

North Midlands Water Polo & Swimming Association

2015 Swimming Championships Conditions

1. Introduction

The North Midlands W.P. & S.A. Swimming Championships shall be competed for annually on dates decided by the Association Committee and held in accordance with the Rules of the Association, ASA laws and ASA technical rules.

The organisation of the championships shall be managed by the association with powers delegated to the championship secretary.

The entry fees will be set annually by the association committee'

Bona fide coaches and team managers requiring access to the poolside must be in possession of a pass issued by the North Midlands Association.

Coaches pass fee is £15.00 each and covers entry to all sessions together with programme and results. Maximum 4 passes per club per session.

It is mandatory that all coaches comply with the relevant ASA child protection procedures and have an up to date DBS certificate.

Any question or dispute arising from these conditions or disputes related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall be determined by the championship secretary and may be referred to the association committee at a later date.

2. 2015 Association Championships

The championships will be held.

Saturday 3 rd October 2015	Macclesfield Leisure Centre	Licence No. TBA
Sunday 4 th October 2015	Macclesfield Leisure Centre	Licence No. TBA
Saturday 17 th October 2015	Macclesfield Leisure Centre	Licence No. TBA
Sunday 18 th October 2015	Macclesfield Leisure Centre	Licence No. TBA

The closing date for entries will be Friday 11th September 2015. No late entries will be accepted.

Age will be as at the 18th October 2015.

Entry fees shall be. Individual entries made via Sportsystems entry manager @ £4.50 per event, otherwise @ £5.50 per event for paper entries.

Cheques should be made payable North Midlands Water Polo & Swimming Association.

3. Eligibility for entry

The championships shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by the ASA who are members of clubs affiliated to North Midlands WP & SA.

A swimmer must have been a member of the club in whose name he is entered, and registered as such with the ASA on and from 1st September 2015.

Awards will be presented for male and female in age categories 9, 10, 11, and 12. There will also be an award for overall top club.

4. Disability competitors

The general conditions for the association championships shall apply to disability competitors except where varied by any of the following conditions.

Swimmers with a disability shall swim under IPC rules.

All competitors must

Hold a valid British Swimming Functional Ability Card (FAC) or Certificate of Swimming Disability at the time of entry.

The FAC or Certificate of Swimming Disability must be presented to the referee before the start of the race in which the competitor is entered. Failure to do so will result in the swimmer being liable to disqualification for non-compliance with the rules for a particular stroke.

Qualifying times for disability swimmers are not required. However, entry times shall be submitted for the purpose of seeding heats.

Personal care attendants / coaches.

Personal care attendants will only be permitted for swimmers in the following classes. S1, S2, S3, S4, S5 & S11

A swimmer in any of these classes may have both a coach and a personal care attendant present. No charge will be applied for personal care attendants.

All coaches, chaperones and personal care attendants must conform to the ASA child protection procedures and hold a current DBS certificate.

The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able bodied programme i.e. there will be no separate events for swimmers with disabilities.

All swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to their entry times.

Disability competitors will be included within the results for their age group.

North Midlands will endeavour to provide an official who holds either an IPC qualification or an ASA Disability Official to act as the Disability Competition Liaison in each of the sessions where disability athletes are entered.

5. The events

Individual events shall be.

Freestyle 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (female only), 1500m (male only)

Backstroke 50m, 100m, 200m

Butterfly 50m, 100m, 200m

Breaststroke 50m, 100m, 200m

Individual Medley 100m (9-11yrs only), 200m, 400m

All events are swum HDW (Heat declared winner) events.

Individual 'Skins events will be held in conjunction with the championships. Entry to the skins events is by invitation only and selected from the highest placed competitors in the 200m I.M. events. These events are for boys 14yrs and under and 15yrs and over. Girls 14yrs and under and 15yrs and over. Separate conditions are applicable for the skins events which do not fall within the championships conditions. Copy available on request.

6. Awards

The first second and third placed swimmers in each individual age group will be awarded medals.

The overall winners, boys and girls, in age groups 9, 10, 11 and 12 will receive an award.

The top performing club will receive a trophy.

The winner of each Championship shall be entitled to hold the trophy where one has been provided until date as required.

The trophy holder will be responsible for having the appropriate engraving added to each trophy held.

