



Laws Governing The Swimming Championships

SENIOR AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- 1 - 50m Freestyle
- 2 - 100m Freestyle
- 3 - 200m Freestyle
- 4 - 400m Freestyle
- 5 - 800m Freestyle
- 6 - 1500m Freestyle
- 7 - 50m Backstroke
- 8 - 100m Backstroke
- 9 - 200m Backstroke
- 10 - 50m Breaststroke
- 11 - 100m Breaststroke
- 12 - 200m Breaststroke
- 13 - 50m Butterfly
- 14 - 100m Butterfly
- 15 - 200m Butterfly
- 16 - 100m Individual Medley
- 17 - 200m Individual Medley
- 18 - 400m Individual Medley

The above strokes and distances to be common to all four swimmer groups.

- A - Senior Men any age
- B - Senior Ladies any age
- C - Junior Men (Boys) {under the age of 17 on
- D - Junior Ladies (Girls) {the published qualifying date

The **Senior Champion** will be the winner of the Final, or the swimmer returning the fastest time in Heat Declared Winner events. Runner-up and third placed Senior will be adjudged by the same principle.

The **Junior Champion** will be the best placed Junior in the Final or Heat Declared Winner event. Should no Juniors be in the Final, the Junior returning the fastest time in the heats will be the Junior Champion. Runner-up and third placed Junior will be adjudged on the same principle.

A Junior declining the offer of a place in the Final will forgo his/her right to a Junior Championship placing.

TEAM EVENTS

Men's	4x2	Freestyle Team	Boys'	4x2	Freestyle Team
Men's	4x2	Medley Team	Boys'	4x2	Medley Team
Ladies'	4x2	Freestyle Team	Girls'	4x2	Freestyle Team
Ladies'	4x2	Medley Team	Girls'	4x2	Medley Team
Mixed	6x2	Freestyle Team			(3 Ladies and 3 Men)

Clubs may enter **more than ONE** team in each of the Team Championships subject to the following conditions:

- i) For each team entered in an event a list of swimmers from whom the team will be selected shall be submitted to the Referee before the start of the event.
- ii) The name of a swimmer shall appear only on one team list for each for each event.
- iii) Listed swimmers may be freely interchanged within the team for Heats and Finals.
- iv) Clubs are warned that the use of unlisted or ineligible swimmers will lead to disqualification.

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

The Executive shall determine the events that shall comprise the Age Group Championships for each year.

TEAM EVENTS

Girls' 4x2	Freestyle Team	Boys' 4x2	Freestyle Team
Girls' 4x2	Medley Team	Boys' 4x2	Medley Team

In the following Age Groups 9/10 years, 11 & under, 13 & under, 15 & under.

Clubs may enter only ONE team in each of the Team Events subject to the following conditions:

- i) For each team, a list of swimmers from whom the team will be selected shall be submitted to the Recorder by the designated time.
- ii) Swimmers may swim in more than one Age Group.
- iii) Listed swimmers may be freely interchanged within the team for Heats and Finals.
- iv) Clubs are warned that the use of unlisted or ineligible swimmers will lead to disqualification.

ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Each Championship shall be held annually, conducted in accordance with ASA Laws, ASA Technical Rules and IPC Technical Rules where they apply. The events will be staged by the Association at venues and dates submitted by the Swimming Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.
2. **ELIGIBILITY**
Each championship shall be open to all members of Clubs affiliated to the Association who have been born in the County of Stafford or have been resident therein since 1st January in the year of competition.

Entry may also be obtained by members of affiliated Clubs who, lacking either birth or residential qualification, shall submit:

- i) proof that they have been bona fide members of their Club since 1st January in the year of competition, and
- ii) a declaration that they relinquish, for the year concerned, the right of entry in the Championships of any other County through their birth or residential qualification.

A swimmer, having competed in the Championships of another County, forfeits the right to compete in any Staffordshire Championship for that calendar year.

3. **CONSIDERATION TIMES**

Consideration times shall be imposed on all Championship events except for those athletes in possession of a National or International disability classification.

4. **ENTRIES**

A separate entry fee, to be decided by the Executive Committee, is required for each of the strokes, distances and team events.

The entry fee will enable the swimmer to enter all the following events appropriate to his/her age:

- i) Individual Senior Championship
- ii) Individual Junior Championship
- iii) Individual Age Group championship in his/her age group.

No entries will be accepted after the published closing date.

All **Entry Forms** must be completed in full by the Hon. Secretary, or other designated Officer, of the entrant's Club, who will be responsible for ensuring that forms reach the person designated by the Swimming Committee prior to the closing date.

Individual entry forms must include the full name, date of birth, ASA registration number, permanent address and Club of the competitor, together with his/her time for the stroke and distance. The Association reserves the right to request information relating to the venue and date achieved.

Times shall be available to download from ASA rankings and shall have been achieved in a licensed competition on or after the 1st April in the preceding year. Times will not be amended after the entry has been submitted.

