



Devon County Amateur Swimming Association

Devon County A.S.A.

GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS 2019

To be read in conjunction with the specific discipline competition condition's.

1. All events shall be competed for annually under ASA Laws and Regulations and ASA Technical Rules of Racing. The events will be run in accordance to the permissions granted by the South West A.S.A. for Level 2 Licensed meets for entry into Regional and National Competitions. The Management Committee of Devon County A.S.A. will approve the venues, dates and conditions under which the events will be held.
2. All swimmers shall have their longest unbroken membership with a Devon County affiliated club for at least 60 days immediately prior to the first day of competition. This is the date that members joined the club; proof maybe required.
3. All competitions shall be open to ASA registered swimmers who have at least one of the following qualifications:
 - a) Shall have been born within the County of Devon
 - b) Shall have resided in the County for a period of not less than 60 days immediately prior to the first day of competition
 - c) Are a member of HM Forces whose unit is affiliated to Devon County ASA
 - d) Reside in the neighbouring counties of Cornwall, Dorset or Somerset and are members of a club affiliated to Devon County as in General Condition 2.
 - e) Spend time outside the County for educational purposes or attend educational institutions within Devon providing they meet General Conditions 2.
4. Clubs and competitors from that club will not be allowed to enter any Devon County ASA competitions, in any discipline if there are any outstanding monies; entry fees, fines, trophies etc., owed to the County for whatever reason. Matters under discussion or protest will not be considered as counting until settled.
5. In the interests of the sport, in cases of extenuating circumstances, the emergency committee shall decide if the swimmer is eligible to compete. That decision shall be final.
6. No swimmer taking part in a competition of another County in the current year shall be eligible to compete.
7. Medals, struck from the Association die, shall be presented to each entrant finishing first, second or third in the Championships.
8. Trophies, where applicable, will be presented to the winners who are responsible for their engraving. Winners of ALL County trophies shall enter into a bond for their safe custody and return to The Hon. Trophy Steward a minimum of 10 days prior to the competition in the following year. The Hon. Trophy Steward may agree to the return of said trophy at the appropriate gala but only with prior consent. Contact to be 28 days or more prior to the event.

Trophies will be issued or not, at the discretion of the Hon. Trophy Steward and upon satisfactory completion of a receipt. The trophies remain the property of Devon County Amateur Swimming Association (DCASA) and must remain within the county of Devon. Swimmers under the age of 18 years will need an adult to sign the receipt on their behalf. In the event of the trophy being unavailable for presentation at the required time or in a state



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unsuitable for presentation, a fine will be levied against the club of which the swimmer was representing at the time of the award.

Any expenses incurred by DCASA for retrieval, replacement, repair or engraving of trophies will also be recoverable from the club.

If a club would prefer not to stand as guarantor for any trophies, they must advise the Hon. Trophy Steward before the start of the day's competition, either by email in advance of the meet or on the day by signing a waiver which will be available from the trophy steward. Failure to do so will result in said trophy not being issued.

8.1 A fine of £50 per trophy will be imposed on the Club concerned for failure to comply with condition 7.

8.1.1 DCASA reserve the right to implement further sanctions on the club if the fine remains unpaid beyond a time specified by DCASA which is both reasonable and clearly communicated in writing/email.

8.1.2 Sanctions may include but are not restricted to the refusal of entries into the next scheduled County events and are not discipline specific and/or further monetary penalties.

8.2 Any appeal against the decisions taken by the trophy steward may be submitted in writing to the Hon General Secretary DCASA for Management Committee discussion at the next scheduled meeting. The decision of the Management Committee will be final and communicated to the appellant within a reasonable time after the committee has ruled.



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SWIMMING COMPETITION CONDITIONS

To be read in conjunction with the General Championships conditions.

1. Championships and Age Group Competition

1.1 The Swimming Championships shall be held annually in conjunction with the Age Group Competitions.

1.2 The Championship and Age Group Competitions shall be held in heated indoor pools.

1.3 The competition pool at the Life Centre, Plymouth is 25m in length with 10 lanes. Anti-turbulence ropes will be used. 8 or 10 lanes will be used on the day of competition at the promoter's discretion. 8 lanes to be used for the Finals.

1.4 All competing clubs shall pay a levy towards any deficit incurred in the running of the blocks. The levy will be decided on a sliding scale according to the number of competitors entered by a club, to a maximum of £25.00 per club.

1.5 Any matters concerning the Competition not covered in these Conditions will be dealt with according to the laws of the sport and at the discretion of the Referee. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at the Pool. Neither the Promotor nor the Pool will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet.

1.6 The promoter for the Devon County Championship and Age Group Competitions is the Hon. Competition Secretary, acting on behalf of the Management Committee of Devon County A.S.A.

1.7 The Lead Referee decision is final.

1.8 At the promoter's discretion, starts may be 'over the top' except for backstroke.

1.9 Competitive Start Award - Swimmers must have attained the standard of the A.S.A. Competitive Start Award in order to start from the blocks; (this is the responsibility of the club coach). Swimmers who have not attained the standard of the Competitive Start Award must lower themselves over the side into the water, on the long whistle of the Referee before starting at an appropriate place.

