

# Swim England Water Polo National Age Group Championships (U17/U19) 2020



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## U17 CONDITIONS

Swim England Water Polo National Age Group Championships (U17) ("Championships") shall be competed for under Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules.

Swim England reserves full powers over the Championships, including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the Championships venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control.

### DEFINITIONS

A "Team" shall comprise of players who are all affiliated to the same Swim England club. An "Overseas Team" shall comprise of players who are all affiliated to the same Scottish Swimming club, Swim Wales club or any other club from another National Governing Body affiliated to FINA.

"Championships Director" shall be a person appointed by Swim England Water Polo Leadership Group ("WPLG") for the purpose of managing all aspects of these Championships.

A "Committee" shall comprise of a Championships Director, Swim England Water Polo Manager and Swim England Events Team Representative, herein referred to as "the Committee". The Committee shall work with WPLG. Championships Director shall consult with the Committee when required and appropriate.

The Committee shall appoint an "Event Manager", when there is a requirement for the preliminary and qualification rounds, for each event, who shall be responsible for ensuring that the Conditions of the Championship are complied with.

### 1. COMPETITION

- 1.1 The Championships shall be conducted annually and consists of:
  - Men's Club U17 Championship. This Championship for the W.J.Read Trophy shall be for players under the age of seventeen years at midnight on December 31 in the year of competition.
  - Women's Club U17 Championship. This Championship for the Edith and Tom Lyle Memorial Trophy shall be for players under the age of seventeen years at midnight on December 31 in the year of competition.

### 2. MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following Conditions.
- 2.2 Anything not covered by these Conditions shall be determined by the Championships Director, who shall also have the authority to determine any matter arising from any ambiguity or uncertainty within the published Conditions.

### 3. RULES OF THE GAME

- 3.1 All games shall be conducted in accordance with the FINA Technical Rules of Water Polo, except where varied from time-to-time by these Conditions.
- 3.2 For the purposes of these Championships, the teams shall start each game with seven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper.
- 3.3 The size of the pitch shall be in accordance with FINA rules.

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- 3.4 Where a Championship is played as a series of groups, each team shall play each other team in their group once. Two points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw.
- 3.5 Should the scores be level at full time in any game for which a definite result is required, there shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result in accordance with FINA Rules.
- 3.6 When two or more teams have equal points the order of the ranking shall be decided in accordance with FINA rules.

## **4 ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 A club may enter more than one team into the Championships.
- 4.2 Clubs wishing to enter teams into the Championships shall do so by submitting entries online, which must include:
  - (a) a list of up to 20 players from whom the team will be selected, with their current membership numbers
  - (b) individual player photographs for accreditation purposes
  - (c) electronically transmitted entry fees in pound sterling
- 4.3 By submitting the online entry the club makes a declaration that all the players on the list:
  - (a) are Category 2 members of Swim England or equivalent of Scottish Swimming, Swim Wales or another National Governing Body affiliated to FINA at the time of entry,
  - (b) are members of that club,
  - (c) comply with any age conditions for the Championships, that the person making the application accepts on behalf of the club the Championships Conditions and that all the information given is correct.
- 4.4 An electronic confirmation will be issued within 21 days after the closing date for entries indicating whether the entry has been accepted or not. The Committee may decline to accept the entry.
- 4.5 There shall be no interchange of players between teams during the Championships. The team list shall be deemed to be part of the entry.
- 4.6 No additions to the list shall be accepted after the closing date for entries.
- 4.7 The minimum age of a player shall be 11 years at midnight on the day of the match.
- 4.8 The Committee reserves the right to close entries ahead of the published entries deadlines to avoid event being oversubscribed.

## **5. THE DRAW**

- 5.1 The draw for the Championships shall be made within 28 days of the closing date for entries. The Committee shall notify all teams of the result of the draw, for each Championships entered.
- 5.2 All byes shall be cleared in the preliminary or first round of the Championships.

## **6. GAME OFFICIALS**

- 6.1 The Committee shall co-ordinate the provision of sufficient officials for each game.
- 6.2 In the case of an event where a Delegate is appointed, the Delegate shall nominate the referees for each game from the list of appointments.

## **7. MATCH RECORD SHEETS**

- 7.1 Each team representative shall declare to Event Manager (during preliminary and qualification rounds) or to Championships Director (during the Finals), at the technical meeting or no less than 30 minutes before the game is due to start, a list of up to 13

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players for the game, with cap numbers which shall be used for the duration of the Championships, for all purposes.

