

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASA – SWIMMING COMPETITION RULES

SHORT COURSE COMPETITION

1. A Short Course Competition shall be conducted annually upon dates to be fixed by the Swimming Committee of the Association and confirmed by the Executive.
2. **ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY**
 - 2.1 The Competition shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by the ASA, who are members of clubs affiliated to the Association..
 - 2.2 A swimmer must have been an ASA (CAT2) registered member of the club in whose name he is entered. The appropriate registration form must have been received by the relevant governing body **at least 60 days prior to the first day of the Competition.**
 - 2.3 Time trials will not be permitted during the Competition.
 - 2.4 A swimmer may only compete in the name of one club at the competition
 - 2.5 Ages shall be determined as at midnight on the last day of the Competition.
3. **EVENTS**
 - 3.1 Ages will be determined by the Swimming Committee
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4. **ENTRIES**
 - 4.1 Entry fees shall be as authorised by the Executive.
 - 4.2 Entries shall be made on the official form or in the official format.
 - 4.3 Entries, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, shall be received by the Competition Secretary by the specified closing date.
 - 4.4 For all individual events the Swimming Committee shall set entry consideration times.
 - 4.5 **ENTRY QUALIFYING TIMES** are shown in the entry instructions and all swimmers must have achieved the time shown during the previous 12 months. Times entered must be confirmed by ASA rankings. Times slower than the qualifying time will **not** be accepted.
Any club found to be submitting entry times faster than those actually achieved by swimmers will be reported to the County Disciplinary Committee.
 - 4.6 In the interests of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the Competition, the Swimming Committee reserves the right to restrict the number of entries in any event. In such case the swimmers with the fastest submitted times will take preference.
5. **MEET PROCEDURE**
 - 5.1 There shall be separate events or results for males and females.
 - 5.2 Swimmers must report to the Clerks of the Course no later than 15 minutes before the advertised session start time.
 - 5.4 On the day any withdrawals must be made at least 30 minutes before the start of each session. **Failure to withdraw in adequate time will result to the club being fined £5 per swimmer per event and £10 per team for relays unless there are mitigating circumstances.** Should a swimmer be withdrawn by mistake, the swimmer shall be allowed to swim in unallocated lanes in the earlier heats in the same event if available. All fines are to be levied on the swimmer's club. The fine shall be reduced by 50% if paid within 28 days
 - 5.5 Failure to report within the stipulated time shall cancel the swimmer's right to compete. However, the swimmer shall be allowed to swim in unallocated lanes in the earlier heats in the same event if available
 - 5.6 **Heats and Finals:** In all events where there are to be finals heats will be swum to determine the allocation of lanes for the final. The heats of all events will be seeded. In the finals the maximum number of lanes practicable will be allocated. A maximum of two reserves will be declared for finals. Lanes for finals will be allocated on the spearhead principle.

5.5 The names of the finalists and up to two reserves shall be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the heats. Swimmers including reserves wishing to withdraw from a final shall do so by completing a withdrawal form and handing to the Competitors' Stewards within 10 minutes of the announcement. Vacant places shall be filled from the declared reserves.

5.6 Any swimmer withdrawing from a final in such a manner as to prevent a reserve from taking part (except in the case of genuine illness or a proven emergency) shall be suspended immediately from all further events at the competition. Where a reserve is brought in at short notice they will occupy the vacant lane.

6. AWARDS

Medals shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed swimmers in each event

7. COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS

Any swimmer failing to comply with any of the conditions shall be disqualified and shall forfeit any fee paid.

8. CHAPERONES

The Association will send at least one complementary ticket to the Secretary of each club represented for an adult to accompany juniors from that club.

9. DISPUTES

Any dispute for which the foregoing conditions do not provide shall be determined by the Swimming Committee.