



## **LONDON SWIMMING YOUTH and AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS** (2011) – updated 24/2/2011

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1. **YOUTH and AGE GROUP SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS** shall be conducted annually under ASA laws and the ASA Technical Swimming Rules upon dates to be fixed by the Events Committee of London Swimming and confirmed by the Board.

### **2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY**

#### **2.1 GENERAL**

- 2.1.1 The Championships shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by the ASA, who are members of clubs affiliated to London Swimming and who shall not have competed in the Championships / competitions of another ASA Region in the same calendar year.
- 2.1.2 A swimmer must have been an ASA registered member of the club in whose name he is entered at least 60 days prior to the first day of the relevant Championships.
- 2.1.3 For individual events in the Youth and Age Group Championships a swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on the last date of the Age Group Championships.
- 2.1.4 Time Trials will not be permitted during the Championships.

#### **2.2 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 2.2.1 These championships shall be open to clubs affiliated to London Swimming. All teams shall consist of four members.
- 2.2.2 A swimmer entered in the name of one club (or dual clubs) in the individual events may not compete in the name of another club (or dual clubs) in the team events.
- 2.2.3 Clubs may enter one or more teams, but members shall swim for one team only.
- 2.2.4 For team events a swimmer's age shall be determined as at the date of competition, unless the event forms part of a qualifying round for entry into the National Championships. In such events a swimmer's age shall be the age as attained on the age as per the qualifying date for the National Championships as shown on the relevant entry forms/information leaflet.

#### **2.2.5 Events:**

- \*Youth 4x100m, 4x200m Freestyle and 4x100m Medley (Male ages 15-18yrs)
  - \*Youth 4x100m, 4x200m Freestyle and 4x100m Medley (Female ages 14-18yrs)
  - \*Age Group 4x100m Freestyle and Medley (Male ages 11-14yrs)
  - \*Age Group 4x100m Freestyle and Medley (Female ages 11-13yrs)
  - Age Group 4x50m Freestyle and Medley (Male ages 10-12yrs)
  - Age Group 4x50m Freestyle and Medley (Female ages 10-12yrs)
- Events marked \* are also qualifying rounds for National Championships.

### 3. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

#### 3.1 YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS-

**3.1.1 Age Categories:** Girls 14/15yrs, 16yrs+  
Boys 15/16yrs, 17yrs+

**3.1.2 Events:**

- 50m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
- 100m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
- 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle and Individual Medley
- 400m Freestyle, Individual Medley
- 800m Freestyle (girls only)
- 1500m Freestyle (boys only)

#### 3.2 AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS-

**3.2.1 Age Categories:** Girls 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs  
Boys 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs

**3.2.2 Events:**

- 100m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
- 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley
- 400m Freestyle, Individual Medley
- 800m Freestyle for girls aged 11 or more
- 1500m Freestyle for boys aged 12 or more

**3.2.3 British Age Group Categories (for Championships)** for ages 10 years, 11years, 12 years, 13 years and 14 years (boys only)

Boys		Girls
	<b>10 Years</b>	
*Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free	100s	*Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free
Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly	Form	Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly
Best 200m or 400m Free	Distance	Best 200m or 400m Free
Best 200m or 400 I.M	Medley	Best 200m or 400 I.M
	<b>11 Years</b>	
*Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free	100s	Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free
Best 200m Back, Breast, Fly	Form	Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly
Best 200m or 400m Free	Distance	Best 200m, 400m or 800m Free
Best 200m or 400m I.M	Medley	Best 200m or 400m I.M
	<b>12 Years</b>	
Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free	100s	Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free
Best 200m Back, Breast, Fly	Form	Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly
Best 200m, 400m or 1500m Free	Distance	Best 200m, 400m or 800m Free
Best 200m or 400m I.M	Medley	Best 200m or 400m I.M
	<b>13 Years</b>	
Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free	100s	Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free
Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly	Form	Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly
Best 200m, 400m or 1500m Free	Distance	Best 200m, 400m or 800m Free
Best 200m or 400m I.M	Medley	Best 200m or 400m I.M
	<b>14 Years</b>	
Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free	100s	
Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly	Form	
Best 200m, 400m or 1500m Free	Distance	
Best 200m or 400m I.M	Medley	

\* There will be no direct qualifying times for these events. Entry will only be open to those swimmers with a qualifying time on the corresponding 200m event.