- 7.2 Match record sheets will be completed and will outline the names of all officials, players and other standard details required before the start of the game, and a record will be maintained. At the end of the game, the match record sheet will be given to the referees, who shall check and sign it.
- 7.3 The Event Manager shall submit the completed match record sheet to the Championships Director within two days of the preliminary or qualification round games taking place. If a game is not played or not brought to a proper conclusion, the details of the circumstances shall be recorded on the sheet by the Event Manager or referee(s), as appropriate.
- 7.4 The Committee shall publish the results of all preliminary and qualification games in the Championships as soon as possible after, and in any case within seven days of, the completion of each round.
- 7.5 Final Championships results will be confirmed and announced at the event.

## **8. ACCREDITATION**

- 8.1 Accreditation will be in force during the Finals weekend of the Championships.
- 8.2 All teams must declare up to 15 players from their original list of 20 players submitted as part of team entry, who will progress to the Finals weekend. The deadline for player declarations for accreditation passes will be published in the event Entry Pack.
- 8.3 Accreditation passes will be emailed ahead of the event to the person who submitted the initial team entry.
- 8.4 All players must have photographic accreditation passes and print the passes ahead of the Finals. Admission to the Finals will only be allowed with a valid accreditation pass.
- 8.5 Coaches, Team Managers and Chaperones will be required to obtain an Accreditation Pass by means of an online application in advance of the closing date. Passes must be printed in advance and brought to the venue to gain access to accredited areas during the Finals.
- 8.6 A charge will be levied for lost, mislaid or forgotten passes.

## **9. TROPHIES AND MEDALS**

- 9.1 Trophies, where appropriate, shall be presented to the winners on the day of the final, subject to the regulations laid down in Swim England Trophy regulations.
- 9.2 The Championships winning team shall receive up to twenty gold medals. The runners-up shall receive up to twenty silver medals and the third placed team shall receive up to twenty bronze medals.
- 9.3 Only those players listed on the original list of entries shall be awarded medals.
- 9.4 Overseas Teams will be awarded commemorative medals if they place first, second or third in the Championships.

## **10. WITHDRAWALS**

- 10.1 A team that withdraws from the Championships:
  - (a) prior to the initial draw shall not be penalised;
  - (b) after the draw has been made and more than 10 clear days before the Championships, shall be fined £100.00 and/or shall pay such expenses as the Committee may decide;
  - (c) with less than 10 clear days' notice before the Championships, shall be fined £200.00 and/or shall pay such expenses as the Committee may decide;
- 10.2 In the case of a team withdrawing from or failing to participate in the Championships, the Championships shall be contested by the remaining teams.

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## **11. DELAYED START**

- 11.1 If the start of a game is delayed beyond 5 minutes of the published start time the team responsible for the delay may be fined £25.00 and if the start of a game is delayed beyond 15 minutes, condition 12.1 will apply.

## **12. FAILURE TO FULFIL A FIXTURE**

- 12.1 If a team fails to have 7 players available to start a game at the appointed start time, the game may be cancelled by the Event Manager (during preliminary and qualification rounds) or Championships Director (during the Finals) and deemed to be a non-fulfilment if the start is delayed beyond 15 minutes of the published start time. The team will be withdrawn from the Championships.
- 12.2 In the case of any other non-fulfilment, the Event Manager (during preliminary and qualification rounds) or Championships Director (during the Finals), shall have the power to order the following:
- (a) the award of the game to the non-offending team with a recorded score of 4-0;

In addition, the Championships Committee may penalise the offending club with:

- (b) the payment of a fine of up to £200 and any reasonable expenses deemed to have been caused by the offending club failing to fulfil the fixture by the offending club.

## **13. FINES AND EXPENSES**

- 13.1 All fines and expenses ordered under these Conditions shall be sent to the Committee and made payable to Swim England, within 21 days of the date of the notification of the decision.
- 13.2 Failure to comply with this Condition shall result in an additional fine of £20.00 and the team may be disqualified from the Championships by the Committee.
- 13.3 Failure to pay the whole of the outstanding monies within a further 14 days of the notification of the additional fine may be dealt with under Swim England Regulations.

## **14. INELIGIBLE PLAYER**

- 14.1 A team playing one or more ineligible players may be deemed to have lost the game, forfeit any points gained in the game to their opponents, may be fined £100.00 and shall pay such expenses as the Committee may decide. An ineligible player, for the purposes of this rule, also includes players not listed on the list of players declared to the Event Manager (during preliminary and qualification rounds) or Championships Director (during the Finals), as per rule 7.1.
- 14.2 The non-offending team shall have the option of recording a 5 – 0 score in its favour or maintaining the score as recorded on the match record sheet.