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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
(Affiliated to the East Midlands Region)

PROMOTER'S CONDITIONS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

- 1 (a) The NASA executive shall agree the dates and venues.
- (b) The Competitions Committee will undertake the management of the County Championships and, hereafter, are known as the PROMOTER.
- (c) The Championships will be held under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules

2 THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) The championships shall be open to eligible swimmers as defined in the ASA Open meet Licensing Criteria; minimum age 10 years at 31st December in the year of competition.
- (b) The swimmers must be ASA Category 2 registered.
- (c) The competitors' ages are as at 31st December in the year of competition.
- (d) The Championships shall be open to members of those clubs or organisations that have been affiliated to NASA for the past continuous six months prior to the competition.
- (e) A swimmer who has taken part in a similar competition in another county, or who has represented another county, in the six months prior to the championships shall not be eligible to take part in the NASA Championships.
- (f) The PROMOTER shall, at their discretion, have authority to grant exemption to conditions (d) and (e), upon receipt of a written submission.

3 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS GENERAL RULES

- (a) County Championship events will be divided into 3 sub age groups, seeded according to entry times. (10-12yrs, 13-15yrs, 16yrs and over)
- (b) Events will be spearheaded and cyclically seeded as required by ASA regulations.
- (c) All individual events shall be HDW on times recorded in the heats, except for 50m and 100m events, 200m freestyle and 200m IM, where Finals shall be swum.
- (d) (i) Junior and Open Champions shall be declared in all events.
A junior is defined as being under 16 at 31st December in the year of competition.
(ii) For county record purposes a junior is defined as being under 16 on the day of competition.
- (e) Times swum in Finals will decide the Junior and Open Championship positions. Times from the heats will decide any positions not covered by the Finals.
- (f) Finals will be swum in the following Age Groups
10/11years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years and over (A & B finals).
These age groups will apply to both boys and girls.

- (g) Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded to each age group.
For any events with Finals this will be from the result of the Finals. For all HDW events this will be from the heats.
This rule also applies to Junior and Open Championship trophies.
The winner of each Championship Junior and Open event will be awarded a trophy and upon receipt of a signed indemnification guaranteeing the safe custody of the trophy, will be allowed to keep the trophy until asked to return it, engraved, by a member of the NASA Competitions committee.

4 SUPPLEMENTARY PARA-SWIMMING CONDITIONS

- (a) Swimmers with a Functional Ability Classification may enter all events with an entry time matching the requirements of rule 5(b).
- (b) Medals shall be awarded on a multi-classification basis to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors based on the British Para-Swimming Points system. If less than four swimmers participate in any one event then a minus one ruling shall apply. If only one swimmer participates in any event, then the swimmer may, at the discretion of the PROMOTER, be awarded a medal, providing he/she improves upon their entry time.

5 QUALIFYING TIMES

- (a) Entry to individual events to be limited to the said times as agreed by the PROMOTER.
- (b) Submitted times must have been achieved between 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016. All entry times will be based on 25m times.
Conversions from 50m times are acceptable.

6 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) Heats will be arranged by the organisers in the event of more than eight teams entering the competition.
Entries are limited to one team per club except 4 x 200m relay events where clubs may submit a second team and entry will be decided by a spare lane ballot after the closing date.
- (b) Medals will be awarded to the first **placed** team from each club.
E.g. each competing club will be restricted to one medal; subsequent finishes will be unplaced and for a time only.
- (c) Lanes will be allocated according to previous year's times.

7 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- (a) A responsible club official must sign the completed entry forms certifying that the submitted time has been achieved within the qualifying period in (5) and that the submitted time is within the consideration set by NASA.
Clubs must retain original entry data for all swimmers; this must be produced in the event of a query.
- (b) Swimmers with dual club recognition status will compete for the duration of the competition for the club through whom their entries were made.
- (c) Data entry files must be returned to the nominated person, by the published closing date. The entry reports and payment must be received no later than **two** days after the published closing date.
- (d) Late entries will not be accepted except in the event of an administrative error.

