

BRITISH GAS WARWICKSHIRE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015.

PROMOTER'S COMDITIONS.

Text in blue = Key Dates / Text in red = Significant changes from the 2014 Championships.

In addition to the General & Swimming Championship Conditions which can be found on the Association's website; the following will apply:-

1. The Championships will be held under ASA Laws incorporating FINA Swimming Rules.
2. The Championships will take place at Coventry Sports Centre 50m pool, as follows:-
3. Morning & afternoon heats to be followed (after short breaks) by separate finals sessions, on each of; Saturday 7th, 14th, & 21st March 2015. Morning sessions will start no earlier than 9:00. The start time of afternoon sessions will be confirmed after all entries have been processed. Swimming should finish no later than 18:30.
4. Age groups will be: 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & Over.
5. For all entries, both individual and relays; age will be '**As at 31st December 2015**'.
6. A full programme of all 32 recognised long course events is offered, generally to conform to the revised domestic competition structure detailed within the 2014 British Swimming protocol '*A New British System*'. Entry to individual events will be based on the necessary Qualifying Times having been achieved in licensed competition, on or after 1st May 2014; and verifiable via GB Rankings). (GB Ranking verification is not required from those 10/11 years, in recognition of current licensing and LTAD restrictions which may prevent this age group having the necessary ranked time). It should be noted that this exemption will not apply from 2016.
7. The 2015 Championships are licensed at Level-2 (CC150055 / 56 / 57) for entry qualification to Regional competitions. Events scheduled for 14th & 21st March only fall within the specified 'qualifying window' for 2015 end of season competition ranking. The ASA have confirmed that results from these events under licenses CC150056 & CC150057; will be eligible.
8. Entry to these Championships will be via a Club Administrator who shall be responsible for communicating all information to and from swimmers including:-a) Checking and validating the swimmers entries and fees, b) Entering swimmers details into the *SportSystems Entry Manager V-2* programme (requires a PC running Windows™ operating system, version XP or later), c) Returning the entry files (Please note that a separate entry file for the 10/11 age group will be required), summary form and payment to the Championship Administrator, d) Checking the processed entries list on the Warwickshire ASA website. Current best times, (with the exception of the 10/11 age group as detailed above and within condition-6); will be retrieved automatically from GB Rankings and converted to SC equivalents where appropriate. An email will be sent to clubs when the web entry list is updated; any queries will need to be reported back to the Championship Administrator immediately. (N.B. All entries are subject to rule-10 below, final acceptance and rejection lists will then be published as soon as possible after the closing date).
9. These Championships will be run without entry cards, requiring the competitor to withdraw if they do not intend to swim. Withdrawal before the day will be via email to a link on the Warwickshire ASA website. Prior to each morning and afternoon session, notice of the withdrawal of swimmers(s) from a club shall be made to the Recorder up to 1 hour before the published earliest session start time; on the forms provided. The maximum number of entries accepted will be critically dependent upon a robust withdrawal process. Therefore other than in exceptional circumstances and entirely at the Promoter's discretion, failure to comply with the withdrawal process shall result in a fine of £5 for a heat swim; and £10 for a final for which the swimmer has previously confirmed. Fines must be paid before he/she competes again in the Championships. In the event of a swimmer not paying the fine, the club in whose name the swimmer entered the competition shall become responsible for payment. Further details will be made available when entry forms are sent out.