1.10 Video and Photography – Devon County ASA will comply with the current guidelines as published by the A.S.A. in its Wavepower document. These guidelines will be displayed and announcements made of these guidelines at all events.

1.11 With reference to 1.10 above any person who wishes ***not*** to be photographed must contact the Hon. Competitions secretary at the earliest opportunity.



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2. Entries

2.1 Entries must reach the Hon. Swimming Competitions Secretary, by midnight on the advertised closing date which for the 2018 year of competition will be Monday 10th December 2018 as specified on the entry form.

2.2 Entries must be made electronically on the official entry file (HY -Tek), to the Honorary Competition Secretary,

Mrs Jeanette Stoneman at j.stoneman@blueyonder.co.uk.

All other information required must be returned to the HON Competition Secretary, by the entry date preferable electronically or by post to

31 Chesterfield Road, Laira, Plymouth, PL3 6BD.

Complying with condition 2.1 above.

2.3 Entries will be held on a computer solely for the purposes of this competition and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 1998, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Personal Data will be available for inspection during the Meet on application to the Promoter.

2.3.1 Computer records will be held for no more than 3 years after the completion of the competition year.

2.4 Results will be sent under licensing conditions to the A.S.A. rankings database and be uploaded to the Devon county website.

2.5 All events will run slowest to fastest, on submitted entry times.

2.6 Entry fees to be paid directly into the Devon County ASA Bank Account, quoting the club to which they apply.

2.6.1 Entry Fees and all related fees, must be paid within 7 calendar days of the entry date.

2.7 Entries without a correct A.S.A. registration number will be rejected. All swimmers to be registered with the A.S.A. as category 2 members.

2.8 Ages shall be as on 31st December in the year of competition.

2.9 All events shall be run as seeded heats, with the last 3 heats to be cyclically seeded in the 50m, 100m and 200m events.

2.10 The 400m/ 800m/1500m and 400m IM events will be Heat Declared Winner (HDW) with all heats seeded slowest to fastest in spearhead formation.

2.11 All entry times must be short course entry times, and must be the swimmers fastest times since the 1st of March in the previous year i.e. 1st March 2018 and be from a qualifying level 1, 2, 3 or 4 licenced meet and verifiable on the A.S.A. rankings database or the A.S.A. Masters rankings database. Entries made with no times will be rejected.

2.11.1 Long Distance event entry times must be long course or converted to long course.



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2.11.2 Entry times for the 2018 season onwards are also given as 50m times for clarity. Times should still be converted to 25m as in 2.11 above.

2.11.3 Entry times may only be converted using ASA equivalent performance tables or programs using that algorithm.

The downloadable version for windows systems only, is available here

<https://www.swimmingresults.org/downloads/equivalent-time> other online versions are available but must use the ASA algorithm.

2.12 It is the responsibility of all competing clubs to ensure that their swimmers entry times are accurate and comply with condition 2.11. Clubs will be expected to provide proof as and when required. Entries with inaccurate times will be rejected.

2.13 Entry Times maybe converted from 50m Long course ranking times but comply with condition 2.11.

2.13.1 Clubs must show on a separate list where times have been converted to 25m from ranked long course times. Hytek or other software print offs are acceptable, providing they show the correct information. An excel sheet is provided if clubs wish to use it.

2.14 The promoters reserve the right to refuse entries at their discretion but they will only normally be restricted to ensure the completion of the events within the time allotted and/or under Level1/Level 2 licensing restrictions.

3. Passes, Volunteers, Officials and Health and Safety

3.1 Each club shall be entitled to three team staff/coach passes to cover up to 30 swimmers. Additional passes may be authorised, on a session by session basis, with one pass for every additional 10 (or part thereof) swimmers under 18 years of age attending in that session. Clubs must ensure sufficient team staff members are present to cover a 1:10 ratio of staff: swimmers at all sessions and at all competitions.

3.1.1 Passes for the 2019 season will not be charged for.

3.2 Only swimmers competing in that particular session, team staff with passes and gala staff; volunteers and officials, are permitted on the poolside.

3.3 To comply with A.S.A. Insurance requirements all poolside staff and club volunteer helpers must be registered members of an A.S.A. affiliated club.

3.3.1 All Coaches and Team Managers must be DBS checked and safeguarding trained. Anyone being found not to have an up to date check will be removed from poolside and or other roles.

3.3.11 All teams are required to provide a Team Manager to ensure that all swimmers under their care are supervised at all times. *This means that if a coach is the solitary person on poolside that coach must have Team Manager Module 1. All Team Managers are required to have attended Team Manager Module 1 training. Any Team Manager without this qualification will not be allowed on poolside and will be required to leave.



