



Gloucester County Amateur Swimming Association



GCASA TEAM & TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS 2019

General

- 1) All Competitions shall be staged annually under ASA Laws and Regulations and ASA Technical Rules of Racing.
- 2) Entry Fees, Dates, venues and closing dates shall be recommended by County Championship Management group and endorsed by the County Executive.
- 3) Any question as to the proper interpretation and application of these rules shall be decided by the GCASA Age Group and Championship Manager, whose decision shall be final. All other matters relating to County Swimming Competitions not covered by these rules and not covered by ASA Law and thus falling to the decision of the GCASA Age Group and Championship Manager, shall be determined by the GCASA Emergency Committee.
- 4) Officials shall be appointed in accordance with ASA Laws and requirements and shall be selected by the Manager of Swimming Officials.
- 5) Should the situation arise where there are insufficient officials/helpers on the day, the competition may be cancelled.
- 6) Any failure to comply with these conditions will be assessed by the GCASA Age Group and Championship Manager and may result in entries being rejected.
- 7) All competitors shall, if a hat is worn, wear a swimming hat reflecting the GCASA club they represent or a neutral swimming hat.
- 8) All Swimming Club Poolside Staff must always wear and display a valid Poolside Pass. Any adult who is not a competitor and does not display a valid Poolside Pass will be asked to leave the Poolside area.

Eligibility

- 9) Entry to the GCASA Team Championships shall be open to clubs affiliated to Gloucester County ASA.
- 10) All competitors representing clubs shall be on the closing day of entry, a fee-paying member, as described in ASA regulation 47.4.3 (Swim England Handbook 2018) in the name of the GCASA affiliated club they are to represent.
- 11) Competitors who have competed in the County Age –group or Championships events of another English County, in the current year of competition, are not eligible.
- 12) If a competitor has competed for a GCASA affiliated club in the Championship and Age Group Competition in the current year of competition, they must compete for the same club in the GCASA Team Championships.
- 13) Any exceptions to the eligibility criteria will require a formal application and will be considered by the GCASA Age Group and Championship Manager. Any appeals against a decision on eligibility made by the GCASA Age Group and Championship Manager, will be considered by the GCASA Emergency Committee.

Year of Competition

14) The year of competition is 1st January to 31st December inclusive and age grouping shall be determined as age as at midnight on 24th February in the year of the competition. (As an example, the competition year for 2019 runs from midnight on 1st January 2019 to midnight on 31st December 2019).

Entries & Seeding

- 15) Competitors may only compete in events for their own age group.
- 16) Clubs must submit consolidated electronic entries (Cost of £10 per team) using the Hy-Tek Team Manager software via e-mail to gcasachampionshipentries@gmail.com.
- 17) Clubs must supply indicative teams for the events they wish to take part in, with estimated entry times.
- 18) Clubs must provide the necessary payment either electronically (details will be supplied on request) or by sending a cheque in the post.
- 19) A hard copy summary of entries should be sent to **Steve Jones, 24 Burleigh Way, Wickwar, South Gloucestershire, GL12 8LR** (Please mark envelopes "GCASA").
- 20) Entries will not be accepted if received after midnight on the closing date of **Thursday 31st January 2019**.
- 21) Incorrectly submitted entries will not be accepted.
- 22) Posted entry summaries must have adequate postage and those with insufficient postage will not be collected from the Royal Mail depot and deemed incorrectly submitted.
- 23) Clubs must confirm their team lists by **midnight, Thursday 21st February 2019**. Changes to team lists after this date will only be accepted if competitors are appointed to replace competitors who have withdrawn on medical grounds or if an emergency arises on the day of competition that will prevent their attendance.
- 24) Clubs must submit a change of team form for any team that has changed since the electronically submitted team entry.
- 25) Clubs failing to confirm their team lists will be withdrawn from the relevant events.
- 26) The team stations of all heats will be spearheaded based on submitted entry times.

Team Championship Events

- 27) There will be Men's and Women's 4x100 Freestyle, 4x200 Freestyle and 4x100 Medley Team Championship events organised in heats and finals. For these events a club may only enter one team per event.
- 28) Events shall be swum as per programme, unless there are fewer than nine teams entered for an event in which case the Event will be swum as a straight final.
- 29) Team Championship events shall be swum as Open age group events.
- 30) Teams shall consist of 4 eligible competitors from the club, each of whom shall swim the designated distance.
- 31) Teams, in finals, shall consist of competitors who have swum in the heats of the same event.
- 32) The order of competitors within a team is at the discretion of the Club and can be changed between both submitting the final team list and between heats and finals. Any changes made to team order from the final team list do not need to be reported to the Meet Management office.

- 33) Any team competitor changes, between heats and finals, must be notified to the Meet Management office at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the finals.
- 34) Any team who swims a competitor not as notified will be disqualified.

Age-group Team Events

- 35) Age-groups for Team events shall be: Boys & Girls, 4x50 Freestyle Team and 4x50 Medley Team – 9/10yrs, 11/12yrs, 13/14yrs & 15/16yrs. Mixed (2 Female & 2 Male), 4x50 Freestyle Team and 4x50 Medley Team – 17/Over.
- 36) All events will be organised into heats and finals.
- 37) Each club may enter up to two teams per event.
- 38) Events shall be swum as per programme, unless there are fewer than nine teams entered for an event in which case the event will be swum as a straight final.
- 39) Teams shall consist of 4 eligible competitors from the club, each of whom shall swim the designated distance.
- 40) Teams, in finals, shall consist of 4 eligible competitors who have swum in the heats of the same event.
- 41) In finals, the eight fastest clubs, based upon times achieved in the heats, shall compete, i.e. clubs may only be represented by one team in any final. If there are less than eight clubs represented in the final the fastest second club teams, if any, based upon times achieved in the heats, shall compete. Increasing the total number of teams in the final up to a maximum of eight.
- 42) Competitors are not eligible to compete in a final if their team was disqualified in the heats.
- 43) Competitors are interchangeable between multiple teams for heats and finals
- 44) Any competitor swimming in a final must have swum in a team in the heats of the same event.
- 45) The order of competitors within a team is at the discretion of the Club and can be changed between both the submission of the final team list and between heats and finals. Any changes made to team order from the final team list do not need to be reported to the Meet Management office.
- 46) Any team competitor changes, between heats and finals, must be notified to the Meet Management office at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the finals.
- 47) Any team who swims a competitor not as notified will be disqualified.
- 48) Any competitor that competes in any Team Championship Event is ineligible to compete in an Age Group Mixed 17/Over Event.

Awards

- 49) An award shall be made to competitors who swim in the Team Championship Finals. These awards shall be Team Championship – 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Team Championship Finalist.
- 50) An award shall be made to competitors who swim in the Age-group Team Finals. These awards shall be Age-group Team: 9/10yrs: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Age-group Team Finalist. All other age groups: 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- 51) The winners of any perpetual trophy that may be awarded for an event shall provide satisfactory security to the Trophy Controller that they:

- a) Shall ensure the trophy is kept safe.
 - b) Shall be returned clean and in good condition
 - c) Shall be engraved before return
- 52) Any competitor or team who do not present themselves, or arrange for a substitute, to receive an award during the presentations will lose that award.
- 53) Competitors should wear a club top or t-shirt reflecting the GCASA club they represent for formal presentation of awards.