

# **BRITISH GAS WARWICKSHIRE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012.**

## **PROMOTER'S CONDITIONS.**

In addition to the General Conditions outlined on pages 22-23 of the Association's 2011-2012 handbook, the following will apply:-

1. The 2012 Championships are licensed (CC-2005 / 2006 / 2007) at Level-2 for entry qualification to Regional & National competitions, but without any upper qualifying time restriction on entries.
2. The Championships will be held under ASA Laws and FINA Swimming Rules.
3. The Championships will take place at Coventry Sports Centre 50m pool, as follows:-  
  
6-sessions combining individual & relay events, 2 sessions each on Saturdays 3, 10, & 17 March 2012. Session starts will be 09:00 & approx. 14:15 each day. The earliest start time of each afternoon session will be confirmed after all entries have been processed. It is expected that afternoon sessions will finish no later than 18:00. There will be a scheduled 15 minute mid-session break, in each session. This may be subject to change at the sole discretion of the Promoter; should an overrun on session running times so dictate.
4. For age groups covered by the British Age Group (BAGCAT), (Girls & Boys 9-14), & YOUTH categories (Girls & Boys 15-18), entry to individual events will be based on achievement of the necessary Qualifying Times, achieved in competition or time trials, on or after 01 May 2011. Entry times are to be verified by an officer of the club in whose name the entry is being made. Where necessary submitted times must be converted to 25 metres, and only by use of the ASA Equivalent Performance Tables. (An electronic version of which is now available as a free download from [www.sportsys.co.uk](http://www.sportsys.co.uk)).
5. There will be no qualifying time restriction for entry to individual events for anybody 19 yrs and over on 17 March 2012, nor for any entry from a disabled swimmer holding a current ASA *Functional Ability Card*; or for any relay event.
6. Warwickshire ASA welcomes individual entries to 50m & 100m events (all strokes), from disabled competitors holding a current (As at 17 March 2012) British Swimming *Functional Ability Card* (FAC); in IPC classifications S6-S10 inclusive; or from competitors holding a British Swimming *Certificate of Swimming Disability*. In either case competitors must present their accreditation to the Referee's table (scoreboard end of pool, spectator side) a minimum 30 minutes before start of each session. Failure to comply will mean the swimmer is not allowed to take part; and no exceptions will be made. Disabled competitors 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.
7. Entry to all events will be based on the *Secondary Card System*, requiring the competitor / team to confirm their entry by posting the card(s) no later than 08:00 for morning sessions; and 13:15 for afternoon sessions. The Promoter may accept late posting of entries subject to availability of empty lanes in early heats, but only at the discretion of the Referee(s) for that session.
8. If entries to an event are exceptionally high, the slowest competitors may have to be rejected, at the Promoter's discretion. Where this becomes necessary, the Promoter will take all reasonable steps to apply rejections fairly across the age groups. Should this apply to the 800 & 1500-FS events, equal consideration will be given to both male and female entrants.
9. For all entries, both individual and relay; age will be 'As at 17th March 2012'.
10. A full programme of all 32 recognised long course events is offered, structured to conform to the 2008 revision of BAGCAT age groups and suggested event availability at County level; and based on 'Age-On-Last-Day of competition'.
11. For those events which have finals (50m, 100m, & Youth 200m-IM), heats and finals will be swum in the same gala, with the exception of the Male & Female Youth 200m-IM; where heats and the final will be swum in morning and afternoon sessions respectively; on the same day.

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### **12. Event structure will be as follows:-**

- a. For all strokes and distances with the exception of 800 & 1500-FS, separate male & female events to include where relevant, disabled competitors swimming alongside able-bodied competitors.
- b. All events are open to swimmers 9 yrs & over, with the following exceptions:-
  - i. 1500 / 800m-FS; minimum age Boys 12 yrs, Girls 11 yrs. Maximum age both events to be 50 yrs Men & Women.
  - ii. 400-IM; minimum age Boys & Girls 10 yrs.
  - iii. 400m-FS; minimum age Boys & Girls 10 yrs.
  - iv. 100m, all strokes, minimum age Boys 12 yrs, Girls 11 yrs; except as provided for in c) below.
- c. Separate 100m events in all 4 strokes for Girls 10 yrs & Boys 10-11 yrs will be provided in the form of Time Trials. To be eligible the swimmer must have achieved the qualifying standard for the equivalent 200m event; and have also entered that event. Competitors in these events will not be eligible to compete in the Championship finals.
- d. The 800-FS & 1500-FS will be run as mixed sex events.