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3.3.2 Coaches, team managers and chaperones will not be able to apply for poolside accreditation to County swimming events without the following documents:

- I. DBS
You must have a valid Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.
- II. Minimum Qualification
Coaches must have at least a Level 1 Coaching Certificate or equivalent. Team Managers must have a Team Manager Training Module 1 Certificate or equivalent.
- III. Safeguarding Certificate
All coaches, team managers and chaperones are required to provide evidence of their safeguarding qualification.
- IV. * See 3.3.11 above Solitary coaches on poolside must have attended Team Manager Module 1.
- V. Any individual found to misuse the poolside accreditation pass, and/or if the individual does not meet the accreditation requirements as part of their role, Devon ASA reserve the right to revoke the pass and/or prohibit future pass allocation.

3.3.21 Clubs are requested to provide the Names and ASA registration numbers of all likely volunteer Poolside personnel by the 1st January, prior to the events. This list may be added to at any time.

3.3.22 All Personnel, Coaches, Team Managers and poolside volunteers must bring photographic ID on each day to sign in.

3.3.3 Wavepower, states that all DBS checked persons must also have up to date safeguarding training.

3.4 Clubs entering more than 5 swimmers are requested to supply a registered official for each session that they are entering along with parent/volunteer helpers; who shall be notified separately, to assist in other tasks.

3.5 The health, safety and wellbeing of all swimmers, officials, volunteers, spectators and visitors is paramount – all Health and Safety rules/regulations/requirements must be complied with at all times.

3.6 All swimmers, officials, volunteers, spectators, and visitors are required, at all times, to abide by the rules set out in the Pool Safety Operating Procedures and/or the Normal Operating Procedures & Emergency Action Plan for the facility hired for the meet. As well as comply with the relevant Swim England/A.S.A. Codes of practice.

3.7 Unacceptable Behaviour - Behaviour becomes “unacceptable” when it is considered “Offensive” to others; this includes, but is not limited to, the following Theft, wilful damage to property and /or equipment, acts of vandalism, abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, bullying, offensive language, aggressive/violent acts, threatening behaviour, all breaches of safety practices, failure to comply with instructions/directions, actions that bring the sport of swimming into disrepute.

3.8 For safety and security reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not permitted while in the water during warm-ups/swim-downs and/or competition. This includes watches, necklaces, chains, bangles, wrist bands, ear-rings (except studs), and rings (except wedding bands).

3.9 Neither, Devon County A.S.A., the Promotor nor the Pool will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet and will not be liable if property is lost or damaged.



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4. Individual events:

4.1 Qualifying times for all age groups will be published separately on an annual basis.

4.2 Age Groups are as follows for the 2019 season 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 and over, ages as at the 31st December in the year of competition as in condition 2.8.

4.3 Championship and Individual Age Group finals shall be swum in the 50m Freestyle and all 100m events. Only Championship finals will be swum in the other 50m events and all 200m events. In these events where finals are swum, the fastest 8 swimmers from the heats shall swim in the final.

4.3.1 Age group Finals maybe combined if numbers in said finals are low to allow for better competition and use of pool time.

Following the publication of the results from the heats, the order of the finals and those affected in this manner will be decided by the promoter on the day and clubs/swimmers will be informed as soon as possible by verbal announcement and by the posting of the order of finals.

Finals affected in this manner will be double, triple spearheaded etc. as per age groups and all lanes maybe used.

4.4 Championship and Age Group results of 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle and the 400m Individual Medley shall be decided on a Heat declared winner basis from the heat times only.

4.4.1 Age group results of 200m events shall be decided on a Heat declared winner basis from the heat times only. There will only be championship finals and No Age Group finals in the 200m events.

4.5 The 800m/1500m Freestyle events will be held Long Course

4.6 Any swimmer who qualifies for a Championship final or placing shall not be eligible for the age group final or placing of the same event. In the event of a reserve being called for a Championship final that swimmer shall have the option of swimming in either the Championship final or the age group final. A maximum of two reserves only may be invited.

4.7 A swimmer wishing to withdraw from a Championship final or an age group final or after being called as a reserve must submit a withdrawal form to the recorders as soon as possible and certainly within 30 minutes of the publication of the finalists for that event. Failure to do so will result in a £25 fine.

4.8 Any swimmer who failed to swim a Championship Final for which they were entered, and did not submit a withdrawal form for that event will be fined £25 and will NOT be entered into any skins event.

4.9 All fines levied for failure to submit a withdrawal form, in the proscribed manner at 4.7, will be issued to the club which the swimmer represents at the time of competing.

4.10 Medals will be awarded to the **top eight swimmers** in all Championship events and also the top 3 in the age groups

4.11 In all events, competitors failing to achieve the Standard Entry Time in the competition shall not receive an award.



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4.12 There will be no marshalling at the long distance events it will be the clubs responsibility to make sure swimmers are present when required.

5. Junior Champion Conditions

5.1 A Junior Champion shall be declared in all individual events

5.2 The Junior Champion shall be the best placed swimmer in the Championship final or, failing a Junior in the final, the Junior returning the fastest time in the heats.

5.3 To qualify for Junior Champion competitors must be under 16 years of age on the 31st December in year of competition.

5.4 A medal shall be awarded to the Junior Champion.

6. Specific Relay Conditions

2. Entries Relay Specific

2.15 Entries must reach the Hon. Swimming Competitions Secretary, by midnight on the advertised closing date as specified on the entry form.