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10. If entries to an event are exceptionally high, the slowest competitors may have to be rejected, at the Promoter's discretion. Where this becomes necessary, all reasonable steps will be taken to apply rejections fairly across the age groups. Should this apply to the 1500m-FS (3 heats maximum) & 800m-FS (5 heats maximum), equal consideration will be given to both male and female competitors.
11. Event structure will be as follows:-
 - a. For all strokes and distances with the exception of 800m-FS & 1500m-FS, separate male & female events to include where relevant, para-swimmers alongside those able-bodied.
 - b. All events are open to both male & female swimmers 10yrs & over, with the following exceptions:-
 - 1500m-FS & 800m-FS:-Minimum age 13yrs, maximum age 30yrs.
 - 400m-FS & 400m-IM, minimum age 12yrs.
12. **All HDW events at 200m, plus 400m-FS, will be run concurrently as either 2 or 3 separate age group events.** Those at 400m-IM, 800m-FS, & 1500m-FS will run as Open age events. (Please refer to programme of events for detail). Competitors in all individual events will be seeded in accordance with their entry time, with all heats being run 'slowest first'. All heats will be spearheaded.
13. All 50m & 100m events will be swum in heats, with the fastest 8 competitors taken from the heats being eligible to compete in the Championship Final. **There will also be separate age group finals at 100m all strokes; for ages 10/11, 12, 13, & 14. (Should a competitor qualify for the Championship final but subsequently elects not to compete; they will not be eligible for entry to any age group final of the same event. This restriction does not apply to reserves).** In all cases 8 finalists + 2 reserves only; will be called. Finalists must confirm their intention to swim within 30 minutes of this announcement, after which reserves will be called. In the event that more than 2 finalists subsequently drop out; then no additional reserves will be called. **The last 3 heats of all events having finals will be cyclically seeded.** Finals will be spearheaded.
14. Where Junior Championship presentations are made for individual events, they will in all cases be decided on the HDW basis. Eligibility requires the swimmer to be **under 16yrs on 31st December 2015.**
15. The following relays will be included:- 4 x 50m Medley & 4 x 50 Freestyle for age groups **10/12 & 13/15; and 4 x 200m Freestyle, 4 x 100m Freestyle, & 4 x 100m Medley for the Open age group.**
16. All relays will be decided on the HDW basis, each team consisting of 4 swimmers. Nomination of team members (but not their swimming order) must be made a minimum 30 minutes before the start of each session.
17. 'Over-The-Top' & 'Side-by-Side' starts may be used throughout the Championships, other than for 50m sprint events; and Finals. When 'Over-The-Top' or 'Side-by-Side' starts are in use, and with reference to FINA rule SW 10-14 which states that swimmers who have finished their race or relay leg 'must leave the water as soon as possible'; the Promoter requests that in the interest of safety and the efficient running of the Championships swimmers remain in the water until the following heat is underway or until otherwise released by an authorised official.
18. Poolside Championship presentations will be made for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places in all HDW events, those having finals; and for all relays. Poolside presentations will also be made for 100m events having separate age group finals. Otherwise medals will be awarded (but not presented), based on heat times for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places as follows:-50m & 200m events with the exception of 200-Fly, in age groups:-10/12, 13/14, 15 & over. 200-Fly in age groups:-10/13, 14 & Over. 400m Freestyle and 400-IM in age groups:-12/13, 14 & Over. 1500m & 800m Freestyle in age groups:-13/14, 15/30.

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19. Separate awards (10) will be made for the top points score achieved (in heat swims only) in each BAGCAT age (Girls & Boys 10/14), based on cumulative FINA Long Course points in the 4 categories of Distance Freestyle / Sprint / Form Stroke / Individual Medley. There will also be 'Top Boy' & 'Top Girl' awards based on highest FINA point aggregate totals.
20. The 'Corbett Challenge Trophy' will be presented to the 10/12 year old competitor who achieves the highest aggregate total of FINA points (heats or finals); whilst competing in all 3 Girl's Backstroke individual events. Details of all presentations and awards will be included in the published competition programmes, whilst details of all perpetual trophies can be found in the Association's handbook.
21. Timing of Presentations will be at the Promoter's discretion and dependant on session running times, but in principle all presentations will be made as soon as practical after the event finishes.
22. Responsibility for the behaviour of all competitors, whether on the pool deck or elsewhere within Coventry Sports Centre; lies with the club in whose name their competition entry has been made.
23. The *Promoter* wishes to remind everybody attending these Championships that all forms of photography within Coventry Sports Centre, are prohibited by order of Coventry Sports Trust; unless an appropriate permit has been issued by prior application. With this in mind participating clubs will be expected to monitor and restrict the use of mobile phones & tablets on the pool deck.
24. A competitor may represent 1 club only, throughout these Championships.
25. **Entry fees will be £4.50 for each individual entry; and £12.00 for each team relay.**
26. In line with current Child Protection recommendations, Warwickshire ASA request that all clubs participating in the 2015 Warwickshire Swimming Championships provide names and current DBS or CRB numbers, for all Team Managers, Coaches, Chaperones, and poolside helpers etc. Poolside passes will then be issued to the named club member, and these will need to be worn at all times in order to gain access to the poolside and/or changing rooms.
27. Poolside entries will not be accepted.
28. Electronic entry files must be sent via email to the Championship Administrator, and received by the closing date, Friday 13th February 2015; after which the Promoter will not accept any 'Improved Entry Times'.

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SUPPLEMENTARY PARA-SWIMMING COMDITIONS.

