

Staffordshire ASA Championships 2023

Stafford Leisure Centre – 21st, 28th & 29th January & 4th, 11th & 12th February 2023

Staffordshire ASA is affiliated to ASA West Midlands Region. Competition is held under Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules and World Para Swimming rules, where they apply.

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 31/12/2023. Age groups are – 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16+
3. We will accept times from levels 1, 2, 3, 4 licensed events only. The time entered must reside on the Swim England rankings database
4. The qualifying window for this event commences on 1st April 2022 and closes 31st December 2022
5. Final date for entries is midnight, 8th January 2023
6. 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 31/12/2023) and senior championship
7. No refunds will be given after the closing date except for medical reasons which must be substantiated with a medical certificate or in case of over-subscription
8. The promotor reserves the right to restrict entries should the event be over-subscribed
9. The estimated session times will be advised when entries are confirmed
10. Coaches' poolside passes must be purchased in advance of the competition at a cost of £5.00 per day per pass
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. A secondary strobe will be provided where it is requested by the athlete at the time of entry
13. Backstroke ledges will be 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 31/12/2023) 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 winners
19. Senior Championships of 50m and 100m, excluding the 100m IM, will be competed for as a final

20. Age group finals will take place in all 50m and 100m events (except the 100m IM). There will be no presentations for individual age group events. Medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each event may be collected from the awards table
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. 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
24. 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
25. Athletes, volunteers, and officials will follow the guidance of the Welfare Officer. Anyone failing to do so may be excluded from the competition
26. Any complaints regarding the general rules and conditions should be directed to counties@stafsasa.co.uk
27. Any matter not directly referred to in these rules & conditions will be dealt with at the discretion of the promoter (Staffordshire ASA).