5. **NO- SHOWS**

Any swimmer who fails to inform the recorders of their intention not to swim before the beginning of the warm up will be subject to a fine. The swimmer will not be allowed to compete in further events at the Championships until the £10.00 fine is paid. For clarity, this includes both heats and finals. The fine may be expunged, at the discretion of the Meet Manager, for a Medical Withdrawal providing the withdrawal is in time to appoint a reserve.

6. **REFUNDS**

Refunds of entry fees after the closing date will only be allowed on medical grounds subject to the approval by the Meet Manager.

7. **PRIZES AND TROPHIES**

The Swimming Committee shall decide the type of awards to be made to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed swimmers in each event.

Trophies, where available, shall be presented to the respective winners. All trophies are **Perpetual Trophies** and assets of the Association. They shall be insured against damage or loss, and at all times, by the Association.

The winner of a trophy shall be entitled to hold it until required by the Association, when it shall be returned to the Honorary Trustee of Trophies.
Failure to return a trophy, resulting in it not being available for presentation, will incur a fine of £20.00

8. **OFFICIALS**

The Hon. Officials Secretary shall appoint all Officials for the Championships from the A.S.A. list of Officials.

9. **WELFARE**

The welfare of athletes, coaches and officials is of paramount importance. The Welfare Officer has the overriding authority to ensure the championships are run in a safe environment. Instructions given by the Welfare Officer must be complied with. Breaches of such reasonable instruction will be reported to the Referee and may result in the offender being instructed to leave the facility for the remainder of the day. In such instances the Athlete, Coach, Support Staff or Official will be formally reported to their home club.

10. **DISPUTES, APPEALS, ETC**

Any dispute or query relating to the Championships, not catered for by these rules, shall be submitted to the Honorary Swimming Secretary for consideration by the swimming committee at its first meeting following receipt of the dispute/query. The Honorary Swimming Secretary shall intimate the findings of the Committee to the Complainant. Any Club or person considering themselves aggrieved by a decision of the Swimming Committee may appeal to the Executive against such decision. Any such appeal must be sent to the Honorary General Secretary of the Association within **SEVEN DAYS** of receipt of the Swimming committee's decision, accompanied by a fee of £5.00, which shall be forfeited to the Association if the appeal be classed as 'frivolous'.

11. **ALTERATION OF THESE LAWS**

No alterations to these Laws, relating to Staffordshire ASA Swimming Championships, may be Instituted except after formal ' Notice of Motion' to the Association's Annual General Meeting and approved by the requisite majority.
(see Constitutional Law No. 14)

12. **EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

The Executive may, under extenuating circumstances, suspend the championship rules, 1 to 11, in the best interest of the sport. Extenuating circumstances would include a National Emergency, Pandemic and other similar National or Local constraints affecting the traditional Programme of activities.

4th December, 2023

The Aggregate Points Awards

The F. Lawrence Trophy for Men
The Gwen Riley Trophy for Ladies
The John Laing Trophy for Boys
The Lynn Matthews Trophy for Girls
The Chris Fox Trophy for Most Improved Club
The Clarke Corbett Cup for Top Club
The John Noden Trophy for Male Teams
The Bob Pardoe Trophy for Female Teams

- 1) The F. Lawrence Trophy shall be awarded to the Men's Section of the Club which gains the highest aggregate of points in the Official Individual Senior and Junior Championship events; the Gwen Riley Trophy shall be awarded to the Ladies' Section of the Club which gains the highest aggregate of points in the Official Individual Senior and Junior Championship events.

The John Laing Trophy shall be awarded to the Boys' Section of the Club which gains the highest aggregate of points in the Official Individual Age Group Championship events; the Lynn Matthews Trophy shall be awarded to the Girls' Section of the Club which gains the highest aggregate of points in the Official Individual Age Group Championship events.

The Chris Fox Trophy shall be awarded to the Club with the most improved total of aggregate points compared with the previous year. For this purpose points in the Official Individual Senior, Junior and Age Group Championships for both Male and Female Sections of the Clubs will be taken into account.

The Clarke Corbett Cup shall be awarded to the Club with the highest aggregate points at the Senior and Junior County Championships (Individual Events).

The John Noden Trophy shall be awarded to the Male Section of the Club which gains the highest aggregate of points in the Official Team Championship events; the Bob Pardoe Trophy shall be awarded to the Female Section of the Club which gains the highest aggregate of points in the Official Team events.

In the event of a tie, each of the winners shall hold the trophy for an equal part of the year.

- 2) The awards shall be made annually.
- 3) All placed swimmers in Individual Championships and placed teams in Team Championships shall be awarded points as follows:
First, 8 points; Second, 7 points; Third, 6 points; Fourth, 5 points; Fifth, 4 points; Sixth, 3 Points; Seventh, 2 points and Eighth, 1 point (or 6,5,4,3,2,1 if a pool with only 6 lanes is used)
- 4) The Conditions appertaining to trophies are set out in Constitutional Law no. 12 and Rule No.6 Of the Laws Governing the Official Swimming Championships.

The 'M.G. Evans Memorial Trophy

This Trophy is to be awarded each year to the individual or club whose performance is adjudged by the Executive Committee to be 'the most meritorious for that year'.