2.16 All entry times must be short course entry times.

2.17 With reference to 2.16 times must be verifiable by their clubs.

2.18 It is the responsibility of all competing clubs to ensure that entry times are accurate and comply with conditions 2.11, 2.12. Clubs will be expected to provide proof as and when required.

2.19 Entry Times maybe converted from 50m Long course ranking times but comply with condition 2.16.

2.20 The promoters reserve the right to refuse entries at their discretion but they will only normally be restricted to ensure the completion of the events within the time allotted.

6. Specific Relay Conditions

6.1 All competitors shall be eligible competitors as defined by ASA Competition Laws and shall be bona-fide members of the club they represent.

6.2 The Relay Competition to be held on a date to be decided by the Swimming Committee prior to the November General Meeting.



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6.3 The Relay Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to Devon County ASA.

6.4 Swimmers taking part in the team events may only compete for the club in whose name they have entered the individual Championship and Age Group events, unless that Club is not participating in the team events, when they may swim for another club for which they are a member complying with the general championships conditions.

6.5 Clubs may enter more than one team in each event. However, only the highest ranking team, from each club will be eligible for the medal positions. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 Teams in each event.

6.6 Team entries to include names from which the team or teams will be selected. Additional names may be added up to one hour prior to the start of the gala with the approval of the Hon. Competition Secretary.

6.7 All events shall be run as seeded heats, slowest to fastest in spearhead formation, on submitted entry times and results decided on a HDW basis.

6.8 Swimmers may only swim in one team in each event for their club.

6.9 The team relay events will be swum long course.

6.10 Entry times must be short course, 25m times.

6.11 Age Groups for relays to be 10/11, 12/13, 14/15, 16 and over.

6.12 Heats will be split evenly between the number of teams taking part i.e. 20 teams 10, 10, 19 teams 9, 10 etc. The fastest seeded heat swimming last.

6.13 The team relay events are not part of a licensed event.

6.14 There will be no marshalling at the relay events it will be the clubs responsibility to make sure swimmers are present when required. Teams will be allowed extra team managers/coaches to assist with this on the day.

7. School events

7.1 Competitors in the Schools Team Races shall be under 17 years of age on September 1st in the year of competition. They must have been on the school's books for 60 days prior to the event. Schools may enter more than one team in each event. However, only the highest ranking team, from each school will be eligible for medal positions. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 Teams in each event.

7.2 Swimmers may only swim in one team in each event for their school.

7.3 Entry times must be short course, 25m times.

7.4 General Championship conditions and relay specific conditions will apply where not superseded by the above.

7.5 There will be no marshalling at the School relay events it will be the Schools responsibility to make sure swimmers are present when required.



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8. Protests

All protests will be dealt with under ASA Laws and Regulations and ASA Technical Rules of Racing.

9. Officials

9.1 With reference to condition 3.4, Clubs entering more than 5 swimmers are requested to supply a registered official for each session that they are entering. Clubs with no registered officials shall make every effort to “borrow “Officials from other clubs attending the event. In the unfortunate event of this not being possible they are required to liaise with the promoter and parent/volunteer helpers coordinator to provide additional parent/club volunteer helpers; in addition to those already required.

9.2 With reference to condition 3.3 to comply with A.S.A. Insurance requirements all officials must be licensed and registered members of an A.S.A. affiliated club. Additional trainee officials are welcome but will not count towards the number requested and also must be registered members of an A.S.A. affiliated club.

9.2.1 Officials must be up to date on the contemporary issues module as part of their licence, this can be done on line. Officials and trainees, are to be encouraged to have safeguarding training. Whilst we cannot insist on safeguarding training we would hope that you would recognise that all persons being so trained is best practice.

9.2.2 Officials must also comply with 3.3.2.1, Clubs are requested to provide the Names, ASA registration numbers and current DBS certificate numbers of all Poolside personnel by the 1st January, prior to the events. This list maybe added to at any time.

9.2.3 Officials must also comply with 3.3.3, Wavepower, states that all DBS checked persons must also have up to date safeguarding training.

9.3 The names and contact details of officials and additional trainees should be sent by email to the Hon. Officials Secretary

Kathy Forward at
kathyforward@outlook.com as early as possible.



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9.4 All Officials shall be appointed by the Hon. Officials Secretary. In the event of any official not being able to act the Hon. Officials Secretary must be informed as soon as possible so that a substitute may be appointed. Officials should report to the organisers at least 30 minutes before the start of the gala or at the advertised report time.

10. Skins event

10.1 The 'Skins Event' will be a continuous competition commencing with 6 competitors and over a continuous series of races over a distance of 50m. One or more competitors to be eliminated in each round until a winner is determined. Races in each competition will take place following an interval of 3 minutes from the start of the previous race, a warning signal being given 10 seconds prior to the start of each round.

10.2 The competitors for each Event shall be the six swimmers with the fastest heat times of the 50m freestyle. Should a qualifying swimmer not wish to compete then the next fastest swimmer(s) will be invited to compete. With the exception of illness, all swimmers accepting their invitation will be expected to compete.

