Definition of Low-Level Competition

(clarification of category of membership required for entry into competitions)

Swimming

1) Category one members may take part in the following events: a) Club events providing that the competitors are all members of the club promoting the event.

2) Leagues providing that: a) The league is a local league e.g. within a County or local area and which does not finish with a National final.

**Participants in any National League must be fully paid up category two members.**

3) Inter-club competitions providing that:

a) The participating clubs are invited to compete.

b) The total number of participating clubs shall not exceed the number of lanes available at the pool in which the competition is taking place.

c) The event is a one-off gala.

**To compete in all other Swim England and British Swimming events, any division of a league which finishes with a National final, open meets, County, District/Regional events, and National events, members must be fully paid up category two members.**

Disability Swimming

Category one members may take part in the following events:

1) Club events providing that the competitors are all members of the club promoting the event.

2) Competitions providing that:

a) The event is the DSE Short Course Championships.

b) The event is not organised by Swim England / British Swimming. 1) Club events providing that the competitors are all members of the club promoting the event.

**To compete in the DSE Long Course Championships and all Swim England / British Swimming events members must be fully paid up category two members.**

Open Water

Category one members may take part in the following events:

1) Club events providing that the competitors are all members of the club promoting the event.

**All members competing in any Swim England and British Swimming open water event must be fully paid up category two members.**

Masters

Category one members may take part in the following events:

1) Club events providing that the competitors are all members of the club promoting the event.

2) Inter-club competitions providing that:

a) The total number of participating clubs shall not exceed the number of lanes available at the pool in which the competition is taking place.

b) The participating clubs must be invited by the promoter to take part in the event.

c) The promoter has supplied the conditions for the event.

d) The whole event takes place in one pool on one occasion and does not form a series of events, the results of which are aggregated or considered together to decide the eventual winner.

3) Closed county events providing that: a) The event is open to members of clubs affiliated to a single county or to members of clubs affiliated to a group of two or three adjacent counties.

**To compete in all other Swim England / British Swimming masters events, including open meets, regional and National events members must be fully paid up category two members.**

Diving

Category one members may take part in the following competitions:

1) Club fundamental, novice and skills competitions provided that:

a) The competitors are all members of the club promoting the event; and

b) The number of dives in an event does not exceed four dives per board

2) Inter-club fundamental, novice and skills competitions providing that:

a) The participating clubs are invited to compete;

b) There are no more than eight clubs involved in the competition;

c) The whole competition takes place in one pool on one occasion;

d) The contest does not form part of a series of such events, the results of which are aggregated or considered together to decide the eventual winner; and

e) The number of dives in an event does not exceed four dives per board

1) Competitions that are Level 1 or Level 2 and have no swimmers entering who hold higher than Swim England Grade 2.

**Participants of regional skills events and the National Skills Final must be fully paid up category two members to compete.**

**To compete in all other events divers must be fully paid up category two members.**

Artistic Swimming

Category one members may take part in the following events:

1) Competitions that are Level 1 or Level 2 and have no swimmers entering who hold higher than Swim England Grade 2.

**Swimmers holding Grade 3 and competing in Level 2 or above competitions must be fully paid up category two members.**

Water Polo

Category one members may take part in the following events:

1) Club events providing that the competitors are all members of the club promoting the event.

2) Leagues providing that the league is a local league e.g. within a County or local area and which does not finish with a National final. Participants in any national league must be fully paid up category two members.

3) Inter-club competitions providing that:

a) The participating clubs are invited to compete.

b) There are no more than eight teams involved in the competition.

c) The event is a one-off competition.

4) Regional Development Day or event providing the event is not a selection event

5) Players under the age of 13yrs at 31st December may take part in development forms of water polo under the respective rules e.g. mini-polo or HaBaWaBa providing that the competition is not an inter-regional or national event.

School teams\* under the age of 13years at 31st December who are members of a Swim England affiliated school association e.g. ESSA may take part in development forms of water polo under the respective rules e.g. mini-polo or HaBaWaBa providing that the competition is not an inter-regional or national event.

\*Teams from a school affiliated as described are eligible by virtue of Swim England Regulation 50.3. Such school teams are not covered by Swim England Membership insurance.

**To compete in all other Swim England events, any division of a league which finishes with a National final, open meets, County, District/Regional events, and National events, members must be fully paid up category two members.**

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