### **13. Ages for relay competition:**

- a. BAGCAT (9/10 yrs). (4 x 50m, Freestyle & Medley)
- b. Junior (11-16 yrs). (4 x 50m, Freestyle & Medley)
- c. Open (10 yrs and over). (4 x 100m, Freestyle & Medley)

### **14. Competitors in all individual events will be seeded in accordance with their entry time, with all events being run 'slowest first'.**

### **15. All 50m & 100m (excluding Time Trials) events will be swum in heats, with the fastest 8 competitors taken from the heats being eligible to compete in the Championship Final. (N.B: See 12c. above). 8 finalists + 2 reserves only will be called. Finalists must confirm their intention to swim within 30 minutes of this announcement, after which reserves will be called. In the event that more than 2 finalists subsequently drop out; then no additional reserves will be called.**

### **16. All other individual events will be swum in heats, with the Championship winner being decided on the basis of Heat Declared Winner (HDW).**

### **17. Where Junior Championship presentations are made for individual events, they will in all cases be decided on the HDW basis. Eligibility requires the swimmer to be under 17 yrs on 17 March 2012.**

### **18. 'Over-The-Top' & 'Side-by-Side' starts will be used throughout the Championships, other than for 50m sprint events; and Finals. When 'Over-The-Top' or 'Side-by-Side' starts are in use, and with reference to FINA rule SW 10-13 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.**

### **19. All relays will be decided on the HDW basis, each team consisting of 4 swimmers. Nomination of team members (but not their swimming order) must be made a minimum 30 minutes before the start of each session.**

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20. 200m-IM Youth finals will be provided, with entry restricted to the fastest 8 eligible competitors taken from the heats. (Girls: 15-18, Boys: 15-18).
21. A competitor may represent 1 club only, throughout these Championships.
22. Poolside presentations will be made for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> places in all 50m & 100m Championships (HDW and those having finals), for all relays; and for the 2 x 200m-IM finals for YOUTH swimmers. In addition poolside presentations will be made to:-Top Boy overall & Top Girl overall from the BAGCAT age groups; and to Top Boy, Top Girl for each single BAGCAT age group year (11 total).
23. Medals will be awarded (but not presented), based on heat times; for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> places; as follows:-
  - a. Female: All 50 & 200m events in age groups:-9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15 & over. All 100m events (excluding Time Trials), 11/12, 13/14, 15 & over. 1500 / 800m Freestyle in age groups:-11 to 14, 15-30. 400m Freestyle & 400m I.M. in age groups:-10 to 14, 15 & over.
  - b. Male: All 50 & 200m events in age groups:-9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15 & over. All 100m events (excluding Time Trials), 12 to 14, 15 & over. 1500 / 800m Freestyle in age groups:-12 to 14, 15-30. 400m Freestyle & 400m I.M. in age groups:-10 to 14, 15 & over.
24. Additional awards may also be made to disabled athletes, but this will be dependant on the number of competitors, their improvement on entry time; and will be entirely at the Promoter's discretion.
25. Separate awards (12) will be made for the top points score achieved in each BAGCAT age (Girls & Boys 9-14), based on total FINA points in the 4 categories of Distance Freestyle / Sprint / Form Stroke / Individual Medley; also 'Top Boy' & 'Top Girl' awards based on highest aggregate totals.
26. The 'Corbett Challenge Trophy' will be presented to the 12-14 year old competitor who achieves the highest aggregate total of FINA points; whilst competing in all 3 Girl's Backstroke individual events. Details of all presentations and awards will be included in the published competition programmes. Details of all perpetual trophies can be found in the Association's handbook.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. The Promoter wishes to remind everybody attending these Championships that all forms of photography 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 on the pool deck.
30. In line with current Child Protection recommendations, Warwickshire ASA request that all clubs participating in the 2012 Warwickshire Swimming Championships provide names and current CRB Disclosure numbers, for all Team Managers, Coaches, Chaperones, and 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.
31. Poolside entries will not be accepted.
32. Entries to these Championships will close at midnight on [Friday 27 January 2012](#), after which the Promoter will not accept any 'Improved Entry Times'.