10.3 Lanes will be allocated on the basis of 'spearheading' in accordance with FINA swimming rule SW312 – the fastest swimmer occupying the centre lane. Swimmers are required to swim in their allocated lane whilst they remain in the competition until the final race. The remaining two swimmers will occupy the centre lanes – the faster heat swimmer occupying Lane 4.

10.4 The first race in each Event will commence in accordance with ASA Swimming Rules governing the Start. Each race shall be over a distance of 50m

10.5 Subsequent rounds will start at the starting end of the pool, following an interval of 3 minutes from the previous Start. A warning signal will be blown/rung; swimmers will be briefed on the day, 10 seconds prior to the Starting signal being sounded. No verbal commands will be given. Competitors' feet must be in contact with the Starting Platform when the Start Signal is given. Swimmers are required to have at least one foot at the front of the Starting Platform.

10.6 In all races swimmers are required to comply with the FINA Swimming Rules regarding Stroke and Finish conditions – failure to do so will lead to elimination by disqualification – any competitor so eliminated will receive any prize money won to that time including the round in which eliminated.

10.7 The slowest competitor in each round shall be eliminated – unless a competitor has been eliminated by disqualification, in which case the slowest competitor remains in the competition.

10.8 Apart from the first round, times achieved by swimmers are not to be used for any other purpose. Determination of the slowest swimmer will be by the Referee utilising either Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) or manual Finish Judges, in accordance with FINA Swimming Rules governing placing. Should AOE be used the Referee shall determine whether it operated correctly.



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10.9 In the case of more than one swimmer being disqualified in a single round the swimmers concerned shall be eliminated and shall share equally the accumulated prize money for the positions concerned.

10.10 Where 2 or more swimmers finish last with equal times in any round excluding the final, all swimmers concerned shall swim in the next round with the two swimmers finishing last being eliminated and shall share equally the combined prize money of each placing concerned.

10.11 Should for any reason the competition have to be halted before its conclusion it shall restart with a re-swim of the round halted or subsequent round if halted following the correct completion of a round. The Start of the recommencement of the competition will be in accordance with the FINA Swimming Rules.

10.12 In the case of a dead heat in the final race, it will be re-swum as an additional round in Accordance with the Event conditions. Should the re-swim finish in a dead heat the prize money for the winner and runner shall be shared equally.

10.13 Prizes for each event shall be:

1st - £50; 2nd - £35; 3rd - £15; 4th - £10; 5th - £5; 6th - £0

11 Supplementary Disability Swimming Conditions

1. These supplementary conditions are to be read and adhered to in conjunction with the General Championships and Age Group Competition conditions.

2. Events:

50m Freestyle S1 - S14
50m Backstroke S1 - S14
50m Breaststroke SB1 - SB9, SB11 - SB14
50m Butterfly S1 - S14
100m Freestyle S1 - S14
100m Backstroke S6 - S14
100m Breaststroke SB4 - SB 9, SB11 - SB14
100m Butterfly S8 - S14
200m Freestyle S1 - S14
400m Freestyle S6 S14



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100m Individual Medley SM5 - SM14

200m Individual Medley SM5 - SM14

3. Eligibility:

3.1 Competitors must have an authorised IPC swimming classification

3.2 Clubs are responsible for sending a copy of the competitor's IPC classification to the competition secretary with their entry.

3.3 Competitors must be registered members of an ASA affiliated club within Devon

3.4 Consideration standards shall apply and the organisers reserve the right to limit entries. Short course or converted long course times will be accepted as long as complying with

3.5 Entry times must have been achieved since March 1st the previous year.

3.5.1 Entry Times maybe converted from 50m Long course ranking times but comply with condition 2.11.

3.6 Competitors ages shall be as on 31st December in the year of competition.

4. Competition

4.1 All swimmers will be integrated into the able-bodied heats.

4.2 All disability events shall be HDW

5. Awards

5.1 Medals shall be awarded on a multi-disability basis to the top three placed competitors who either break the World Record by the greater amount or are nearest to the World Record within their own classification.

5.2 If less than four swimmers participate in any one event then a minus one ruling shall apply. If only one swimmer participates in an event then the swimmer shall be awarded a medal.



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12. Masters and Seniors Specific Conditions

2. Entries Masters and Seniors specific

2.21 Entries must reach the Hon. Swimming Competitions Secretary, by midnight on the advertised closing date.

2.22 Results will be sent under licensing conditions to A.S.A. rankings and the A.S.A. Masters rankings database.

2.23 All entry times must be short course entry times.

2.24 With reference to 2.23 times must be verifiable by their clubs.

2.25 It is the responsibility of all competing clubs to ensure that entry times are accurate and comply with conditions 2.23, 2.24. Clubs will be expected to provide proof as and when required.

2.26 Entry Times maybe converted from 50m Long course times but comply with condition 2.24.

2.27 The promoters reserve the right to refuse entries at their discretion but they will only normally be restricted to ensure the completion of the events within the time allotted.

