

## **STAFFORDSHIRE ASA 2019 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

**STAFFORD LEISURE CENTRE – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### **GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS:**

- 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.
- 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 2019. Age groups are – 10/11 yrs, 12 yrs, 13 yrs, 14 yrs, 15 yrs, and 16+ yrs
- Individual event fee of £5.50 and distance events £8.00 (800m and 1500m) incorporates entry into Age Group Individual & Categories, Junior Championship (if 16 or under on 31/12/19) and Senior Championship.
- No refunds will be given after the closing date except for medical reasons which must be substantiated with a medical certificate
- The morning sessions warm up will start at 8.00am.
- The estimated start time for the afternoon and evening (Finals) sessions will be advised when entries are confirmed.
- Distance events will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February.
- Coaches poolside passes must be purchased in advance of the competition.
- The Competition will be run using Over the Top Starts for all events, except Backstroke.
- 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 invitations to participate will be issued.
- 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.
- The Junior Champion will be the best placed Junior (16 or under on 31/12/19) 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. PLEASE NOTE - juniors who decline the invitation to take part in a Championship final forfeit the right to a Junior Championship placing.
- 400m, 800m, 1500m & 100m IM Championships will be Heat Declared Winner.
- Hundredths of a second will be ignored on all entry times.
- Entry into the reverse distance events (Mens 800 and Ladies 1500) will only be accepted from those qualifying in the distance events (Mens 1500 and Ladies 800).
- 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.
- Presentations will be made to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in all Championship events.
- Age group finals will take place in all 50m, 100m & 200m 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.
- Any swimmer who fails to inform the recorders of their intention to withdraw before the beginning of the race 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.
- 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.
- Any matter not directly referred to in these rules & conditions will be dealt with at the discretion of the Promoter (Staffordshire ASA).