

**SWIM ENGLAND NORTH WEST
SUMMER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (50m)
2020 CONDITIONS**

1. General Conditions

- a. The Swim England North West Regional Management Board (the 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 Swim England Rules and the relevant FINA/World Para Swimming rules.

2. Events

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

3. Entries

- a. Individuals & Relays
 - i. Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered with Swim England at the closing date for entries as members of a club affiliated to Swim England North West Region.
 - ii. No individual 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 11/12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17/Over.
 - iv. Relay Event Age Groups shall be 14-16yrs and 17/Over.
- b. Ages as at 31st December 2020.
- c. All competitors are required to comply with the entry process and pay the required fees.
- d. Entries together with the appropriate fees must be received by the Competition Manager no later than the published closing time and date.
 - i. The Closing date for entries midnight 18 March 2020.
- e. Entry times achieved in either 50m pool or converted 25m times are permitted.
 - i. Entry times achieved in a 50m pool will take precedent over those achieved in a 25m pool

- f. The schedule of consideration times and event schedule shall be published in addition to these conditions.
- g. Consideration Times must have been achieved at a Level 1, 2 or 3 Licensed Meet from 1st April 2019 to the closing date of the competition.
- h. 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.
- i. The Championship 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 events shall have Heats and Finals except for 400m Individual Medley and 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle events which shall 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 of the specified age groups will compete in the finals. Two reserves for all finals will, where possible, be identified.
- c. Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawals procedure.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. A secondary strobe will be available for use on request at events held at Manchester only.

5. Para Swimmers

- a. The conditions for the Swim England Northwest Summer Swimming Championships 2020 shall apply to Para competitors except where varied by the supplementary Para Swimming Conditions to the Championships

6. Withdrawal from Heats & Team Declarations

- a. Withdrawals from Heats must be made no later than 60 minutes before the advertised start time of the relevant session.
- b. Team declarations should be submitted, on the prescribed form no later than 5pm on Wednesday 25 March 2020.
 - i. Changes to team lines will be permitted but must comply with condition 6a.

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 and be available to parade for their event.

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

9. Awards

- a. Awards shall be made to the competitors placed first, second and third in each event per age group. Where finals are swum, medals will be awarded from these events.

SUPPLEMENTARY PARA-SWIMMING CONDITIONS

1. General Conditions

- a. The Swim England North West Regional Management Board (the 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 Swim England Rules and the relevant World Para Swimming rules

2. Events

- a. Individual Events:
 - i. Freestyle
 - 50m S1 to S14
 - 100m S1 to S14
 - 200m S1 to S5 & S14
 - 400m S6 to S14
 - Backstroke
 - 50m S1 to S5
 - 100m S6 to S14
 - Butterfly
 - 50m S1 to S7
 - 100m S8 to S14
 - Breaststroke
 - 50m SB1 to SB3
 - 100m SB4 to SB9 and SB11 to SB14
 - Ind. Medley
 - 200m SM5 to SM14

3. Entries

- a. Para Swimmers may enter events:
 - i. Where they meet their classification Para qualifying time, or without reference to their classification they meet the able-bodied qualifying time.
 - ii. Where there is no Para Qualifying time, they meet the able-bodied qualifying time.
- b. At the time of entry competitors must indicate their classification or provide a valid Certificate of Swimming Disability issued by Swim England.
- c. The schedule of qualifying times shall be published in addition to these conditions

4. Meet Procedure

- a. The competition format will be based upon Para Swimmers inclusion within the schedule of events. Swimmers will be seeded within the able-bodied programme on their submitted times.
- b. Swim England North West will endeavour to provide a technical official who holds either a World Para Swimming qualification or who has completed Swim England Para Swimming officials training to act as a liaison for the Referee where Para swimmers are competing.

5. Awards

- a. Awards shall be made to the Para swimming competitors placed first, second and third in each event based upon British Para Swimming points.
- b. Where there are less than four competitors in an event a minus rule will apply.
- c. Where there is a single competitor in an event that competitor must achieve a time faster than their entry time to receive an award.