Specific Masters Conditions.

12.0 Any matters concerning the Competition not covered in these Conditions will be dealt with according to the laws of the sport and at the discretion of the Promotor. The Promotor reserves the right to change the Meet Terms & Conditions at their discretion. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at the Pool. Neither the Promotor nor the Pool will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet.

12.1 The masters and seniors events are not licensed and results will be sent to the Masters rankings and be uploaded to the Devon county website. Where applicable.

12.2 The competition shall be held annually under ASA Laws. To be held on a date to be decided by the Swimming Committee prior to the November General Meeting.

12.3. The competition shall be held as follows –

Seniors - 15/16yrs & 17/18yrs. Age on 31st December

Senior Age Group Competition - these events are for swimmers who in the current year have not gained 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in any stroke in any age group event, have not qualified for, nor received, a finalist award in a County Championship, and have not entered in any Regional or National swimming event.

Pre-masters – Female 18/24yrs and Male 19/24yrs. Age on 31st December.

Female swimmers who are 18 years of age on the day of competition but will be 19 years by 31st December may compete in either the seniors or the Pre-masters section but not both.



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Masters - 25 years and over. Age on 31st December. The age groups shall be – 25/29; 30/34; 35/39; 40/44; 45/49; 50/54; 55/64 & 65 years and over.

12.4 All events shall be held in seeded heats with heat declared winners for all events.

12.5 Individual events shall be 50m and 100m all strokes, 200m freestyle & 100m individual medley.

12.6 Awards shall be made for individual events for the first 3 places in each age group.

12.7 For the 2018 season entries will be accepted for competitors from the Neighbouring counties of Cornwall, Dorset and Somerset. Swimmers will not be eligible to win any Devon County Medals or awards.

13. Masters Relay Events

13.0 These events are run as a fun participation event and will be swum at the end of the meet. There are no age groups and events will be swum as male 200m freestyle, female 200m freestyle, male/female 200m freestyle (2 of each Sex) and male 200m Medley, female 200m Medley, male/female 200m Medley (2 of each Sex).

13.01 Male and female events will be swum at the same time, results separated afterwards.

13.1 Swimmers taking part in the team events may only compete for the club in whose name they have entered the individual events, unless that Club is not participating in the team events, when they may swim for another club for which they are a member complying with the general championships conditions.

13.2 Clubs may enter more than one team in each event.

13.3 Team entries to include names from which the team or teams will be selected. Additional names may be added up to one hour prior to the start of the gala with the approval of the Hon. Competition Secretary.

13.4 All events to be decided on a HDW basis.

13.5 Swimmers may only swim in one team in each event for their club, apart from the combined male/female events.

13.6 No medals will be awarded.

13.7 The team relay events are not part of a licensed event.



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14. Sprints specific Conditions

2. Entries Sprints and development specific

2.28 Entries must reach the Hon. Swimming Competitions Secretary, by midnight on the advertised closing date.

2.29 All events will run slowest to fastest, on submitted entry times.

2.30 Ages shall be as on 31st December in the year of competition. Swimmers in the 9 years age group must be 9 years old on the last day of the competition; Age on Day (AOD).

2.31 All events will be Heat Declared Winner (HDW) with all heats seeded slowest to fastest in spearhead formation.

2.32 All entry times must be short course entry times, and must be the swimmers fastest times since the 1st of March in the previous year i.e. 1st March 2017 and be from a qualifying level 1, 2, 3 or 4 licenced meet and verifiable on the A.S.A. rankings database or the A.S.A. Masters rankings database. Long Distance event entry times must be long course or converted to long course.

2.33 With reference to 2.32 above swimmers without times on the A.S.A. rankings database or the A.S.A. Masters rankings database, may enter using times that have been achieved at events/locations that are not licensed but these times must be verifiable by their clubs.

2.34 It is the responsibility of all competing clubs to ensure that entry times are accurate and comply with Conditions 2.32 and 2.33. Clubs will be expected to provide proof as and when required.

2.35 Entry Times maybe converted from 50m Long course ranking times but comply with condition 2.11.

2.36 The promoters reserve the right to refuse entries at their discretion but they will only normally be restricted to ensure the completion of the events within the time allotted and/or under Level 3 licensing restrictions.



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14. Sprint Gala

14.1 Upper Limit Times will be published separately on an annual basis and will comply with level 3 licensing requirements. To be held on a date to be decided by the Swimming Committee prior to the November General Meeting.

14.2 Age Groups are as follows for the 2018 season 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 and over, ages as at the 31st December 2018 as in condition 2.8. Swimmers in the 9 years age group must be 9 years old on the last day of the competition; Age on Day (AOD).

14.3 Swimmers shall compete in all four events. Any swimmer not competing in an event shall forfeit the right to compete in any subsequent events.

14.4 Competitors must enter their fastest Qualifying Time as stated in conditions 2.11 and 2.12 above.

14.5 Competitors who have achieved a faster time, than the Upper Limit Time, in any of the four events in the 2018 Championships/Age groups may not compete in the Sprint Gala.