Warwickshire ASA welcomes individual entries from Para-Swimmers in possession of an authorised British Swimming, INAS; or IPC swimming classification. Swimmers should note that the rules of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) will take precedence over those of FINA; where they differ. A British Swimming National Disability Swimming Official will be appointed for each competition session as appropriate. Swimmers must be registered with a club affiliated to Warwickshire ASA; which shall be their 'fee-paying' club. Consideration times required for qualification, also events and access to them by classification; are in accordance with ASA 2014 - 2015 'County' recommendations. Further:-

- a. Age group will be 10 & Over for all classifications, based on Age 'As at 31 December 2015'.
- b. Swimmers will in all cases compete alongside the able-bodied, with results based on HDW. Medals shall be awarded on a multi-classification basis to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors based on the British Disability Points system. If less than four swimmers participate in any event then a minus one ruling shall apply. If only one swimmer participates in any event, then the swimmer shall be awarded a medal providing he/she improves upon their entry time.
- c. Personal care attendants will only be permitted, in accordance with IPC guidelines, for swimmers in the following classes: S1, S2, S3, & S11. A swimmer in these classifications may have both a Coach and a Personal Care Attendant poolside.
- d. Available Events, Male & Female:
 - i. 50m: Free S1 > S14, Back S1 > S5, Breast SB1 > SB3 Male, & SB2 > SB3 Female; Fly S2 > S7.
 - ii. 100m: Free S1 > S14, Back S1 > S2 & S6 > S14, Breast SB4 > SB9 & SB11 > SB14; Fly S8 > S14.
 - iii. 200m: Free S1 > S5, & S14; Individual Medley SM5 > SM14.

25M PARA SWIMMING CONSIDERATION TIMES, ACHIEVED ON OR AFTER 1ST MAY 2014.																				
MALE, AGE 10 & OVER, AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015.										FEMALE, AGE 10 & OVER, AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015.										
50-FS	100-FS	200-FS	50-BK	100-BK	50-BR	100-BR	50-FL	100-FL	200-IM		50-FS	100-FS	200-FS	50-BK	100-BK	50-BR	100-BR	50-FL	100-FL	200-IM
2:13.89	4:35.33	9:31.00	2:17.29	4:34.02						S1	2:22.99	7:04.37	11:15.63	3:51.05	7:37.83					
1:43.78	3:34.34	7:49.51	1:43.53	3:42.48			4:05.11			S2	1:58.71	3:58.32	9:47.64	1:50.77	4:05.75				3:15.38	
1:16.28	2:48.23	6:10.24	1:19.02				1:47.87			S3	1:21.57	2:59.20	6:57.01	1:52.32					1:57.32	
1:06.40	2:24.45	5:08.75	1:17.93				1:21.01			S4	1:16.19	2:44.44	5:46.24	1:31.48					2:52.11	
0:56.85	2:08.15	4:37.34	1:03.85				1:03.24			S5	1:02.05	2:18.87	4:53.88	1:14.58					1:14.82	
0:51.10	1:55.62			2:07.02			0:53.43			S6	0:59.82	2:06.63			2:26.59				1:04.45	
0:47.75	1:44.55			2:01.23			0:52.28			S7	0:56.61	2:02.50			2:24.43				1:00.69	
0:44.73	1:38.29			1:50.33				1:44.01		S8	0:52.92	1:51.74			2:13.74				1:58.32	
0:43.47	1:35.98			1:48.34				1:41.85		S9	0:49.66	1:47.93			2:00.67				1:59.12	
0:40.09	1:29.71			1:43.24				1:36.73		S10	0:48.18	1:43.84			1:57.33				1:57.18	
0:44.74	1:41.32			1:55.97				1:48.14		S11	0:52.72	1:57.95			2:15.39				2:24.06	
0:40.83	1:29.86			1:43.33				1:38.89		S12	0:46.77	1:42.00			1:57.78				1:56.57	
0:40.80	1:28.93			1:41.03				1:35.81		S13	0:47.21	1:43.89			2:05.90				1:54.89	
0:43.01	1:33.33	3:23.69		1:47.12				1:40.96		S14	0:48.52	1:44.75	3:44.11		1:53.42				1:59.97	
					3:39.21					SB1										
					1:39.47					SB2						2:09.74				
					1:25.31					SB3						1:52.27				
						2:45.29				SB4							3:17.49			
						2:42.64				SB5							3:05.79			
						2:21.05				SB6							2:50.51			
						2:19.47				SB7							2:38.44			
						2:00.73				SB8							2:20.16			
						1:54.58				SB9							2:12.28			
						2:02.88				SB11							2:32.98			
						1:53.85				SB12							2:15.57			
						1:54.00				SB13							2:15.24			
						1:55.52				SB14							2:11.70			
								5:38.78		SM5									5:54.59	
								4:39.45		SM6									5:30.28	
								4:27.21		SM7									5:11.17	
								4:09.25		SM8									4:35.04	
								3:54.29		SM9									4:25.56	
								3:45.01		SM10									4:17.26	
								4:08.96		SM11									5:02.33	
								3:46.10		SM12									4:12.84	
								3:41.27		SM13									4:15.61	
								3:55.11		SM14									4:15.73	