

## Yorkshire Swimming Association Championships Conditions 2012

The organization of the Swimming Championships shall be in the hands of the Yorkshire Swimming Associations Management Board with powers delegated to Swimming and Championship Secretaries.

The Championships shall be held under the relevant FINA/ASA Technical and Judicial Rules/Laws.

1.(a) The Championships shall be open to all bona fide members of Clubs affiliated to the Yorkshire Swimming Association and where required the relevant Entry Time. If a competitor is a member of more than one affiliated club then the club he names on his first entry form of the year shall be his declared club for that year of competition. For the purpose of this rule, Swimming, Diving, Synchronized Swimming and Water Polo shall be considered separately. Entries will not be accepted from Local, Private, Youth or Schools' Associations that consist of a group of clubs.

(b) For age group purposes a swimmer's age is their age as on the date specified in the Conditions for the event entered. Usually as at the last date of the series of the Championships. For 2012 this will be 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

(c) There is no separate Junior/Senior Gala this year. The event will be combined with the Age group Championships. There are 15/16yrs. and Open events for boys and 14/15yrs. and Open for girls. In the 400m F/S , 400m I.M and 800/1500m F/S as well as individual age groups there is 14/15yrs and 16/over age groups for girls and 15/16yrs. and 17/over for boys.

2. (a) Championship entries must be made by the relevant Club Official using the Sportsystems Entry Manager available to download from the Web Site [www.sportsys.co.uk](http://www.sportsys.co.uk) and together with the Entry Fees must reach the Championship Secretary no later than the published closing date for the event.

The order in which the events take place shall be published in the annual schedule of events.

(b) The entry fees shall be set annually by the Yorkshire S.A. Management Board.  
2011: Individual Entry: £5.00. Team Entry: £12.00.

(c) The Championship Secretary has the authority to adjust the number of entries accepted to ensure the smooth running of the Championships. The 800m Freestyle event is for females only this year. The 1500m freestyle is for males only.

(d) Submitted entry times will be used for seeding and rejection purposes where necessary.

(e) When the Championships take place in a 10 lane pool all lanes shall be used for both heats and finals.

3. (a) Standard Entry Times (SET) shall be fixed annually for all individual events. A swimmer's Entry Time must have been achieved no earlier than the calendar year prior to that in which the event takes place.

All times for 10yrs/over used for entry into the Championships must be verifiable on the British Swimming Rankings. For 9 year old swimmers their entry times must be verified from a result sheet or ratified by a Club Official.

If a swimmer has not got an 800/1500 F/S time on the Rankings we will accept times that can be ratified by a club official. For these entries and also the 9 year old events enter with a letter Y and submit the times to the Yorkshire Championship Secretary.

These times are automatically downloaded when using the Sportsystems Entry Manager and are converted for long course. The Club Official doing the entries will be unable to alter these times. If in doubt contact the Championship Secretary.

(b) No Entry cards will be used in this gala. If a swimmer/team is not going to swim in a heat they must inform the Recorders of their intention to withdraw no later than 60 minutes before the published start time of the session by completing the relevant withdrawal form. Seeded Heat Start lists will be produced approx 30 minutes before the published start time of the session. Finalists including reserves who intend to withdraw must inform the Recorders no later than 30 minutes after the heat result has been published.

(c) In the individual age groups a Trophy will be awarded to each winner, Yorkshire Swimming Association medals shall be awarded to places 2 and 3. Pennants will be awarded to places 4-10.

In the Boys 15/16 and Open and Girls 14/15 and Open Plaques will be awarded to the winners and medals to places 2 and 3

In the Team Events medals will be awarded to places 1-3 and pennants for places 4-10.

(d) BAGCAT Category Awards. These shall be made to the swimmers (Top 3 Boys & Girls in each age group) who achieve the best category scores. The category awards shall be determined by the BAGCAT categories using the current FINA points table.

Boys Age Groups: 09, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 years, Girls: 09, 10, 11, 12 & 13 years.

4. (a) In all Team Championships Clubs may enter more than one team in an event. An individual swimmer may only swim for one team in a particular event. Where more than one team is from one particular club and competes in the same event then swimmers cannot interchange between teams in that event. Swimmers may enter in their own age group event plus the Open event.

(b) Each competing Club shall submit a list of the names of its swimmers in each team in swim order to the Recorders no later than 30 minutes prior to the start time of the session in which the event takes place. If the individuals or swim order is changed for a final an amended list of swimmers shall be submitted prior to the start of the final. An individual swimmer must have been a member of the club for a minimum of 60 days prior to the day of the event and may only swim for one team in a particular event. Where more than one team is from one particular club and competes in the same event then swimmers cannot interchange between teams in that event.

(c) At any Championships gala, there shall be not less than 15 minutes interval between the last heat of any particular event and the final of that event. After the heats, when there are two or more swimmers from different heats with the same time for reserve place, there shall be no reserve in the final.

(e) No swimmer shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to swim for a 'Time only'.

5. (a) Team staff requiring access to the poolside must be in possession of a Pass issued by the Yorkshire S.A. These may be obtained from the Championship Secretary. 2012 Fee: £20. Which covers all Championship Galas and the Winter Competition.

It is expected that all Team Staff can comply with the relevant ASA Child Procedures and have attended a Team Managers Course.

Yorkshire Swimming Association will NOT be responsible for any unaccompanied swimmers on the poolside. The responsibility falls on the club entering the swimmer.

6.(a) It is the intention of the Yorkshire Swimming Association to provide a Warm-up /Swim-down facility at each of its Championships. These will be supervised by facility staff /warm-up marshals. Swimmers using these facilities must follow any instructions issued by these supervisors. Clubs through their coaches /team managers will be held responsible for the behavior /actions of their swimmers using these facilities.

(b) Photography – The rules and standing operating procedures (SOPs) of the facility where the Championships are being held must be observed and anyone wishing to use photographic equipment (including still, video, digital and mobile phone cameras) at any Championships Meet will be required to sign the ASA Video/Photography Book.

7. (a) The Yorkshire S.A. Board / Swimming Management has the power to vary the Championship Conditions prior to an event closing date.

#### NOTE

##### Electronic Scoreboard:

Times and places shown on the electronic scoreboard are for information only, and are not necessarily the official result. The Referees decision is final.

##### Supplementary Conditions (Disability Swimming)

The general conditions for the Championships shall apply to the Multi-Disability Swimming events except where varied by any of the following conditions:

**Eligibility**

- All competitors must have an authorised British Swimming or IPC Swimming classification, which is held on the British Swimming or IPC Swimming classification database at the time of entry.
- All competitors must hold a current Functional Ability Card (FAC) at the time of entry.
- All competitors must be registered as members of a swimming club affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) Scottish ASA (SASA) or Welsh ASA (WASA) at the time of entry.
- Disabled competitors will compete in the Open Age Group only
- Functional Ability Cards (FAC's) must be submitted to the Recording Desk prior to the start of the session with the athletes' first event. No further submission is required following this. Failure to do so will result in the swimmer being unable to race.
- Medals: Medals shall be awarded to the top three British Disability Point scorers in each event. Medals shall be awarded during the relevant session that the event has taken place
- Swimmers with a current Disability Classification whose Ranking Times are outside the Entry Time and the 9 year old and 800/1500 F/S events should enter with the letter Y.