## WARWICKSHIRE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019. PROMOTER'S CONDITIONS.

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In addition to the document *General Conditions for Championships (issued 02-07-2018)*, which can be found on the Association's website; the following will apply:-

- 1. The Championships will be held under ASA Laws incorporating FINA Swimming Rules.
- 2. The Championships will take place at Coventry Sports Centre 50m pool, as follows:-
- 3. Morning & afternoon heats, each to include finals for a 50m event; to be followed by a late afternoon main finals session for 100m & 200m events; on each of: Saturday/Sunday 26/27 January, & Saturday/Sunday 9/10 February 2019. Morning sessions will start at 9:00, the start time of afternoon sessions, and late afternoon finals; will be confirmed after all entries have been processed.
- 4. Age groups for individual events will be: 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & Over.
- 5. Relay events will be: 4 x 50m Medley + 4 x 50m Freestyle for age groups 10/12 & 13/15; and 4 x 200m Freestyle + 4 x 100m Freestyle + 4 x 100m Medley for the Open age group.
- 6. For <u>all</u> entries, both individual and relays; age will be as at <u>31 December 2019</u>.
- 7. A full programme of all 32 recognised long course events is offered, conforming to both 'essential' and 'desirable' elements of the revised domestic competition structure detailed within the 2014 British Swimming protocol 'Swimming Pathway Implementation'.
- 8. Entry Conditions:
  - a. The qualification period for <u>all</u> individual entries runs from 01 March 2018, until the closing date of midnight Friday 28 December 2018.
  - b. To enter these Championships all competitors must be visible online via the *SportsSystems Entry Manager (V2)* program, which must be used for all able-bodied entries aged 10/Over; and for all team relays. (Clubs may optimally submit relay entry times for seeding purposes). Entry to individual events will be based on the necessary 25m S.C. Qualifying Time having been achieved in licensed competition (all levels are acceptable); within the stated qualification period. Competitor detail and entry times will be checked against GB Rankings, with the then best current time, (converted from L.C. where necessary); being downloaded automatically and used for event seeding purposes. All competitors must be Cat-2 registered.
  - c. Those able-bodied aged 25 & over may enter in accordance with 8b above, or without the need to having achieved the relevant 16/Over qualifying standard; in which case they would not then be eligible to become 'County Champion'. If for any reason they don't have a time visible on GB Rankings, then evidence of the stroke/distance entered having been undertaken within the stipulated qualifying window, must be submitted on the supplementary entry forms provided; along with a printout of the official meet results. Without exception all such entries must include the competitor's date of birth, along with their British Swimming / Swim England registration number.
  - d. Wherever possible *Entry Manager* should also be used for Para-Swimming entries. Please also refer to the separate appendix at the end of this document.
- 9. License numbers are:-1WM-190008 (for 26/27 January) & 1WM-190009 (for 9/10 February).
- 10. Entry to these Championships will be via a Club Administrator who will be responsible for communicating all information to and from swimmers including:-a) Checking and validating the swimmer's entries and fees, b) Entering swimmer's details into the *SportSystems Entry Manager V-2* programme (requires a PC running Windows<sup>™</sup> operating system, version XP or later), c) Returning the entry files, summary form and payment to the Championship Administrator, d) Checking the processed entries list on the Warwickshire ASA website. Current best times will be retrieved automatically from GB Rankings and converted to SC equivalents where appropriate. An email will be sent to clubs when the web entry list is updated; any queries will need to be reported back to the Championship Administrator immediately. Other than for entries as defined under clause 8-c, the Promoter will not accept any paper/manual entries.