14.6 Swimmers who have received a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in any event in the Championships and Age Group Competitions may not compete in the Sprint Gala.

14.7 Swimmers may not compete if they have entered or obtained an entry time in any individual Regional or National swimming event.

14.8 With reference to 13.8 above, Swimmers who achieve an entry time that qualifies them for any individual Regional or National swimming event, after the entry date for the sprints has closed and before the event is swum must withdraw from all events in the sprints gala.

14.9 All events shall be decided on HDW.

14.10 Medals will be awarded to the **top three swimmers** in each age group in all strokes.

15. Development Galas Specific Conditions

15.1 Upper Limit Times will be published separately on an annual basis and will comply with level 3 licensing requirements. To be held on a date to be decided by the Swimming Committee prior to the November General Meeting.

15.2 Upper Limit Times will be the ASA South West Regional entry times for the 2018 season.

15.3 Swimmers may not compete if they have achieved a faster time, than the Upper Limit Time, in any event.

15.4 Swimmers may not compete if they have gained 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in ANY STROKE in County Age Group Events, excluding the Sprint gala.



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15.5 Swimmers may not compete if they have qualified for or received a finalist award in a County Championship.

15.6 Swimmers may not compete if they have entered or obtained an entry time in any individual Regional or National swimming event.

15.7 With reference to 5.6 above, Swimmers who achieve an entry time that qualifies them for any individual Regional or National swimming event, after the entry date for the developments has closed and before the events are swum must withdraw from all events in the development competitions.

15.8 Age Groups are as follows for the 2018 season 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 and over, ages as at the 31st December 2018 as in condition 2.8. Swimmers in the 9 years age group must be 9 years old on the last day of the competition; Age on Day (AOD).

15.9 Competitors must enter their fastest Qualifying Time as stated in conditions 2.11 and 2.12 above.

15.10 The 800m/1500m Freestyle events will be held short Course.

15.11 All events shall be decided on HDW.

15.12 Medals will be awarded to the **top three swimmers** in each age group in all strokes.

16. Development Gala “Medley Skins” Specific Conditions

16.1 The ‘Development Gala Skins Medley Event’ will be a continuous competition commencing with competitors and over a continuous series of races over a distance of 50m. One or more competitors to be eliminated in each round until a winner is determined. Races in each competition will take place following an interval of 3 minutes from the start of the previous race, a warning signal being given 10 seconds prior to the start of each round. The stroke to be swum in each round will be decided prior to the beginning of the race by means of a draw. The draw shall contain 4 tickets/tokens, 1 for each stroke.

16.2 The competitors for each Event shall be the six swimmers with the fastest heat times of the 200m IM. Should a qualifying swimmer not wish to compete then the next fastest swimmer(s) will be invited to compete. With the exception of illness, all swimmers accepting their invitation will be expected to compete.

16.3 Lanes will be allocated on the basis of ‘spearheading’ in accordance with FINA swimming rule SW312 – the fastest swimmer occupying the centre lane. Swimmers are required to swim in their allocated lane whilst they remain in the competition until the final race. The remaining two swimmers will occupy the centre lanes – the faster heat swimmer occupying Lane 4 the second swimmer in Lane 5.

16.4 The first race in each Event will commence in accordance with ASA Swimming Rules governing the Start. Each race shall be over a distance of 50m.

16.5 Subsequent rounds will start at the starting end of the pool, following an interval of 3 minutes from the previous Start. A warning whistle will be blown 10 seconds prior to the Starting signal being sounded. No verbal commands will be given. Competitors’ feet must be in contact with the Starting Platform when the Start Signal is given. Swimmers are required to have at least one foot at the front



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of the Starting Platform.

16.6 In all races swimmers are required to comply with the FINA Swimming Rules regarding Stroke and Finish conditions – failure to do so will lead to elimination by disqualification – any competitor so eliminated will receive any prize won up to that time.

16.7 The slowest competitor in each round shall be eliminated – unless a competitor has been eliminated by disqualification, in which case the slowest competitor remains in the competition.

16.8 Apart from the first round, times achieved by swimmers are not to be used for any other purpose. Determination of the slowest swimmer will be by the Referee utilising either Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) or manual Finish Judges, in accordance with FINA Swimming Rules governing placing. Should AOE be used the Referee shall determine whether it operated correctly.

16.9 Where 2 or more swimmers finish last with equal times in any round excluding the final, all swimmers concerned shall swim in the next round with the two swimmers finishing last being eliminated.

16.10 Should for any reason the competition have to be halted before its conclusion it shall restart with a re-swim of the round halted or subsequent round if halted following the correct completion of a round. The Start of the recommencement of the competition will be in accordance with the FINA Swimming Rules.

16.11 In the case of a dead heat in the final race, it will be re-swum as an additional round in accordance with the Event conditions.

16.12 Prizes for each event shall be:
1st - £25; 2nd - £20; 3rd - £15; 4th - £10; 5th - £5; 6th - £0

17. Specific Interclub Championship Conditions

2. Entries Interclub Championship Specific

2.37 Entries must reach the Hon. Swimming Competitions Secretary, by midnight on the advertised closing date as specified on the entry form.

