



**AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
THE MIDLAND 2008
AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS**
(Combining the East Midland and West Midland Regions)
(Under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules of Swimming)
COVENTRY SPORTS CENTRE
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 7th/8th & 14th/15th JUNE



Meet information and Promoters Conditions

General Conditions apply (as published in the Regional handbooks and on the websites)

1. Entries shall be made on the official entry forms and submitted electronically via the competitor's club coordinator. All entry files, entry forms, summary sheets and payment shall arrive with the event administrator at the address below by the closing date, **Tuesday 13th May 2008**.

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2. Electronic entry is mandatory for clubs with 5 or more competitors and the following applies:
 - a. A club that has 5 or more entries will be subject to an administration charge of £25 when the entries are submitted manually (i.e. not submitted electronically).
 - b. An individual entry, not submitted by the club for which the swimmer has entered, will be subject to an administrative charge of £2.50.
 - c. Refunds for entry fees will only be given on medical grounds, subject to an appropriate medical certificate.
3. The competitor's club shall be responsible for:
 - a. Checking and validating the entry forms and fees
 - b. Entering the information from the entry forms into a database using a computer program provided
 - c. Returning the entry files electronically (by email or on a floppy disk) to the event administrator
 - d. Returning the completed entry forms and the entries summary form with one cheque (on behalf of the swimmers) by normal post
4. Entries must be accompanied by a suitable size self-addressed envelope. Please ensure that envelopes have the correct postage for both the submitted entry forms AND to cover the anticipated weight and size of the return envelope for cards and meet information. The Promoter can accept no responsibility for any delay caused by insufficient postage.
5. Notification of accepted / rejected entries shall be notified by the return of competitor cards to the club coordinator.

6. As soon as possible after the closing date a draft programme will be published on the Regional websites. The club coordinator is responsible for checking the competitor cards in conjunction with the draft programme and reporting any errors and discrepancies to the event administrator. Known errors should be reported before the day of meet.
7. Secondary Entry on the day of meet.
 - a. Swimmers must post their competitor cards in the boxes provided one hour prior to the start of the session, posting a card is declaring intent to swim. Late cards will only be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Manager and if the event has not been computer processed. If the event has been processed then a swim may be allowed if there is a spare lane in an early heat, **no spare lane means no swim**.
 - b. Once the event has been seeded, subsequent withdrawals will only be allowed on medical grounds. If after posting a card a swimmer withdraws without sound medical reason then they will be subject to a fine as defined in condition (6d)
 - c. Notice of withdrawal from a final, **including reserves**, shall be given to the Meet Manager within **30mins of the publication of the list of finalists**. Withdrawals after these deadlines may only be made on medical grounds.
 - d. Failure to comply with these conditions shall result in a fine of £10 for a heat and £20 for a final which must be paid before the swimmer competes again in the 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.
8. A swimmer failing to comply with any of the foregoing conditions shall not be allowed to compete in the championship concerned.
9. For the 800m & 1500m distance events the minimum age is 11yrs, however it is realised that there may be some 10yr old swimmers whose 11th birthday falls between the qualifying age date for the Region events and the qualifying age date for the National events. In these circumstances such swimmers will be allowed to enter the Regional events provided that they can meet the 11yr qualifying standards.
10. Swimmers not eligible for events in their County Championships for which they will become eligible in the Midland Championships may enter the Midland event with a time achieved in non designated competition. e.g. a girl competing in the County Championships as a 10yr old whose birthday falls such that she competes in the Midland Championships as an 11yr old may not have the opportunity to compete in the 100m events in her County Championships. This dispensation only applies to an event which is not included for younger swimmers at their County Championships, as defined in the British Age Group Categories (BAGCATS) which are agreed by the ASA Technical Swimming Committee.
11. For the BAGCAT Championships, points are accumulated on all events and only from the heat swims. i.e. the boys 800m and girls 1500m are scored but finals are not scored.
12. The planned start time of each day is 9.00am, however confirmed start times for all sessions will be advised with the return of the competitors cards.