

## **Yorkshire Swimming Association Championships Conditions 2018**

The organisation of the Swimming Championships shall be in the hands of the Yorkshire Swimming Associations Management Board with powers delegated to Swimming Secretary. The Championships shall be held under the relevant FINA/Swim England 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

(c) Age groups are 10/11yrs, 12 yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17 & over yrs for all events with the exception of the 800m & 1500m Freestyle and the 400m I.M. when there will be no events for 10/11yrs.

(d) Consolidated heats will be used.

(e) There will be a final for all ages and events with the exception of the 200m & 400m Events for swimmers under 14 years which will be Heat Declared Winner. The 800m & 1500m Freestyle events will be Heat Declared Winner for all age groups.

### 2. Entries

(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) . The entry file is available on the Yorkshire Web site. When completed it should be emailed to [entries@yorkshireswimming.org](mailto:entries@yorkshireswimming.org)., before the advertised Closing Date.

(b) Entry Fees must reach the County Treasurer no later than the said closing date.

(c) The entry fees are: Individual Entry: £5.00. Team Entry: £15.00.

(d) The Swimming Secretary has the authority to adjust the number of entries accepted to ensure the smooth running of the Championships.

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

(f) 10 lanes will be used for both heats and finals.

### 3. Entry Standards

(a) Standard Entry Times (SET) are 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 used for entry into the Championships must be verifiable on the British Swimming Rankings. 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.

(b) Swimmers with a current Para Swimming Classification should include the classification in the entry file. If their Ranking Times are outside the Entry Time should enter the letter Y in the time column.

### 4. Awards

(a) Awards will be given to all swimmers placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Final or Heat Declared Winner event.

(b) Pennants will be available for those swimmers placed 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in an event.

### 5. Meet Procedure

(a) 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 6pm on the Friday Evening for Saturday events and by 12noon on the Saturday for Sunday Events. Seeded Heat Start lists will be produced. Notifications should be sent to [entries@yorkshireswimming.org](mailto:entries@yorkshireswimming.org)

(b) 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.

(c) Finalists including reserves who intend to withdraw must inform the Recorders no later than 30 minutes after the heat result has been published.

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

## 6. Team Events

(a) Clubs may enter more than one team in any 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.

7. (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 Treasurer. 2018 Fee: £15. This Pass covers all Championship Galas.

It is important that we know the names of each member who is issued with a poolside pass.

Poolside passes must be on display at all times.

All Team Staff must comply with the requirements laid down in the Swim England Wavepower Handbook.

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

8.(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 behaviour/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.

9. (a) The Yorkshire S.A. Board/Swimming Management has the power to vary the Championship Conditions prior to an event closing date. Notice of any such variance, together with its date of operation, will be published on the YSA Website

### **Supplementary Conditions (Para Swimming)**

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

#### ***Eligibility***

- All competitors must have an authorized 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 be registered as members of a swimming club affiliated to Swim England, Swim Scotland or Swim Wales at the time of entry.
- Para Swimmers will compete in their own age group as listed in Championship Conditions.
- Medals: The minus one rule will apply to presentations for the events where there are less than four competitors. Medals will be awarded based on British Para-Swimming Points. If there is only one competitor in an event then a medal shall be awarded if he/she breaks the British Record for their classification. Medals shall be awarded during the relevant session that the event has taken place