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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
(Affiliated to the East Midlands Region)

PROMOTER'S CONDITIONS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

1. The NASA executive shall agree the dates and venues.
2. **THE COMPETITIONS**
 - a) The championships shall be open to eligible swimmers as defined in the ASA Laws.
 - b) The competition shall be open to members of clubs or organisations affiliated to the NASA for the past continuous six months prior to the competition.
 - c) A swimmer who has taken part in a similar competition in another county, or who has represented another county, in the twelve months prior to the competition shall not be eligible to take part in the NASA competition.
 - d) The executive shall, at their discretion, have authority to grant exemption to any of the foregoing, upon receipt of a written submission.
 - e) The swimmers must be ASA Category 2 registered.
 - f) Ages as at last date of championships in the year of competition.
3. **COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**
 - a) For all County Championship events Junior and Seniors will swim together, seeded according to entry times.
 - b) The final heat of each event will be spearheaded
 - c) All individual events shall be HDW on times recorded in the heats, except 100m events, where Open Finals shall be swum.
 - d) Junior and Open Champions shall be declared in all events.
 - e) In the 100m events the Final will decide the Open Championship positions. The Junior Championship will be decided by the position of any Juniors swimming in the Open final. Times from the heats will decide any positions not covered by the final.
 - f) No points will be awarded for either BAGCATS or Age Groups in the finals.
 - g) A Junior is defined as being under the age of 17 as at the last date of the championships in the year of competition.
 - h) Open and Junior Champions to be awarded medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd. The winner of each Championship event will be awarded a trophy and upon receipt of a signed indemnification guaranteeing the safe custody of the

trophy, will be allowed to keep the same until asked to return it by an officer of the NASA Executive.

4. **AGE GROUP AND BAGCAT COMPETITIONS**

- a) All age group and BAGCAT Competitions will be swum within the County Championships within the same event.
- b) All Age Group and BAGCAT events to be HDW, except 100m events. Points will only be awarded from the heats.
- c) Age Groups for BAGCAT awards are 9 years through to 14 years. BAGCAT Age categories apply to Boys and Girls.
- d) BAGCAT competition eligibility as shown separately.
- e) AWARDS for the BAGCAT competitions are trophies for 1st through to 6th.
- f) ALL OTHER AGE GROUPS are single year age groups – 15 years through to 17 years and over. Age Groups apply to Boys and Girls
- g) AWARDS for all other age groups are TROPHIES for TOP BOY and TOP GIRL in each age group. 1st, 2nd and 3rd only.

5. A BAGCAT swimmer is only eligible for a championship event if this event is available within the BAGCAT competition.

6. QUALIFYING TIMES. Entry to individual events to be limited to the said times as agreed by the NASA executive. Such times to be sent to the Club Secretaries at least three months prior to the event.

7. Submitted times must have been achieved within the previous 12 month period. All entry times will be based on 25m times. Conversions from 50m times are acceptable.

8. **TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- a) Heats will be arranged by the organisers in the event of more than eight teams entering the competition. Entries are limited to one team per club.
- b) Lanes will be allocated according to previous year's times.

9. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- a) A responsible club official must sign the completed entry forms certifying that the submitted time has been achieved within the previous twelve months and that the submitted time is within the consideration set by NASA.
- b) Swimmers with dual club recognition status will compete for the duration of the competition for the club through whom their entries were made.

- c) Completed Entry Forms to be returned to the nominated person, by the published closing date.
 - d) No late entries will be accepted
 - e) Continental entry system may be adopted.
All withdrawals to be notified to the Organiser by start of warm up on the day of competition.
 - f) Dropouts on the day, for no good reason, after the event has been seeded will incur a penalty prohibiting further swims in that session including Club relay representation. Genuine illness is an exception, Club Coaches to be informed. Once withdrawn from an event a swimmer will not be reinstated
 - g) Events will be seeded at the start of each session on the day of competition. Swimmers wishing to withdraw from any events they have entered must inform their coaches prior to warm up. Coaches will notify the Promoter of withdrawals via the Swimmer Withdrawal Form enclosed in the Coaches Information Pack.
10. Incomplete or illegible entry forms may be rejected.
 11. The PROMOTER reserves the right to restrict entries, where the events are oversubscribed.
 12. There will be no additions to the programme other than for administration errors.
 13. Requests for alteration to a submitted entry time will be refused, except in the case of an administration error.
 14. ENTRY FEES to be agreed annually by the NASA executive. No fees payable for team entries
 15. Over the top starts will be used at all sessions. Side by side starts for backstroke may be used at the discretion of the promoter.
 16. OFFICIALS for the competition shall be appointed from the ASA list of licensed officials.
 17. The NASA Executive committee shall decide on any matter not covered in these rules.

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- Base time to be Midland Championship Bagcat and Age Group times
- Qualifying times to be Midland Championships + 25%. Qualifying times for Non-County events in Bagcat ages (Time Trials) will be reduced in the event of a session/sessions being oversubscribed. The swimmers whose entry times are the largest proportion of the qualifying time in the affected events will be rejected to bring the session to within the time allowance.
- DATES & VENUES
11th & 12th Feb 2012 Corby East Midlands International Pool
17th & 18th March 2011 Corby East Midlands International Pool
- Order of events to be decided by the Swimming sub Committee
- ENTRY FEES. All Events £4.50. Teams - no charge.
- SPECTATOR ADMISSION A standard entry fee of £2.00 for all-comers (except young children accompanied by an adult) will be charged. There will be an optional programme charge of £2.00 per day.
- Officials officiating at more than one session to be offered a monetary sum in lieu of refreshments if requested.
- Warm-up times for each age group will be announced using the microphone. Additional warm-up schedules will be posted clearly on the poolside. Each competing club to provide Coaches/Team Managers to supervise the lanes, pro rata to swimmer numbers.
- Continental entry system may be used. All competition withdrawals to be notified to the Organiser by the start of warm up for the competition. Dropouts, for no good reason, once the session has been seeded will incur a penalty prohibiting further swims in that session including Club relay representation. Genuine illness is a recognised exception. When withdrawn from a session there will be no reinstatement for that session.
- The Championships will be seeded at the start of each session on the day of competition. Swimmers wishing to withdraw from any events they have entered must inform their coaches prior to warm up. Coaches will notify the Promoter of withdrawals via the Swimmer Withdrawal Form enclosed in their Coaches Information Pack. No late entries will be allowed.
- A sub-committee specifically for the organisation of County Championships to be set up.
- AOE timing to be used at all Championships
- Holders of all trophies to be responsible for their return in a good and clean condition ready for presentation at the appropriate time.
- To ensure that the ASA Laws regarding registration are complied with, random checks may be made. Swimmers should carry their registration cards with them for production if requested. If application has been made and no registration card has been received from the ASA swimmers should have confirmation from their club secretary that the application has been made.
- NASA reserves the right to prohibit access to certain areas of the pool complex that NASA shall hire for Championship usage. Any swimmer failing to comply with these terms will be referred to the NASA Executive for disciplinary action, which may include exclusion from the remaining sessions of the Championships. This does not affect the swimmer's right to appeal.

- The use of mobile phones and other devices with an image capturing facility is strictly prohibited on poolside and in changing rooms.