

## KENT OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

### O.1 QUALIFICATION

O.1.1 Each person entering the Championships shall on the date of the particular Championship to be entered:

O.1.1.1 have been a member of a club affiliated to the Association since 1st January last past; and

O.1.1.2 have been born in the County of Kent, (which for this purpose include the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, and Lewisham and the Unitary Authority of Medway) or have resided therein continuously from 1st January last past except that a swimmer who was not born in Kent (as defined above), and who lives in an adjoining county may compete in Kent Open Water Swimming Championships provided his residence is not within 10 miles of the Headquarters of a Club affiliated to the county Association in which he resides, Residence shall include any establishment (such as a Boarding School, College, etc.) where an entrant is normally in residence for not less than 26 weeks of the year.

O.1.2 A person removing from the County shall continue to be eligible to compete in the Kent Open Water Swimming Championships during the year whilst qualifying to compete in the Open Water Swimming Championships of another County.

O.1.3 A person who has competed in the Open Water Swimming Championships of another County/Region shall not be eligible to compete in Kent Open Water Swimming Championships in the same year.

O.1.4 A person who is a member of more than one club affiliated to the ASA South East Region or ASA London Region and allocated by the Region to Kent County A.S.A. may compete in the Kent Open Water Swimming Championships/Competitions under the name of only one club in any calendar year. He may enter the Open Water Swimming Championships only under the name of, or be a member of a team of, the club of which he has the longest unbroken membership for a period of 60 days prior to the entry closing date of the Championships. He shall have been a member of that club and remain so, continuously, for a period of 60 days prior to entry closing date of the Championship/Competition events in which he is taking part have been completed.

O.1.5 The Management may grant exemption from Condition O.1.1.2 to a person who is not qualified to compete in the Open Water Swimming Championships of another County/sub Regional Body.

The club of a person seeking exemption shall ensure that a form of application for exemption (available from the General Secretary) is completed in all detail for each competitor involved and forwarded to the General Secretary to arrive not later than 1st April in the year

preceding the year of competition. The form must be signed by the appellant and the Club Secretary.

O.2 AGE LIMITS

O.2.1 There shall be no upper or lower age limits for Men's and Ladies' Open Water Swimming Championships, subject to A.S.A. Laws and Technical Rules.

O.2.2 Competitors in Junior Championships shall be under 17 years on 31st December in the year of competition.

O.2.3 The year of competition shall be the calendar year.

O.3 ENTRY QUALIFYING CONDITIONS

Entry qualifying conditions maybe set by the Swimming Committee to ensure the safety of swimmers and officials.

O.4 ENTRIES

O.4.1 All entries shall be made on the appropriate official forms of the Association, and shall reach the appointed Officer of the Association, accompanied by the entry fees, not later than 21 days before the dates fixed for the particular Open Water Swimming Championships. The swimmer's A.S.A. registration number shall be clearly stated on the entry form. Forms with the registration number not correctly inserted shall be rejected. Any entries submitted which do not meet the entry qualifying standard shall not be accepted.

O.4.2 Where age limits are specified, the entry forms shall state the dates of birth of the entrants. Secretaries of clubs shall certify on the forms that the birth certificates or relevant documents have been inspected and that the information on the forms is in accordance therewith.

O.4.3 The Swimming Committee may refuse any entry.

O.4.4 "C" Clubs as such shall not be permitted to enter Kent Open Water Swimming Championships/Competitions.

O.5 ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees shall be determined by the Swimming Committee and recommended to the Management Committee for approval.

O.6 DISQUALIFICATION

Any competitor or team failing to comply with any of the Open Water Championships' or Promoter's Conditions or Bye Laws or with A.S.A. Laws and Technical Rules shall be disqualified and shall forfeit the entry fee.

O.7 AWARDS

Awards shall be made to the first three placed competitors, both male and female, Open and Junior. In the event of less than four entries in a Championship, awards will be made on the basis of number of entries less one.

O.8 COURSES AND DISTANCES

The Championships shall be swum in open water and the distance shall not exceed 5,000 metres.

O.9 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Open Water Swimming Championship Trophy shall be awarded to the Club having the three best placed competitors. Points shall be awarded to each competitor in accordance with his/her finishing position (1 point for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 for 3<sup>rd</sup> etc) The club whose first three competitors to finish have the lowest total of points shall be awarded the championship.

O.10 The Swimming Committee shall have the power to decide on any matter not covered by these conditions.