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- 11. All entries are subject to clause-12 below; accept/reject lists will then be published as soon as possible following the entry closing date. Once accepted by the Promoter, subsequent withdrawal for any reason will result in forfeiture of the entry fee.
- 12. If entries to an event are exceptionally high, the slowest competitors may, at the Promoter's discretion; have to be rejected. Should this become necessary, all reasonable steps will be taken to apply rejections fairly across the various age groups. Should this apply to the 1500m-FS (3 heats maximum) & 800m-FS (5 heats maximum); then equal consideration will be given to both male and female competitors.
- 13. These Championships will be run 'card-less', requiring the competitor to withdraw if they do not intend to swim. Withdrawal before the day will be via email, to a web link provided at www.warwickshireswimming.org.uk ('Championships' page). If for any unforeseen reason an e-mail acknowledgement is not received, notice of the withdrawal should also be made to the Recorders, (along with any other late withdrawals from that club), up to 1 hour before the earliest published morning/afternoon session start times; on the forms provided at the changing room entrance from the pool deck. Failure to comply with this withdrawal process may result in swimmer(s) being excluded from all events entered over that weekend; along with forfeiture of entry fee(s). Failure to notify the Recorders of withdrawal from a final will, without exception; result in a £10 fine. Fines must be paid before he/she competes again in these Championships. In the event that a swimmer does not pay the fine; the club in whose name the swimmer entered the competition shall become liable for payment.
- 14. Event structure will be as follows:
  - a. For all events with the exception of 800m-FS & 1500m-FS, separate male & female events to include, where relevant; para-swimmers competing alongside those able-bodied.
  - b. All events are open to swimmers 10yrs & over at 31 December 2019, with the following exceptions:
    - i. 1500m-FS, 800m-FS, & 400-IM:-Minimum age 12yrs.
    - ii. Para-Swimmers, Minimum age 11yrs for all events.
- 15. Heats for all individual events at 50m & 100m will run as a single Open age event. Heats for all individual events at 200m, also 400m-FS HDW, will be split and then run concurrently as 2 separate events for 10/13 & 14/Over age groups. (Please refer to the separate '*Program of Events*' document for detail). HDW individual events at 400m-IM, 800m-FS, & 1500m-FS will run as Open age events. In addition 800m & 1500m-FS will run as mixed sex events.
- 16. Finals will fully conform with the 'Swimming Pathway Implementation' age group structure; and will run as follows:
  - a. All 50m individual events: Separate for 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/Over; these will run in the same morning/afternoon session as the heats. 48 finals total. Age Group Medals to 1-2-3 in each final\*.
  - b. All 100m individual events: Separate for 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/Over; these will run in the late afternoon main finals session. 48 finals total. Age Group Medals to 1-2-3 in each final\*.
  - c. All 200m individual events: Separate for age groups 10/13, 14/Over; these will run in the late afternoon main finals session. 20 finals total. Championship Medals to 1-2-3 in each final\*.
- 17. 'Championships' for individual events will be decided as follows:
  - a. In all events having finals, the 3 fastest times overall achieved in the series of finals as detailed at 15a/15b/15c above; will decide the Open Championship result. Presentation of a perpetual trophy and Championship Medals to 1-2-3 in each final\*.
  - b. In all events having finals for which the County has a trophy allocation (currently 10), the fastest time achieved by a swimmer 15/Under (As at 31 December 2019) in the series of finals detailed at 15a/15b/15c above; will decide the Junior Champion result. (Should the 15/Under age group not be represented in either of the 200m finals for that event; then the Junior Champion shall be decided on the HDW basis). Presentation of a perpetual trophy.

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- c. For all HDW events, and all relays, the 3 fastest times overall will decide the Open Championship result. Presentation of a perpetual trophy (excluding some relays) and Championship or Age Group Medals as appropriate; to 1-2-3\*.
- d. Winners of 10/13 age group 200m finals for which the County has a trophy allocation (currently 3), will decide the Age Group 200m Champion. Presentation of a perpetual trophy.

\*N.B. Championship Medals and Age Group Medals will not be presented for the same swim.\*

