

Staffordshire ASA Championships 2022

(Affiliated to ASAWMR & held under ASA Laws & ASA technical rules and IPC technical rules where they apply.)

Stafford Leisure Centre – 12th, 13th, 26th & 27th February 2022

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

1. All events are open to members of clubs affiliated to Staffordshire ASA and in accordance with law 2 of the laws governing the official swimming championships
2. Consideration times shall be imposed on all championship events, except for those athletes in possession of a national or international disability classification. The age qualifying date for age group and championship events is 31/12/2022. Age groups are – 10/11 yrs, 12 yrs, 13 yrs, 14 yrs, 15 yrs, 16 yrs, and 17+ yrs
3. The 16yrs age group are a new addition for 2022 only, consideration times remain as 16+ and medals will be awarded in 2022
4. For the 2022 Championships, we will accept times from levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and unlicensed events. The time entered must reside on the Swim England rankings database. This explicitly includes times achieved during the Swim England Level X program
5. The qualifying window for this event commences on 1st April 2021 and closes 31st January 2022
6. Final date for entries is midnight, 3rd February 2022
7. Individual event fee of £7.50 and distance events fee of £10.00 (800m and 1500m) incorporates entry into age group individual & categories, junior championship (if 16 or under on 31/12/2022) and senior championship
8. No refunds will be given after the closing date except for medical reasons which must be substantiated with a medical certificate
9. The estimated start time for the afternoon and evening sessions will be advised when entries are confirmed
10. Coaches' poolside passes must be purchased in advance of the competition
11. The competition will be run using over the top starts for all events, except backstroke
12. Two strobe lights are available for use at the start where necessary.
13. Currently Backstroke Ledges are not available.
14. Electronic timing will be used throughout the competition.
15. 50m & 100m championship finals will comprise of the eight competitors returning the fastest times in the heats. Two reserves, who will be expected to report for the final, will be named. Should more than two competitors withdraw from a final no further invitation to participate will be issued
16. The senior champion will be the fastest placed swimmer in the championship final, second and third seniors being the swimmers placed second and third in the final
17. The junior champion will be the best placed junior (16 or under on 31/12/2022) in the championship final or, if there is no junior in the final, the junior returning the fastest time in the heats. Second and third places will be adjudged in the same way
18. Races of distance 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m & 100m IM will be heat declared winner
19. Senior Championships of 50m and 100m, excluding the 100m IM, will be competed for as a final
20. All age groups within events will be heat declared winners
21. Swimmers wishing to withdraw from a championship final must do so IMMEDIATELY finalists are announced in order that reserves may be notified. PLEASE NOTE - It is totally unacceptable for swimmers to scratch from a final by simply not reporting at the time of the event and will incur a fine of £10.00
22. Presentations will be made to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in all championship events
23. Age group Medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each event may be collected from the awards table following the heat

24. 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
25. Warm-up & swim-down facilities are available, but limited, so should only be used for the proper purpose. Supervision of the small pool is the responsibility of team staff, and ultimately of the coach in charge of each team. Misuse of this facility will lead to its closure by pool staff
26. Athletes, volunteers, and officials will follow the guidance of the Welfare Officer and the Covid Liaison Officer. Anyone failing to do so may be excluded from the competition. The Covid Lead can be contacted by emailing covidlead@staffsasa.co.uk
27. Any complaints regarding the general rules and conditions should be directed to davef@stafsasa.co.uk
28. Any matter not directly referred to in these rules & conditions will be dealt with at the discretion of the promoter (Staffordshire ASA).