

# **SHROPSHIRE COUNTY AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **PROMOTERS RULES AND CONDITIONS**

- 1 DATES AND VENUES:** The dates and venues of the competition shall be decided and approved by the Executive Committee.
- 2 ENTRIES:** Entries for the competition together with the entry fee must reach the Honorary Gala Co-ordinator by midnight of the closing date as specified by the Executive Committee. All entries shall be made on the Official Entry Disc. Entry times must be equal to or faster than the Qualifying times published for each event. All submitted entries will be deemed correct and not open to alteration. The number of entries to the Championship may be limited under the following conditions: a) there will be no refund of entry fees for any entry submitted with a time outside the published qualifying times and b) the slowest entries within the qualifying times may be rejected at the discretion of the Promoter to comply with designation criteria. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 3 ENTRY CARDS:** These Championships will be run on a no entry card system, whereby all swimmers are deemed to be competing and must withdraw from an event by a specified time. A Schedule of accepted entries will be sent to each Club. Withdrawals from events must be made in writing by either the relevant Club coach or nominated representative by the time specified by the promoter on withdrawal slips provided. Decisions on late withdrawals and penalties will be at the discretion of the Promoter. Failure by a swimmer to withdraw by the specified time will result in the swimmer being excluded from any remaining events they may be entered for. There will be no Time Only Swims.
- 4 COMPETITORS:** All competitors must wear costumes which conform to ASA Laws and Technical Rules. Swimmers are expected to conduct themselves in a correct manner and display a good standard of behaviour both on and off poolside.
- 5 ELIGIBILITY:** Competitors must have been a bona fide member of a Club affiliated to Shropshire County ASA for a period of not less than 30 days prior to the first date of competition and must be registered in accordance with ASA Laws. A swimmer who enters or takes part in these Championships must not represent another County or compete in or have competed in another Counties Championships in the same calendar year. Should a swimmer be found to have broken this rule, their recorded times shall be removed from the results and any medals won shall be returned to the promoter. A swimmer can only swim for one Club in individuals and relays.
- 6 OFFICIALS:** All officials will be drawn from the District or WASA lists.
- 7 EVENTS:** Entry acceptance is based upon the Qualifying times as published. All events shall be seeded on submitted entry times and seeded fastest to slowest. The fastest heat of all Heat Declared events will be arranged on the spearhead principles.
- 8 PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS:** These will only be accepted by the Referee in accordance with ASA Laws and Technical Rule and, where possible will be dealt with by the Referee or Jury of Appeal, if one is appointed.
- 9 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:** For practical purposes of expediency, the Promoter reserves the right to change the order of events in the programme with the concurrence of the Referee and the competitors or their representative.
- 10 COUNTY AGE GROUP RECORDS:** County Age Group Records are times set in the County Age Group Championships only and may be achieved in any of the events in the programme. Times achieved in official county trials or at any other event will not constitute a County Age Group Record.
- 11 MEDALS AND TROPHIES:** Awards will be made to the first, second and third placed swimmers in each event. Certificates will be awarded to all swimmers placed fourth, fifth and sixth and to all BAGCAT swimmers. Shropshire Star trophies will be awarded to Top Ten year old girl and boy. The Shropshire Star Record Breaker Trophy will be contested by all swimmers during the Championship and will be presented to the swimmer(s) who break the most records. Trophies donated for certain other events will also be presented. Presentations will be made to the top boy and girl in each group based on position points. In the event of a tie, the result will be decided by count back of the number of first, second and third places to decide on an overall winner.
- 12 PROMOTER:** The Executive committee shall be the Promoter. For the practical purposes of administration, the Honorary Gala Co-ordinator shall be deemed the Promoter on the day. Any matter not covered above will be dealt with at the discretion of the Promoter.
- 13 AGE ON DAY:** These Championships will be swum Age on Day which will be deemed to be the last day of the Championships.
- 14 FINES AND PENALTIES:** A decision will be made after the results have been checked for swimmers recording times outside the qualifying time for the events entered. The penalty for a swimmer failing to withdraw by the specified time will be as follows: a) the club will pay a £5 penalty and b) the swimmer will be excluded from the remaining Championship events.
- 15 WARM UP:** The use of **Training Aids** are not permitted during the **WARM UP**.