

## 1. General Conditions

- a. The Swim England North West Regional Management 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 the ASA Rules and the relevant FINA/World Para Swimming rules
- c. The 2018 Championships will be held on the following dates and locations:

Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Manchester Aquatics Centre
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Manchester Aquatics Centre
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Liverpool Aquatics Centre
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> May	Liverpool Aquatics Centre
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	Manchester Aquatics Centre
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> May	Manchester Aquatics Centre

Closing Dates for entry:- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## 2. Events

- a. Individual Events available for both male and female competitors:
  - i. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m Freestyle
  - ii. 50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
  - iii. 200m, 400m Individual Medley
- b. Team Events
  - i. 4 x 100m Freestyle
  - ii. 4 x 100m Medley
  - iii. 4 x 200m Freestyle
- c. Team events are available for both male and female teams
- d. The schedule of events shall be published in addition to these conditions

## 3. Entries

- a. Individuals
  - i. Entries may only be accepted from Swim England registered members, who at the closing date for entries are members of the club affiliated to Swim England North West Region for whom they wish to represent.
  - ii. No individual or team member 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

11/12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs and over  
50m, 100m and 200m all strokes.  
Heats and Finals

11/12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs and over  
400m, 800m, 1500m Freestyle and 400m Individual Medley  
Heat Declared Winner (HDW) Events

Entry to female 1500m and male 800m Freestyle Events will be invitation only. Details of invitation criteria are in a supplementary conditions document to these conditions. (Appendix 1)

b. Teams

- i. Team Events shall be open to all clubs affiliated to Swim England North West Region.
  - ii. A swimmer entered in the name of one club in the individual events may not compete in the name of another club in the team events.
  - iii. Clubs may enter more than one team, but members shall swim for one team only.
  - iv. Teams entered without an entry time will be seeded in the slowest heats.
- c. Ages as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
- d. All competitors both Individual and Team are required to comply with the entry process and pay the required fees.
- e. Entries, together with the appropriate fees must be received by the Competition Manager no later than the published closing time and date.
- f. Entry times achieved in either 50m pool or converted 25m times are permitted.
- g. The schedule of consideration times, events and closing date shall be published in addition to these conditions.
- h. 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.
- i. 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.
- j. Any swimmer who has an outstanding fine from a previous Regional Championships will not be accepted for this competition until the fine has been paid.
- k. The Competition 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 Team Events will be swum as Heat Declared Winner events.
- b. Heats and Finals will be seeded in accordance with FINA rules. The fastest eight swimmers in each age group will compete in the relevant Final. Two reserves for all finals will, where possible, be identified.
- c. In the Team Events, each competing team shall submit a list of its swimmers in competing order to the Recorders no later than 60 minutes before the advertised start time of the session in which the event takes place.
- d. Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawals procedure.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.

#### 5. Para Swimmers

- a. The conditions for the Swim England North West Summer Swimming Championships shall apply to para competitors except where varied by the supplementary Para Swimming Conditions to the Championships. (Appendix 2)

#### 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 for their event.
- b. Finalists are required to report to the Call Room in time to parade for their event.
- c. 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.

d. Coaches, Team Staff and Chaperones will not be allowed to enter the Call Room.

**9. Awards**

- a. Awards shall be made to the competitors/teams placed first, second and third in each of the age groups.
- b. There are no specific Para Swimming awards within these Championships.
- c. Podium presentations will not take place.