Pool, Swansea, SA2 8 QG
- (c) The meet will be run under the Swim Wales general meet conditions, Technical Rules of FINA and any additional conditions published in the Meet Information.
- (d) Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim Wales, ASA or SASA, or competitors from one of the countries affiliated to FINA.
- (e) Entries will initially open for one week to Welsh registered swimmers only on **Monday 20th October @ 7am** and then will convert to open entry on **Monday 27th October @7am**.
- (f) A second round entry maybe opened after the initial closing date
- (g) Ages as at the last day of the meet (22/12/2014)
- (h) Entries will close at **12 noon on Wednesday 26th November 2014**.
- (i) The heat session maybe split into an A & B session once entry has closed, with an additional warm up added where required.
- (j) Any 'swim off' events swum during the meet will only be used to establish a swimmers position and the times will not be submitted to British Swimming rankings.

The events

(a) Age Groups: Individual

Male/Female Age Groups: 14 years and under, 15/16 years, 17 years & over

Multi classification: Female: 10 years & over, Male: 11 years & over (S2-S14)

Age Groups: Relays

Male/Female Age Groups: 14 years & under, 15/16 years, 17 years & under

- (b) Two heats per individual AB event, per age band will be closed to Welsh Registered swimmers only
- (c) Individual AB events there will be heats and finals. For 400m, 800m & 1500m individual AB events the fastest heat of each age group will be swum in the finals.
- (d) All Relays will be Heat Declared Winners and will be swum in the finals.
- (e) All individual heats will be seeded by time and not age groups.
- (f) Multi classification events will be seeded slow to fast regardless of classification
- (g) Finals will be swum for multi-classification events unless there are less than 4 competitors in the final, where the heat will then become Heat Declared Winner based on British Disability points

Entries

- (a) Entries shall be received by the National Entries Administrator by the relevant closing date accompanied by the relevant entry fee. (Individual £9.00 Relays £17).
- (b) A second round entry system may be opened after the initial closing date. Swim Wales reserves the right to accept entries outside the meet qualifying time but those entries will be marked as an exhibition swimmer. An exhibition swimmer will not qualify to progress to a final or gain a medal position.
- (c) Entry will be by means of an online system. Cheques/BACS payments will not be accepted for payment. Payment must be made for all entries at the time of entry via the online system. Entry will be on a first come first serve basis with heat events being restricted. Entry for each event will close as soon as the allocated numbers of heats are full. Please see 'event schedule' for heat allocation.
- (d) Entries from overseas competitors will be accepted using the 'overseas entry' form on the event webpage
- (e) All competitors must have equalled or bettered the entry qualifying time in an event designated or licensed by Swim Wales, ASA or SASA for entry into National Competition or, foreign competitors, approved by their Federation. Times must have been achieved since 19th December 2013. Entry to the 100m IM will be accepted from swimmers holding a valid 200IM qualifying time.
- (f) The most current rankings qualifying time will be used for entry regardless if it is short course or long course

- (g) The National Entries Administrator may request validation of any stated entry time at any time.
- (h) The only split time that will be accepted for entry is one recorded on the first leg of a 4x100m or 4x200m Team event.
- (i) All entries into Relay events will be seeded randomly and do not require a time at point of entry.

Administration

- (a) Coaches will be required to obtain an accreditation pass in advance of the closing date for entries, unless they hold a Swim Wales Annual Coaches pass. Application forms for accreditation are available from the event webpage.
- (b) Coach's accreditation will be issued on arrival at the competition venue. Please bring photographic ID for collection purposes. No passes will be issued during the meet.
- (c) Chaperone passes can be applied for free of charge for swimmers S2-S4 & S11
- (d) All competing clubs will have an information box located at the Information Desk in the front reception area. This will be used for communication purposes during the meet

Relay Declarations

- (a) Clubs must complete a relay declaration form, which must be handed to the Information Desk at least 60 minutes before the advertised start of the session in which the relevant team event takes place. Teams not complying with this instruction will lose their right to compete. Where a club has more than one team in an event, a swimmer who has been declared for one team may not compete for another team in the same event.

Withdrawal from heats

- (a) Swim Wales no longer require withdrawal notification from heats. Lanes will be swum empty where a competitor is not present.
- (b) Competitors who have entered into any long distances events (400m, 800m & 1500m) being held in the heat sessions **must** sign in at the Information desk located in the front reception. Long distances sign in will close 10 minutes after the start of the warm up for the session the event is to be swum in.

Finals

- (a) Finals will be swum as age groups (14 years and under, 15/16 years , 17 years & over)
- (b) 8 swimmers and 2 reserves will be declared for each final less than 400m.
- (c) Individual finalists and reserve finalists shall declare to the Chief Recorder situated beneath the scoreboard, within 15 minutes of the last individual event in the heat session, if they intend to withdraw from a final. The withdrawal should be made on the official withdrawal form.
- (d) Competitors withdrawing on medical grounds after the expiry of the imposed deadline shall have their withdrawal endorsed by the Event Manager or such person as he/she shall nominate.
- (e) An individual competitor shall be fined the sum of £50 if they fail to notify the Chief Recorder of a withdrawal within the stipulated time.
- (f) Where a reserve is brought in at short notice, the reserve shall occupy the vacant lane and there will be no amendments made to the allocation of lanes.

Marshalling

- (a) **Heats:** Swimmers **must** report to poolside marshalling located adjacent to the changing village entrance. Swimmers should follow the directions given by the Steward. It is the swimmers responsibility to report in good time.
- (b) **Finals:** All Finalists, including events 400m and above and all reserves must report to the Call Room 10 minutes prior to the advertised start time for their final. They shall remain in the Call Room until taken to the poolside for their race. Swimmers who do not report or arrive late to the Call Room shall be deemed as a withdrawal in breach of conditions and any reserve swimmer will be placed in the vacant lane.
- (c) Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the Call Room, during the finals, at any time.

Trophies & Medals

- (a) Welsh Short Course champion medals will be presented to the fastest Welsh swimmer in each final and highest point scoring Welsh swimmer in multi classification events.
- (b) Medals will be awarded to the swimmers placed first, second and third in all events.
- (c) Multi-classification events will be awarded 1st – 3rd place calculated on British Disability points.

Doping Control

- (a) Competitors taking part in the competition may be subject to random doping control.

Spectator Fees

- (a) Session, day and weekend tickets will be available for spectators. Tickets will be limited based on available seating areas. Pre-event tickets will go on sale via the event website.
Ticket prices: £7 per day
£21 weekend pass (only sold on the first day of the meet)
- (b) Concessionary rates are available for disability, students and senior citizens if supported with valid documentation.

Photography

- (a) During the competition professional photography, video or the media appointed by Swim Wales maybe present. Any photographs taken maybe published.
- (b) When the competition involves young persons under the age of 18 years all types of photographic/videoing equipment (including a mobile phone with image capturing facility) should be registered on arrival. Photographic bands should be visible when using any equipment.