NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASA
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023
Championship Conditions

1. General

1. The promoter is the Nottinghamshire ASA.
2. The County Championships shall be held annually and subject to any standard the promoter may impose. The Championships shall be open to any member of a club affiliated to Nottinghamshire ASA who is eligible within these promoters' conditions and Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules.
3. These conditions should be read in conjunction with the additional information given in the entry pack and the Award Categories document.
4. Entry to the championships shall be via the club gala coordinator, the club shall be responsible for:
    a. Collection of the swimmers entries.
    b. Checking and validating the data.
    c. Consolidating the entry data using the online entry system.
    d. Submitting the online entries by the closing date and ensure that payment is made upon receipt of invoice for the entries.

2. The Competition:

1. Age is at 31st December in the championship year.
2. Entry times submitted must be within the published qualifying standards and have been achieved in a licensed L1, 2, 3, or 4 competitions since the 1st January 2022. Qualifying times are based on a 25m pool.
3. Entry Times are downloaded from the British Rankings by the online entry system and the best time is selected automatically, which may be a converted Long Course time.
4. The promoter reserves the right to restrict entries if events are oversubscribed. This will be achieved by applying a percentage reduction in the qualifying times across each age. Taking into account the number of swimmers and the overall length of the session.
5. Protests shall be made and dealt with as detailed in Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules.
6. A presentation schedule will be published prior to the competition.
7. When called for presentations it is the swimmers responsibility to report to the trophy stewards.
8. Swimmers who are to receive awards must attend the presentation or their awards will be forfeited. A representative may collect an award on a swimmers behalf.

3. The Individual Events:

1. Events will be swum Long Course.
2. The 800m Freestyle and 1500m Freestyle will be swum mixed gender events.
3. The 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m events are heat declared winners and the fastest heat will be spearheaded.
4. The 50m and 100m events have finals and the heats will be swum seeded in time order.
5. A secondary strobe will be provided where it is requested by the athlete at the time of entry.

4. Para Entries

1. Please see our para entry documentation for para specific entry information.

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5. Entry Processing:

1. Late entries will not be accepted.
2. Submitted times will not be changed unless an administrative error has been made by Nottinghamshire ASA.
3. On the day swims for a time only are not allowed.
4. Refund of entry fees will only be made for rejected entries or where the entry to an event has had to be restricted. For any other reason refund of entry fees will only be made up until the closing date for entries or bona-fide medical issues subject to approval by the Nottinghamshire ASA Swimming Committee.

6. A Swimmer taking part shall:

1. be a registered member of a club affiliated to Nottinghamshire ASA for at least 60 days prior to the first day of competition.
2. be a Club Compete registered member with Swim England.
3. reside within the County or have the longest unbroken membership of a club affiliated to Nottinghamshire ASA
4. not have represented, or competed in the County competitions, of any other County during the same year.
5. enter the individual events under the name of any Nottinghamshire ASA club of which they are a member. No change of club shall be allowed once the entry has been submitted.

7. Accepted entries:

1. Entries shall be processed as soon after the closing date as possible and a provisional full entry list will then be published on the Nottinghamshire ASA website.
2. Notification of rejected entries, if any, shall be notified by email to the club coordinator that submitted the entries.
3. The club coordinator is responsible for checking the entries and reporting, errors and discrepancies to the event administrator within one week after notification on a published entry list.

8. Withdrawal from Individual Heat swims:

1. Withdrawals must be made using the on-line system found on the Nottinghamshire ASA website.
2. The promoter shall not be responsible for non-receipt of any withdrawal notification.
3. Withdrawals must be made by 6pm on the day before the swim.
4. Failure to notify of a withdrawal from the 800m or 1500m Freestyle event before the closing time for those events will result in a £10 fine for the swimmer. The fine must be paid before the swimmer is allowed to continue to compete in the current or future championships. In the event of a swimmer not paying the fine, the club in whose name the swimmer has entered the competition shall be responsible for payment.

9. Withdrawal from Individual Finals:

1. The published event results will be time stamped and posted on the result boards at the entrance to the changing village and spectator balcony.
2. Swimmers (**including reserves**) who wish to withdraw from finals must notify the recorders as soon as possible but no later than 15 minutes after the list of finalists is published, reserves not required are released after this time, but may stay incase of a last minute drop out.
3. Withdrawals after any specified deadline may only be made on bona-fide medical grounds.

