Staffordshire ASA Championships 2027

Licenses :-

Sandwell Aquatics Centre on 13th/14th February 2027
Sandwell Aquatics Centre on 27th/28th February 2027

The Staffordshire Championships will be held at Sandwell Aquatic Centre (50m)

Staffordshire ASA is affiliated to Swim England West Midlands Region. The competition will be held under Swim England Rule, 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 para classification. The age qualifying date for age group and championship events is 31st December in the year of competition. Age groups are – 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16+
4. Consideration Times will be accepted 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 1st April 2026 and closes 13th January 2027
6. Final date for entries is midnight, 20th January 2027
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 in the year of competition) and senior championship.
8. No refunds will be given after entry is made 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 within agreed time constraints. 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 promotor 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. Poolside passes must be purchased in advance of the competition at a cost of £6.00 per day per pass. Passes must be visible "on person" at all times.
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 prior to the start of the session.
14. Backstroke ledges will be available.
15. Electronic timing will be used throughout the competition.
16. 50m & 100m championship Age Group 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 across all Age Group championship finals, 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 31st December in the year of competition) across all Age Group championship finals. Second and third places will be adjudged in the same way.
19. Races of distance 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m will be heat declared winners.
20. Age group finals will take place in all 50m and 100m events. 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. Subject to time, County Champions may be presented during the competition.
21. Following notification/announcement of the finals, swimmers wishing to withdraw from a final must do so within 15 minutes of the result being published, 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. Plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in all Senior and Junior 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 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.
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. Mobile phones or cameras must not be used, or be visible, in the changing areas.
27. Any complaints regarding the general rules and conditions should be directed to **SwimmingSec@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.