- 18. Provisional lists of all finalists (8+2 reserves) will be posted in the entrance to changing rooms, and repeatedly announced; as soon as possible after the heats conclude. It is then the responsibility of all listed swimmers (8+2 reserves) to notify the Recorders, <u>only if they wish to withdraw;</u> and to do so within 30 minutes of this posting/announcement. <u>If a swimmer does not withdraw the assumption will be that they will swim the final; (or be available to be called as a reserve).</u> In the event that more than 2 finalists subsequently withdraw; then no additional reserves will be called.
- 19. Competitors in all individual events will be seeded in accordance with their entry time, with all heats being run 'slowest first'. All heats and all finals will be spearhead seeded.
- 20. All relays will be decided on the HDW basis, each team consisting of 4 swimmers. Nomination of team members, and their order of swimming, must be made a minimum 30 minutes before the start of each session; on the forms provided.
- 21. 'Over-The-Top' & 'Side-by-Side' starts may be used throughout the Championships, other than for 50m events and all finals. When 'Over-The-Top' or 'Side-by-Side' starts are in use, and with reference to FINA rule SW 10-14 which states that swimmers who have finished their race or relay leg 'must leave the water as soon as possible'; the Promoter requests that in the interest of safety and the efficient running of the Championships swimmers remain in the water until the following heat is underway or until otherwise released by an authorised official.
- 22. Timing of Presentations will be at the Promoter's discretion and dependant on session running times; but in principle all presentations will be made as soon as practical after the event finishes.
- 23. Full details of all presentations and awards will be included in the published daily competition programmes.
- 24. Responsibility for the behaviour of all competitors, whether on the pool deck or elsewhere within Coventry Sports Centre; lies with the club in whose name their competition entry has been made.
- 25. The *Promoter* wishes to remind everybody attending these Championships <u>that all forms of photography</u> within Coventry Sports Centre are prohibited by order of Coventry Sports Trust; unless an appropriate permit has been issued by prior application. With this in mind participating clubs will be expected to monitor and restrict the use of mobile phones & tablets on the pool deck.
- 26. In line with current Child Protection recommendations, Warwickshire ASA request that all clubs participating in these Championships provide names and current valid DBS or CRB numbers, which have been verified by the club's Welfare Officer; for all Team Managers Coaches Chaperones poolside helpers etc. Poolside passes will then be issued to the named club member, and these will need to be worn at all times in order to gain access to the poolside and/or changing rooms. Clubs may request as many Poolside Passes as they wish, but will not be charged for more than 4.
- 27. Entry fees: Individual event £5.50, Team Relay £15.00 (Unchanged); Poolside pass £20.00 (Unchanged) to cover all 4 competition days. There will be no charge for entry to the Spectator's gallery throughout the Championships.
- 28. A competitor may represent 1 club only, throughout these Championships.
- 29. Electronic entry files must be sent via email to the Championship Administrator, and received by the closing date, <u>Midnight Friday 28 December 2018</u>, after which the Promoter will not accept any 'Improved Entry Times'; nor will pool side entries be accepted during the competition.
- 30. We expect the 2020 Championships will be promoted at the new 8-lane 50m facility presently under construction at the *Alan Higgs Centre, Allard Way, Coventry, CV3 1HW*; this to be confirmed in due course. The following dates should meantime be provisionally noted:-Saturdays/Sundays 25/26 January & 8/9 February 2020.

## WARWICKSHIRE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019. PARA-SWIMMING CONDITIONS.

This document is based on 'Guidelines for Home Nations hosting National, Regional, District, and County level competitions in 2015/2016'; issued by BS/ASA (now Swim England) in October 2015.

Warwickshire ASA welcomes individual entries from Para-Swimmers in possession of an authorised IPC Swimming, British Swimming, INAS-FID or British Blind Sport classification; which is held on the British Swimming or IPC Swimming classification database at the time of entry. Swimmers should note that the rules of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) will take precedence over those of FINA; where they differ. A British Swimming National Disability Swimming Official will be appointed for each competition session as appropriate. Swimmers must be registered with a club affiliated to Warwickshire ASA; which shall be their 'fee-paying' club. Further:-

- a. Age group will be 11 & over for all classifications, based on age as at 31 December 2019.
- b. Swimmers who, at the time of entry only have a UKSA classification, will swim as Able-Bodied; 'INAS-FID pending is not acceptable'.
- c. Swimmers may enter as either Para-Swimmers or Able-Bodied; but may not enter under both categories.
- d. Swimmers will in all cases compete alongside the able-bodied, with results based on HDW. Medals shall be awarded on a multi-classification basis to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors based on the British Disability Points system. If less than four swimmers participate in any event then a minus one ruling shall apply. If only one swimmer participates in any event, then the swimmer shall be awarded a medal providing he/she improves upon their entry time.
- e. Personal care attendants will only be permitted, in accordance with IPC guidelines, for swimmers in the following classes: S1, S2, S3, & S11. A swimmer in these classifications may have both a Coach and a Personal Care Attendant poolside.
- f. Available Events, Male & Female:
  - i. 50m: Free S1 > S14, Back S1 > S5, Breast SB1 > SB3; Fly S2 > S7.
  - ii. 100m: Free S1 > S14, Back S1 > S2 & S6 > S14, Breast SB4 > SB9 & SB11 > SB14; Fly S8 > S14.
  - iii. 200m: Free S1 > S5, & S14; Individual Medley SM5 > SM14.
  - iv. 400m: Free S6 > S14.

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