The trophy holder (individual or club) shall comply with the regulations governing the holding of trophies.

The trophy holder shall give a receipt for each trophy held and an undertaking that reasonable care will be taken of it and that it will be returned when and as required.

7. Submission of entries

The use of Sportsystems entry manager for submitting electronic entries is the preferred method for entry to these championships. The relevant Sportsystems entry file can be downloaded from the Association web site by following the path, as appropriate, and clicking the 'download entry file' symbol.

Entry fees made via 'Sportsystems entry manager' is £4.50 per event. Otherwise £5.50 per event.

In addition to the electronic entries, a hard copy of an entry form must be submitted for each swimmer for checking purposes. This can only be sent by post. There is a separate entry form for male and female competitors.

Electronic entries will only be confirmed once the hard copy of the entry forms and entry fees have been received by the designated person responsible for entries processing.

Entries, accompanied by the appropriate fees must be received by the specified closing date.

All entries must be signed by an authorised person from the submitting club to verify the accuracy of the entry information.

Consideration times will be applied to all individual events.

Individual entry times after conversion if necessary (see below) must be equal to or faster than the lower consideration time.

Consideration times for entrants 10yrs and over must have been achieved in the 12 months prior to the competition entry closing date. They must be able to be substantiated by paper or electronic means.

9yr old entrants may use times from league competitions or club championships provided that the times are supported by official results sheets. These sheets must be authenticated by the club official authorising entries. 9yr olds May use times converted from 25yds. All submitted times must have been achieved in the 12 months prior to the competition entry closing date.

Entry times must be

25m times, or 50 m times converted to 25m times.

All converted times must use the ASA Equivalent Performance Tables (use of the ASA tables section on www.pullboy.co.uk/times is permissible),

Where times are converted the second decimal place can be disregarded and entry times should be shown to one decimal place.

The competitor's club shall be responsible for:

Checking and validating the entry forms and fees.

Entering the information from the entry forms into a database using a computer program (Sportsystems) provided.

Returning the appropriate Sportsystems entry file to the designated person responsible for entries.

Returning the completed entry forms and a cheque to cover all entries and coaches passes.

Entries will be audited against the rankings published by ASA and any club may be challenged to demonstrate the authenticity of the information provided. There will be no refunds for incorrect entries. The championship secretary reserves the right to correct any time conversions that are found to be incorrect in order that competitors are seeded correctly.

The competition secretary reserves the right to restrict entries in the interest of safety, time constraints and to ensure the smooth running of the competition. Where this rule is invoked the swimmers with the fastest submitted times in each age group shall take precedence. Events chosen for restriction will be at the discretion of the Championship Secretary.

Submitted entry times shall be used for seeding and rejection purposes as required.

Refunds will only be given where a competitor whose entries have been accepted, has to withdraw on medical grounds subject to an appropriate medical certificate being received by the championship secretary.

Once an entry has been submitted improved times will not be accepted.

8. Confirmation of entries

Accepted swimmers details will be posted on the North Midlands web site as soon as possible after the closing date for the competition. These should be used to cross check the accuracy of swimmer entries and to allow any necessary corrections to be made.

Clubs who submit a S.A.E. with their entries will also receive a hard copy.

9. Meet procedures

A withdrawal system will be in operation. Competitors or their representative must inform the organisers of their intention to withdraw by the commencement of the warm up at the start of each session.

Notification may be by:

Telephone or text message to telephone no. 07812 902408 or by completing the forms available on the day. Withdrawal messages must state NAME, CLUB, EVENT(s) and COMPETITION NUMBER.

Any swimmer who has previously withdrawn can be reinstated before the appropriate closing deadline without penalty.

There will be no refund of entry fees for such withdrawals unless for medical reasons. (See above). Should a swimmer withdraw on medical grounds they will be removed from that day's remaining events including 'Skins'.

Swimmers who fail to withdraw in the prescribed manner shall be removed from that day's remaining events in which they have been entered.

Heat start lists will be made available to clubs as soon as possible after the commencement of the warm up of each session.

All heats shall be seeded on entry times and will be spearheaded.

Competitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the competitor's stewards in plenty of time for the event(s) in which they are entered. It is the swimmers responsibility to be at the start in time for the race.

All other matters regarding the running and administration of the Championships shall be at the discretion of the promoter or their agent(s).

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