#### **4. ENTRIES:**

- 4.1** Entry fees shall be as authorised by the Events Committee.
- 4.2** Entries shall be made on the official entry form which must be fully and correctly completed **and** be accompanied by the correct covering form signed by a club official, and, when available, by clubs using an electronic entry system as specified by the Swimming Events Administrator.
- 4.3** Entries, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, must be received by the Swimming Events Administrator by the specified closing date; the closing date shall be a maximum of 42 days prior to the first day of the Championship.
- 4.4** For all individual events the Events Committee shall set entry qualifying times.
- 4.5** For the Youth and Age Group Championships swimmers must have achieved the entry consideration qualifying time at an event Licensed at Levels 1, 2 or 3 by the ASA or WASA, or Levels 1 or 2 by the SASA, or an event outside of Great Britain with a time on the ASA rankings. The entry time must have been achieved in the 12 months immediately preceding the closing date for the relevant championship. All times to be converted by use of the ASA Equivalent Performance Tables. The Events Committee reserves the right to ask for proof of entry time (subsequent improved times will not be accepted). The Events Committee reserves the right to fine clubs £25 for submitting incorrect entries.
- 4.6** In the interest of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the Championships, the Events Committee reserves the right to restrict the number of entries in any event. In such case the swimmers with the faster submitted times in each age group will take preference.
- 4.7** The only situation where refunds will be given is to entrants who are denied entry because clause 4.6 has been exercised.

#### **5. MEET PROCEDURE**

- 5.1** A withdrawal system will be in operation. Swimmers or their representatives are expected to submit withdrawal forms at the withdrawal table for swimmers who are not intending to swim no later than 45 minutes before the advertised starting time of the first event in the session. Provision will also be made for swimmers to submit notification of withdrawals electronically, as prescribed on the competition web site, up to the end of the day before the session..
- 5.2** A fine of £10 will be levied in respect of each competitor who fails to withdraw and does not present himself/herself to the competitor stewards at the start of the event (except in the case of genuine illness or of a proven emergency). All fines are levied on the competitor's club.
- 5.3** Team sheets with names and dates of birth of each swimmer and swimming order for each team event must be must be left with the official at the registration table no later than 45 minutes before the advertised session start time.
- 5.4** Failure to report to the competition marshals prior to an event or final shall cancel the swimmer's right to compete. Heat start lists for each event will be posted. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure his/her name appears on the list prior to the start time of the session.
- 5.5** Heats and Finals.
  - 5.5.1** Both heats and finals will always be swum, even if there is only one heat.
  - 5.5.2** In the finals the maximum number of places practicable shall be allocated. A maximum number of four reserves will be declared for finals. Lanes for finals will be allocated on the spearhead principle. In heat declared winner events the last three heats (or such lesser number if there are less than three heats in total) will have lanes allocated on the spearhead principle.
  - 5.5.3** The names of the finalists and at least two of a maximum of four reserves shall be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the heats. Announced finalists and reserves not intending to swim in a final shall withdraw by completing a withdrawal form and passing to the appointed official within 20 minutes of the announcement (or such alternative period of time as may be determined by the Promoter in the interest of the efficient running of the Championships).
  - 5.5.4** Any swimmer or team withdrawing from a final in such a manner as to prevent a reserve from taking part (except in the case of genuine illness or of a proven emergency) shall be fined as follows: Individual swimmers £10; teams £25.

Payment of all fines is the responsibility of the Club entering the swimmer or team. Failure to pay any fine within 28 days may result in further disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee of London Swimming. 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 the other lanes.

**5.5.5** Heats for all events where there are finals shall be seeded slowest to fastest.

**5.5.6** Events of 400m and over shall be decided on heat time and place (heat declared winner).

## **6. AWARDS**

**6.1** The first, second and third placed swimmers in each individual and team event shall be awarded medals (subject to 6.4)

**6.2** Swimmers placed 4th to 8th in age groups (girls 14/15 years & 16/17 years+, boys 15/16 years & 17/18+) receive awards

**6.3** Swimmers placed 1st to 8th in the 10 years (boys and girls), 11 years (boys and girls) 12 years (boys and girls), 13 years (boys and girls), 14 years (boys) will receive awards based upon their overall performance in the British Age Group Categories.

**6.4** To qualify for an award in an individual Championship a swimmer **must have achieved the qualifying time in either the heat or the final**. In the case that the number of entries in an event is less than 4, the number of medals awarded will be one less than the number of entries.

**6.5** Trophies, where appropriate, will be awarded to the winners of the event.

**6.6** Swimmers must make themselves available for presentation. Awards will only be made to the swimmer in person. The Technical Director will determine when the presentations will take place. Competitors must report to the Presentation Marshal immediately after the completion of their final. Appropriate clothing e.g. full tracksuit or club shorts and shirt must be worn for presentations. It is not acceptable to send a substitute. Only in exceptional circumstances will awards be made to swimmers who do not attend the presentation ceremony.

## **7. DISPUTES**

Any dispute for which the foregoing Conditions do not provide shall be determined by the Events Committee.