



British Gas ASA National County Team Championships

Sheffield
16/10/2011

RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. The competition shall be held under ASA Laws and the ASA Technical Rules of Swimming.
2. There will be one National competition comprising the 33 English counties (as structured at 1st May 2005) from the eight Regions of the ASA, the 4 administrative Districts of Scotland and 2 of Wales making a total of 39 teams. All 39 teams will be referred to as "county" in the following conditions.
3. All affiliated counties are eligible and entry shall be by invitation and acceptance of invitation.
4. The event will take place at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheaf Street, Sheffield, on Sunday 16th October at 11.45am (Opening Ceremony 11.30am) and will be based on submitted short course times. The team events will be seeded using times from the previous year's results. The event will be run in two divisions, using 2 x 25m 10-lane pools concurrently. Division 1 will swim in the 'Scoreboard end' pool, and will comprise the top 16 counties from last year's Div I competition and top 4 from Div II competition. Division II will swim in the 'Diving Pit end' pool and will comprise the bottom 4 counties from last year's Div I competition and 5th - 19th places from Division II competition.
5. For the following year's event, the last four teams from Division 1 may be relegated to Division II and the top four teams from Division II may be promoted to Division I.
6. Age Groups: Age as at 16th October 2011.
Boys & Girls 12/13 years, Boys & Girls 14/15 years & Boys & Girls 16/17 years
7. A member of a County team shall be a member of a club within that county.
 - 7.1. Swimmers who are members of more than one club in different counties, are eligible to compete for the County in whose County Championship they competed in during 2011. Swimmers eligible to compete for either an English County team or a representative Scottish District or Welsh Area team shall be free to select for which team they will compete.
 - 7.2. Any swimmer whose eligibility is not determined by 7.1 shall be eligible for selection for the County to which their club, of longest unbroken membership, is affiliated.
8. The order of events for this competition are as published in a separate document.
9. Initial Entries should be submitted by means of an Excel Spreadsheet to be received by the National Entries Administrator not later than the 16th September 2011 email address national.entries@swimming.org
Alterations to the team, if any, must be sent to the said Administrator no later than four days prior to the event (by Wednesday, 12th October.) No further changes after this date will be permissible with the exception of name changes. Final name changes will be permitted up to the end of the team managers meeting on Sunday 16th October 2011.
10. Events: 100m The events for both sexes shall be:
Individual: 100m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle for Boys and Girls in all age groups.
Team: 4 x 50m Medley Team for Boys and Girls in all age groups.
6 x 50m Mixed Freestyle Team - one male/one female from each age group swum in any order.
11. Over the top starts will be used except for the backstroke events.
12. Each county is allowed a maximum of 30 swimmers in their team and is allowed one swimmer in each individual event and one team in the team events. There is no swimming out of age group. Swimmers are limited to two individual swims plus the relay events. All events in the two separate divisions will be decided on a Heat Declared Winner basis.
13. Points for both team and individual events shall be 20 descending down to 1 point in order of finishing (both Divisions). In the event of a tie in points between teams, the higher placed of the teams (involved in the tie) in the Mixed Freestyle Team race shall be declared the winner. In the case of a tie in this event, the team having the most first places and so on in succession, shall be declared the winner. **NB** No points shall be awarded for a disqualification.
14. The winning team in each Division will receive a trophy.
15. Counties will be requested to bring two licensed technical officials.
16. Any subsidies towards a team's travel and accommodation will be provided at the discretion of the team's respective National Association.
17. The ASA Technical Swimming Committee shall determine any dispute, question, or other matter, for which these conditions do not provide. On the day of the event the Executive Director shall act as promoter.

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