2.38 Results will be sent under licensing conditions to the A.S.A. rankings database and be uploaded to the Devon county website.

2.39 All events will run slowest to fastest, on submitted entry times.

2.40 Ages shall be as on 31st December in the year of competition.

2.41 All events will be Heat Declared Winner (HDW) with all heats seeded slowest to fastest in spearhead formation.

2.42 All entry times must be short course entry times, and must be the swimmers fastest times since the 1st of March in the previous year i.e. 1st March 2017 and be from a qualifying level 1, 2, 3 or 4 licenced meet and verifiable on the A.S.A. rankings database or the A.S.A. Masters rankings database. Long Distance event entry times must be long course or converted to long course.



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2.43 With reference to 2.11 above swimmers without times on the A.S.A. rankings database or the A.S.A. Masters rankings database, may enter using times that have been achieved at events/locations that are not licensed but these times must be verifiable by their clubs.

2.44 It is the responsibility of all competing clubs to ensure that entry times are accurate and comply with conditions 2.11, 2.12. Clubs will be expected to provide proof as and when required.

2.45 Entry Times maybe converted from 50m Long course ranking times but comply with condition 2.11.

2.46 The promoters reserve the right to refuse entries at their discretion but they will only normally be restricted to ensure the completion of the events within the time allotted and/or under Level 3 licensing restrictions.

17. Specific Interclub Championship Conditions

17.1 The Interclub Championship Competition shall be swum under ASA Laws and Regulations and ASA Technical Rules of Racing. The events will be run in accordance to the permissions granted by the A.S.A. South West Region for Level 3 Licensed meets.

17.2 The Interclub Championship Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to Devon County ASA.

17.3 All competitors shall be eligible competitors as defined by ASA Competition Laws and shall be bona-fide members of the club they represent.

17.4 Swimmers taking part in the Interclub Championship Competition may only compete for the club in whose name they have entered the individual Championship and Age Group events, unless that Club is not participating in the Interclub Championship Competition, when they may swim for another club for which they are a member complying with the general championships conditions.

17.5 The Interclub Championship Competition to be held on a date to be decided by the Swimming Committee prior to the November General Meeting.

17.6 The competition is restricted to no more than 20 clubs. In the event that more than 20 entries have been received by the closing date, the following criteria will apply - The top 20 teams will have automatic entry providing an entry is submitted. A maximum of 2 teams with the least points from the previous year will drop out of the competition to allow the next two clubs on the waiting list to participate. The relegated teams will go the bottom of the waiting list in order of finishing position.

17.7 Heats will be split evenly between the number of teams taking part i.e. 20 teams 10, 10, 19 teams 9, 10 etc. The fastest seeded heat swimming last.

17.8 Swimmers may only swim in a maximum of two individual events in their own age group but may swim in any number of events in a higher age group.



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17.9 Points will be awarded on HDW basis according to the number of teams entering with the slowest swimmer being awarded one point. Points will not be awarded in the event of a disqualification.

17.10 All individual events will be seeded on submitted times.

17.11 Clubs are required to submit a team list with entry times to the Hon. Swimming Competition Secretary no later than the date specified prior to the competition.

17.12 Changes to the team can be submitted up to 7 clear days prior to the competition. Late changes, involving a maximum of 3 swimmers, may be made up to 60 minutes prior to the start of the gala but these alterations can only be made in the case of absent swimmers. Ten points will be deducted for each additional swimmer changed. A swimmer who withdraws from an event will be deemed to have withdrawn from the whole competition. Replacement swimmer(s) may be added to the team to take the place of the absent swimmer(s). Replacement swimmers will take the heat and lane of the swimmer they replace.

17.13 The programme shall be:-

Evt No.	Boys/Girls	Evt No.	Boys/Girls
1/2	11/u Freestyle	23/24	Open Backstroke
3/4	13/u Backstroke	25/26	11/u Breaststroke
5/6	15/u Butterfly	27/28	13/u Freestyle
7/8	Open Breaststroke	29/30	15/u Backstroke
9/10	11/u Backstroke	31/32	Open Butterfly
11/12	13/u Butterfly	33 11/	u 4 x 2 Mixed Medley relay
13/14	15/u Breaststroke	34 13/	u 4 x 2 Mixed Medley relay
15/16	Open Freestyle	35 15/	u 4 x 2 Mixed Medley relay
17/18	11/u Butterfly	36	Open 4 x 2 Mixed Medley relay
19/20	13/u Breaststroke	37	8 x 50m Mixed Freestyle Cannon
21/22	15/u Freestyle		(1 male/1 female from each age group)

Distances to be - 11/u 50m; 13/u 50m; 15/u & open 100m

Mixed medley relays shall consist of two males and two females, swum in any order.

17.14 The winner of the Championship shall be the club with the highest number of points. In the event of a tie in points, the winner shall be the club with the highest number of first places and so on in succession.

17.15 General Championship conditions will apply where not superseded by the above.

17.16 The promoter shall have the power to decide any eventuality not covered by these rules.