

## **Staffordshire ASA Championships 2024**

### **Licenses :-**

**1WM240059 to be held on 20th & 21st January 2024.**

**2WM240060 to be held on 10th & 11th February 2024**

The Staffordshire Championships will be held at:

Sandwell Aquatic Centre (50m) on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and

Stafford Leisure Centre (25m) on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

Staffordshire ASA will appoint a Meet Director to oversee the Championships.

### General Rules & Conditions

1. All events are open to members of clubs affiliated to Staffordshire ASA and in accordance with the laws of the association governing the official swimming championships.
2. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with the Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
3. 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<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition. Age groups are – 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16+
4. Consideration Times will accept from levels 1, 2, 3, 4 licensed events only. The time entered must reside on the Swim England rankings database.
5. The qualifying window for this event commences on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and closes 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
6. Final date for entries is midnight, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024
7. Individual event fee of £8.50 and distance events fee of £11.00 (800m and 1500m) incorporates entry into age group individual & categories, junior championship (if 16 or under on 31/12/2024) and senior championship
8. No refunds will be given after the entry has been accepted, except for medical reasons which must be substantiated with a medical certificate or in case of over-subscription
9. If the event is over-subscribed, entries will be rejected to ensure the meet can run. If this is the case, rejections will be done fairly across age groups based on consideration times. This will be entirely at the discretion of the promoter and may not be the subject of an appeal. Rejections will be notified to the club coordinators by email.
10. The estimated session times will be advised when entries are confirmed.
11. Coaches' poolside passes must be purchased in advance of the competition at a cost of £6.00 per day per pass
12. The competition will be run using over the top starts for all events, except backstroke
13. 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
14. Backstroke ledges will be available
15. Electronic timing will be used throughout the competition.
16. 50m & 100m championship finals will comprise of the 10 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

17. 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
18. The junior champion will be the best placed junior (16 or under on 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition) 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
19. Races of distance 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m & 100m IM will be heat declared winners
20. Senior Championships of 50m and 100m, excluding the 100m IM, will be competed for as a final
21. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each event may be collected from the awards table
22. 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
23. Presentations will be made to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in all championship events
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 warm up / swim down facilities 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.
26. Athletes, volunteers, and officials will follow the guidance of the Welfare Officer. Anyone failing to do so may be excluded from the competition
27. Any complaints regarding the general rules and conditions should be directed to [counties@staffsasa.co.uk](mailto:counties@staffsasa.co.uk)
28. Any matter not directly referred to in these rules & conditions will be dealt with at the discretion of the promoters appointed Meet Director.