4. Failure to notify a withdrawal from a final within the given deadlines is subject to a fine of £10. The fine must be paid before the swimmer is allowed to continue to compete in the current or future championships. In the event of a swimmer not paying the fine, the club in whose name the swimmer has entered the competition shall be responsible for payment.

10. Poolside and Changing Rooms:

1. Only those accredited personnel showing a valid pass will be allowed onto the poolside and in the changing rooms along with swimmers.
2. Coaches and swimmers are responsible for keeping the poolside tidy, ensuring all litter is put in the bins/rubbish bags around the center and not left on poolside.
3. The use of chairs on poolside is prohibited other than those supplied by the venue for use by officials only.

11. Photography (any form of image capturing device)

1. Mobile phones and other image capturing devices must not be used in the changing rooms in any circumstances. Anyone found breaking this rule will be removed from the venue and banned from future days of the championships and possible future competitions hosted by Nottinghamshire ASA.
2. Nottinghamshire ASA discourage the taking of photographs on poolside during the competition.
3. Photography is subject to the venue policy and when allowed spectators may only capture images from the pool balcony.
4. Telescopic lenses are strictly prohibited for use other then by an officially designated photographer.
5. Persons with poolside accreditation are allowed to take photographs during presentations, at the presentation area, but this must not impede the smooth flow of the proceedings.
6. A Nottinghamshire ASA approved photographer may be present on the poolside to take photographs during the competition. Should you not wish to be photographed then you must inform the meet administrator on submission of entries. By non-communication of withdrawing consent, this will be considered as agreement of consent for photographs to be taken and published on our gallery.

12. Volunteers:

1. The Championships cannot run without the support of volunteers.
2. We request that a minimum of 1 volunteer for each 5 swimmers from a club helps out at a session of these championships.
3. Names and availability of volunteers should be sent to the Nottinghamshire ASA Volunteers coordinator in advance of the championships.
4. If we do not get enough volunteers to run the championship sessions, they may get cancelled.

13. Officials:

1. The correct number of officials at the correct qualification level is needed for each session, including finals sessions.
2. Officials that are volunteering to help, should submit their details and availability to the Nottinghamshire ASA Officials coordinator prior to the championships so we can ensure we have the correct numbers of officials.
3. Failure to obtain the correct numbers of officials for a session may result in the session being cancelled.

4. We welcome trainee officials that need practical experience, but details of trainees, and their availability must be submitted to the Nottinghamshire ASA Officials coordinator, prior to the championships.
5. A trainee official turning up on the day with no notice may not be allowed onto poolside.

14. Corona Virus (COVID)

1. In the event of a resurgence of Corona Virus the promoters reserve the right to do what is necessary to comply with any Government and / or Venue restrictions to run the event. For example, but not limited to, the removal of finals and reducing the number of swimmers per event.
2. Anyone attending the championships, acknowledges the risks of attending these championships, and Nottinghamshire ASA cannot be held accountable for anyone attending that may contract the virus.

15. Behavior:

1. Strict good behavior is required by all competitors while at the championships in all areas. This includes while on poolside, in the pool, in the changing rooms and any other area of the venue.
2. Verbal abuse directed at the promoter, officials, and any volunteer acting under the direction of the promotor, or any behavior deemed to be against the spirit of the sport will not be tolerated. The promoter reserves the right to ask any person or persons behaving in this manner to leave any areas managed by the promoter for the remainder of competition.
3. All swimmers, coaches, volunteers/officials and spectators shall have respect for one another and keep with the spirit of the sport.
4. Any persons not following good behavior guidelines may be asked to leave the facility.

16. Any Other Matters:

1. On behalf of the Nottinghamshire ASA Swimming Committee, the promoter reserves the right to remove anyone from the championships that is deemed not to be adhering to the championship rules, or is acting in a way that would bring the sport into disrepute. This includes swimmers, coaches, volunteers/officials and spectators.
2. Any matter arising, for which these conditions do not provide, shall be determined by the promoter.