

ESSEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
County Association of East and London Regions



ECASA AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

1. Age for Championship individual events is as at 24th March 2013.
- 2 **The closing date for the Age Group Championships is midnight 13th January 2013**
- 3 All entries **MUST** be submitted electronically using the Sportsystems Entry file and emailed to motin@btinternet.com by midnight on 13th January 2013.
- 4 Financial Information forms and CRB declaration forms **MUST** be completed and sent along with a chq made out to ECASA for the relevant amount to **Lyndsey Motin, Rebels, Rebels Lane, Southend on Sea, Essex SS3 0QE . These must be received by 20th January 2013 . DO NOT SEND SPECIAL DELIVERY**
- 5 Entry fees will be £6.50 per event and £8.00 per event for 800m and 1500m events. PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADD THE EXTRA ONTO YOUR FINAL ENTRY FEE FOR 800M AND 1500M EVENTS AS THIS WON'T AUTOMATICALLY SHOW UP ON YOUR ENTRY SUMMARY.
- 6 Where an event has a consideration time at least the 8 fastest swimmers will be accepted for these events. All those inside the actual QT will automatically be accepted
- 7 24hrs after the closing date accepted entries will be emailed to respective clubs for the checking of name spelling and DOBs only and there will be a 48hr window in which you can do this. Alterations to events entered or entry times are **NOT** permitted once a file has been submitted.

**NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE TO EVENTS ENTERED OR TIMES ENTERED AFTER ENTRIES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.
ABSOLUTLY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE**

Entry times cannot be updated once submitted

- 8 Coach passes must be purchased for ANY club with swimmers in the competition and **MUST** be worn at all times on poolside. Coach Passes are **ONLY** available in advance and **ALL** applications must be accompanied by a CRB declaration form
- 9 All Entry times must have been gained at Licensed Meets, With the exception of the youngest age group in each event

This year the licensed entry times CANNOT be edited

(Gala Secretaries please refer to 'Entry instructions)

Conditions

- 10 At least the 7 fastest swimmers from the heats will swim in the finals. All Finals will have **8 Lanes**
- 11 Swimmers who do not achieve the qualifying times in the heats of events with finals will not be permitted to swim in the relevant final. If a swimmer fails to achieve the qualifying time in the final they **will still** be eligible for an award.

Swimmers who are disqualified in a final **will not** be eligible for an award.

12 Swimmers who do not achieve the qualifying time in Heat Declared Winner events will not receive awards or points.

13 **A signing in system shall be in operation throughout this year's Championships. This will close 20 minutes before the published start time of the session. This will be located next to the changing rooms on POOLSIDE.**

Swimmers who fail to sign in will be permitted to swim if there is a lane available in the 1st heat of that event, if there is no lane available they will NOT be able to swim. Failure to swim once a swimmer has signed in shall result in a fine of £10 per swimmer per event, which must be paid before the competitor competes again in the Championships. In the event of a competitor not paying the fine, the Club in whose name the competitor has entered the Championships shall be responsible for payment.

14 **Please note that all swimmers must report to the whipping area before their event and it is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure they do so**

15 Swimmers must be registered with the competing Club and the ASA as at the closing date of 13th January 2013

Swimmers who are registered with more than one Club are reminded that they are only permitted to swim in **ONE** County championships per swimming season for this purpose the Essex Relay Gala is included as County Championships.

16 Time Trials -The ECASA has determined that Time Trials shall not take place at any Championship event.

17 All Entry times must have been gained at Licensed Meets With the exception of the youngest age group in each event

18 The individual Top Boy/Girl Awards for the BAGCAT Age Groups (Girls 9 – 14 Years and Boys 9 – 14 Years) will in future be determined from the **FINA** points system, and will be from:

Best Sprint
Best 100
Best Form Stroke
Best Medley
Best Freestyle (distance)

As per the ASA Long Term Athlete Development Plan.

19 The individual Top Boy/Girl Awards for the Youth Swimmers (Girls 15 Years/Over and Boys 15 Years/Over) will continue to be calculated as previously, i.e. 20, 16, 12, 8, 6, 4, 2, 1 points for 1st to 8th place respectively. In the event of a joint placing, available points will be added together and divided by the number of shared placings.

20 However, for the purpose of calculating Club points, for the BAGCAT age group swimmers the traditional method of points scoring will continue to be calculated and applied, 20 points=1st 16 points=2nd 12 points=3rd 8 points=4th 6 points=5th 4 points=6th 2 points=7th 1 point=8th

21 Awards

Medals & Awards will be PRESENTED at the END of EACH session to the top 8 swimmers in each event

22 **Anything not covered in these conditions will be decided by the Promoter. The Promoter will be from: Gary Couch, Paul Hayes or Paul Robbins**

23 **The balcony WILL be cleared between sessions.**

24 Disqualification Codes

SPORTSYSTEMS, The Meet Organization System incorporates, as part of the results reporting module, the set of standard abbreviations defining reason for disqualification which have been adopted by the European Swimming Writers. Whenever a competitor is disqualified the reason is reported against the swimmers name using the following set of codes:-

Finish	Fi						
Stroke	S	Arms		A			
		Head Position		H			
		Legs		L			
Start	ST						
Takeover	O	Early Start					
		Stroke Change	M	Appeal Made		A	
				Appeal Disallowed	X		
Fouling	FO						
Wrong Lane	L						
Misconduct	M						
Equipment	E		DD		A		nL
		Disqualification				Length on which	Reason
				offence occurred			
				Appeal			
				Status			
Examples:	SH A 3L	Stroke - Head,	Appeal made,		3 rd length		
	OM X 2L	Medley Relay takeover - wrong stroke					
				Appeal disallowed	2 nd length		
	E		Equipment code violation				
	ST		Start				

25. Jury of Appeal

Every effort will be made to provide a jury of appeal from Qualified District Officials.

26. Glass containers of any kind or hot beverages are NOT permitted on poolside.

27. **The changing village/poolside is out of bounds to non-competing swimmers and spectators.**

28. At the end of all sessions on 24th March there will be a presentation Ceremony for:

1. Bagcat winners in each age group
2. The most 'Outstanding Performance' by a Bagcat swimmer
3. Top Youth Boy swimmer
4. Top Girl Youth Swimmer
5. Top Club 2011