- (e) All known withdrawals to be notified to the PROMOTER **by 12:00pm on the day prior to the event.**
- (f) Dropouts on the day, for no good reason, after the event has been seeded will incur a penalty prohibiting further swims in that session including Club relay representation. Genuine illness is an exception, Club Coaches to be informed. Once withdrawn from an event a swimmer will not be reinstated.

Qualifying finalists wishing to withdraw from a final must inform the recorders within 30 minutes of the start of the warm up for the finals session

- (g) Events will be seeded at the start of each session on the day of competition. Swimmers wishing to withdraw from any events they have entered must inform their coaches prior to warm up. Coaches will notify the PROMOTER of withdrawals via the Swimmer Withdrawal Form enclosed in the Coaches Information Pack.

8 OVERSUBSCRIBED EVENTS

The PROMOTER reserves the right to restrict entries, where the events are oversubscribed.

9 CONDUCT OF ALL ATTENDING THE EVENT

Verbal abuse directed at the PROMOTER or officials, or any behaviour deemed to be against the spirit of the sport will not be tolerated.

The PROMOTER reserves the right to ask any person not complying with this rule to leave the poolside area for the remainder of the session / championships at the discretion of the PROMOTER.

10 PROGRAMME ALTERATIONS

- (a) There will be no additions to the programme other than for administration errors.
- (b) Requests for alteration to a submitted entry time will be refused, except in the case of an administration error.

11 ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees to be set annually by the NASA executive.

12 CONDITIONS FOR RACING

Over the top starts **will** be used at all sessions.

Side by side starts for backstroke **will not** be used.

13 OFFICIALS

All officials for the competition shall be appointed from the ASA list of licensed officials and will undertake only those roles that they are qualified for.

- 14** The PROMOTER shall decide on any matter not covered in these rules.

- 15** Volunteers will be required for all sessions; names must be forwarded to the PROMOTER when requested.

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- Qualifying times to be Midland Championships Age Group times plus a percentage to be decided by the PROMOTER.
In over-subscribed events the swimmers whose entry times are the largest proportion of the qualifying time in the affected events will be rejected to bring the session to within the time allowance.
- DATES & VENUES

28 th and 29 th January 2017	Corby East Midlands International Pool
11 th and 12 th February 2017	Corby East Midlands International Pool
18 th February 2017	Corby East Midlands International Pool
- The Order of events to be decided by the PROMOTER
- ENTRY FEES.
All Individual Events £5.00.
Teams - A £5 fee is payable for team entries to all relay events.
This is non refundable in the event of withdrawal.
- SPECTATOR ADMISSION A standard entry fee of £3.00 per session or £5.00 per day for all-comers (except under 5s accompanied by an adult) will be charged.
Programmes will cost £1.00 per day.
There will be free admittance for all finals sessions.
- Warm-up times for each age group will be announced using the microphone. Additional warm-up schedules will be posted clearly on the poolside. Each competing club to provide Coaches/Team Managers to supervise the lanes, pro rata to swimmer numbers.
- Poolside space will be allocated to clubs based on the number of swimmers from each club.
- AOE timing to be used at all Championships.
- Holders of all trophies to be responsible for their return, engraved, in a good and clean condition ready for presentation at the appropriate time.
- NASA reserves the right to prohibit access to certain areas of the pool complex that NASA shall hire for Championship usage.
- The use by competitors of mobile phones and other devices with an image capturing facility, **for the taking of photographs or videos**, is strictly prohibited on poolside and in changing rooms.
- Parents, spectators, coaches or team managers wishing to take still or video photographs must register with reception staff **and** door stewards and display their badge in a prominent position.
- Any swimmer failing to comply with these terms will be referred to the PROMOTER for disciplinary action, which may include exclusion from the remaining sessions of the Championships. This does not affect the swimmer's right to appeal.