

LANCASHIRE COUNTY WP&SA. AGE GROUPS & CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

License Nos. CC150112 & CC150113 CONDITIONS

1. The Age Groups and Championships will be held at Picton Wavertree on 28th February & 1st March 2015 and at Manchester Aquatic Centre on 21st & 22nd March 2015.
2. Closing Date for entries is Tuesday 10th February 2015.
3. Age will be as of midnight 31st December 2015. Junior Championship age is 16 or under as of midnight 31st December 2015.
4. Entry fees shall be £5.00 per event.
5. Coaches requiring access to the poolside must be a member of a club competing in the Age Groups and Championships and be in possession of a pass issued by Lancashire WP&SA by completion of the appropriate form. It is mandatory that all coaches comply with the relevant ASA Child Safeguarding procedures and have an up to date CRB certificate.
6. Consideration Times 25m pool, or long course conversion from a licensed meet since 1st April 2014 are required for all events. Please check the correct age group is entered relative to the swimmers date of birth. No split times will be accepted. No Refunds for mistakes. Checks will be made against the current ASA ranking data base. Any swimmer found to be submitting false times may be subject to rejection in all events.
7. Eligibility for entry. The competitions shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by the ASA, who are members of clubs affiliated to Lancashire WP & SA. No individual may compete in the Age Groups and Championships if he or she has competed in another equivalent county championships' in the same calendar year. A swimmer must have been a member of the club in whose name they are entered, and registered as such with the ASA at the closing date for entries.
8. Disability Conditions
 - 8.1 The general conditions for the Age Groups and Championships shall apply to disability competitors except where varied by any of the following conditions.
 - 8.2 Swimmers with the indicated classifications will be accepted for the following events:
 - Freestyle 50m, 100m, (S1 to S14); 200m (S1 to S5 and 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)
 - Individual Medley 200m (SM5 to SM14)
 - 8.3 All competitors must:
 - Have an authorised British Swimming, IPC or INAS-FID Classification, which is held on the British Swimming or IPC Swimming classification database at the time of entry OR a valid Certificate of Disability issued by the ASA at the time of entry.
 - The Certificate of Disability must be presented to the referee before the start of the race in which the competitor is entered. Failure to do so will result in the swimmer being liable to disqualification for non-compliance with the rules for a particular stroke.
 - 8.4 Qualifying times for disability competitors are in a separate document and must have been achieved between the 1st April 2014 and 8th February 2015.

8.5 Personal Care Attendants/Coaches will be permitted for swimmers in the following classes: S1, S2, S3, S4 and S11. All coaches, chaperones and personal care attendants must conform with the ASA child protection procedures.

8.6 Competition format:

- The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able bodied programme.
- All swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to their entry times.
- Disability competitors will be included within the results for their age group.
- There will be no separate disability results.

9. Awards: Medals awarded to first three in Championships and Age Groups.

10. Details on the entry forms should be as per the swimmers ASA Category 2 Membership Registration. Please check that your swimmers are Category 2 registered, their ASA ID number, times and other details are correct before submitting. For processing of entries all details must be fully completed. Entries sent without fee, with entries incorrectly made out or declaration not signed may not be accepted. No refunds for entries incorrectly submitted. Entries to be submitted electronically using Sportsystem software by an authorised club official. Cheques should be payable to Lancashire WP&SA.

11. Overhead starts will be used. All 50m and 100m events will consist of heats and finals for all age groups. All other events are Heat Declared Winner.

12. Withdrawals must be made at least one hour before the start of the session either on an official withdrawal form or by telephoning 07508 427444 at times to be advised. There will be no refund of entry fees for such withdrawals unless the withdrawal is for medical reasons in which case an appropriate certificate must be provided.

Fines - A fine of £10 may be levied in respect of each competitor that fails to withdraw and does not swim (except in the case of genuine illness or of a proven emergency). Each "no show" may be subject to a separate fine of £10. Fines will be levied on the competitors' club and the individual(s) concerned shall not be eligible to swim in any future Lancashire WP&SA event until the fine has been paid.

13. Competitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the clerks of the course one event prior to the one in which they are competing. It is the swimmers' responsibility to be at the start in time for the race.

14. Restriction of entries. The promoter reserves the right to restrict entries in the interest of safety, time constraints and to ensure the smooth running of the competition. Where this rule is invoked the swimmers with the fastest submitted times shall take precedence. Events chosen for restriction will be at the discretion of the promoter. A refund will be given to competitors whose entry is denied where this condition has been exercised.

15. Any question or dispute arising from these conditions or disputes related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall be determined by the Hon. Championship Secretary and may be referred to the Lancashire WP&SA Executive Committee at a later date.