

SWIM ENGLAND NORTH WEST WINTER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 CONDITIONS

1. General Conditions

- a. The Swim England North West Regional Management Board (the Board) reserves full powers over all Regional Swimming Championships. Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the Swimming Management Group and their nominated representative at the event.
- b. The Event shall be held under Swim England Rules and the relevant FINA/World Para Swimming rules

2. Events

- a. Individual Events:
 - i. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m Freestyle
 - ii. 50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
 - iii. 100m, 200m, 400m Individual Medley
- b. All events are available for both male and female competitors except:
 - i. 800m female only and 1500m male only
- c. The schedule of events shall be published in addition to these conditions

3. Entries

- a. Individuals
 - i. Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered with Swim England at the closing date for entries as members of a club affiliated to Swim England North West Region.
 - ii. No individual may compete in the Championships if he/she has competed, or entered in an equivalent Championships of another English Region in the same calendar year.
 - iii. Individual Championship events for each gender will comprise of Senior (17 years and over) and Junior (16 years and under)
- b. Ages as at 31st December 2019
- c. All competitors are required to comply with the entry process and pay the required fees
- d. Entries together with the appropriate fees must be received by the Competition Manager no later than the published closing time and date.
- e. Entry times achieved in either 25m pool or converted 50m times are permitted
 - i. Where times have been achieved in a 25m pool, these will be given precedence over times converted from 50m pools.
- f. Consideration Times must have been achieved at a Level 1, 2 or 3 Licensed Meet no earlier than 12 months preceding the closing date for entries
- g. Submitted entry times shall be used for seeding and rejection purposes as required, once a time has been submitted improved times will not be permitted.
- h. The Championship Manager has the authority to adjust the number of entries accepted to ensure the efficient running of the Championships in compliance with Swim England Meet Licensing requirements.

4. Meet Procedure

- a. All events shall have Heats and Finals except for 400m Individual Medley and 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle events which shall be swum as Heat Declared Winner events
- b. Heats and Finals will be seeded in accordance with FINA rules. The fastest eight swimmers aged 16 years and under competing in the Junior Final and the fastest eight swimmers aged 17 years and over competing in the Senior Final. Two reserves for all finals will, where possible, be identified
- c. Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawals procedure.
- d. Should a competitor who has not complied with the withdrawal procedure fail to swim they will (except in the case of genuine illness/injury or proven emergency) be subject to a £20 fine.
- e. Should a swimmer withdraw on grounds of illness or injury they will not be eligible to compete in any other events during that day of competition
- f. A secondary strobe will be available for use on request.

5. Para Swimmers

- a. The conditions for the Swim England Winter Swimming Championships shall apply to Para competitors except where varied by the supplementary Para Swimming Conditions to the Championships

6. Withdrawal from Heats

- a. Withdrawals from Heats must be made no later than 60 minutes before the advertised start time of the relevant session.

7. Withdrawal from Finals

- a. Finalists and Reserves not wishing to compete in the final must withdraw no later than 15 minutes after the announcement of the Finalists for the event. Withdrawal must be by use of the official withdrawal form.
- b. Reserves will be released upon publication of the Finals start list
- c. Should a reserve be brought in at short notice the event will not be re-seeded.

8. Call Room

- a. Swimmers must report to the Competitor Stewards in the Call Room for Heats and Finals and follow their direction. It is the competitor's responsibility to report in sufficient time and be available to parade for their event.
- b. All competitors are required to report 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in the confines until led on to the deck for their race.
- c. Coaches, Team Staff and Chaperones will not be allowed to enter the Call Room.

9. Awards

Awards shall be made to the competitors placed first, second and third in the Senior, Junior Championships.

SUPPLEMENTARY PARA-SWIMMING CONDITIONS

1. General Conditions

- a. The Swim England North West Regional Management Board (the Board) reserves full powers over all Regional Swimming Championships. Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the Swimming Management Group and their nominated representative at the event.
- b. The Event shall be held under Swim England Rules and the relevant World Para Swimming rules

2. Events

- a. Individual Events:
 - i. Freestyle
 - 50m S1 to S14
 - 100m S1 to S14
 - 200m S1 to S5 & S14
 - 400m S6 to S14
 - Backstroke
 - 50m S1 to S5
 - 100m S6 to S14
 - Butterfly
 - 50m S1 to S7
 - 100m S8 to S14
 - Breaststroke
 - 50m SB1 to SB3
 - 100m SB4 to SB9 and SB11 to SB14
 - Ind. Medley
 - 200m SM5 to SM14

3. Entries

- a. Para Swimmers may enter events:
 - i. Where they meet their classification Para qualifying time, or without reference to their classification they meet the able bodied qualifying time.
 - ii. Where there is no Para Qualifying time, they meet the able bodied qualifying time.
- b. At the time of entry competitors must indicate their classification or provide a valid Certificate of Swimming Disability issued by Swim England.
- c. The schedule of qualifying times shall be published in addition to these conditions

4. Meet Procedure

- a. The competition format will be based upon Para Swimmers inclusion within the schedule of events. Swimmers will be seeded within the able-bodied programme on their submitted times.
- b. Swim England North West will endeavour to provide a technical official who holds either a World Para Swimming qualification or who has completed Swim England Para Swimming officials training to act as a liaison for the Referee where Para swimmers are competing.

5. Awards

- a. Awards shall be made to the Para swimming competitors placed first, second and third in each event based upon British Para Swimming points.
- b. Where there are less than four competitors in an event a minus rule will apply.
- c. Where there is a single competitor in an event that competitor must achieve a time faster than their entry time to receive an award.