



ESSEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

County Association of East and London Regions

ECASA AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

1. Age for Championship individual events is as at 30th March 2014.
1. The closing date for the Age Group Championships is midnight 12th January 2014
2. ALL entries must reach me by Saturday 18th January 2014 MIDDAY 12PM
3. All entries **MUST** be submitted electronically using the Sportsystems Entry file and emailed to motin@btinternet.com by midnight on 18th January 2014 MIDDAY 12PM.
4. Financial Information forms CRB declaration & Time Trial 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 25th January 2014 . **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. On 26th January accepted entries will be emailed to respective clubs for checking.
8. Corrections cannot be made after 28th January 2014.
9. **ABSOLUTLY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE**
10. Entry times cannot be updated or altered once submitted
11. All Entry times must have been gained at Licensed Meets, With the exception of the youngest age group in each event
12. Licensed entry times cannot be edited
13. All entry times must be on the rankings at the time of submitting the entries (with the exception of the youngest age in each event) (**Gala Secretaries please refer to 'Entry instructions'**)
14. Swimmers who are in the youngest age group in each event and have an unlicensed time must have their times entered on the appropriate form in the Entry Pack

15. **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**
16. **At least the 7 fastest swimmers from the heats will swim in the finals regardless of their time. All Finals will have 8 Lanes**
17. **All top 8 swimmers shall be eligible to swim in a final regardless of time**
18. **Swimmers who are disqualified in a final will not be eligible for an award.**
19. **The 1500 and 800m events will be swum Long Course Level 1**
20. **Signing In -A signing in system shall be in operation throughout this year's Championships. This will close 25 minutes before the published start time of the session.**

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.

21. **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 - This will be located outside the changing rooms**
22. **Swimmers must be registered with the competing Club and the ASA as at the closing date of 12th January 2014**

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.
23. **All Entry times must have been gained at Licensed Meets With the exception of the youngest age group in each event**
24. **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.

25. **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.**

26. **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**
27. **Awards- Medals/Awards will be presented to the top 8 swimmers in each event**
28. **The balcony WILL be cleared between sessions and all belongings must be removed**
29. **So as to comply with fire regulations - Absolutly no 'fold up chairs'/Deck chairs or additional seats of any kind (with the exception of wheelchairs) will be permitted either on poolside or in the spectators Gallery-**
30. **Time Trials -The ECASA has determined that Time Trials shall not take place at any Championship event.**
31. **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:-

Turn	T						
Finish	Fi						
Stroke S	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 stoke					
				Appeal disallowed	2 nd length		

E Equipment code violation

ST Start

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

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

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

34. At the end of all sessions on 30th March there will be a presentation Ceremony for:

a Bagcat winners in each age group

b The most 'Outstanding Performance' by a Bagcat swimmer (Calculated by the most Fina points)

c Top Youth Boy swimmer

d Top Girl Youth Swimmer

e Top Club 2014

34 Any other point arising that has not been mentioned in these conditions will be decided on the day by the Meet promoter Phill Nice