

**70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS AND  
AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS 2022.**  
(Under Swim England Regulations & Technical Rules)



GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

•	All Competitors must be Registered with Swim England as Category 2 swimmers, for the Club in whose name they wish to enter by the closing date for the entries, 15/12/21. Any competitor swimming in any other County's championships/competitions in 2022 shall not be permitted to compete in the Lincolnshire County Championships in 2022. Closing Dates for entries - <b>10.00am Wednesday 15/12/21.</b> <b>For those clubs competing at competitions the weekend of 18/19 December 2021 ONLY – they are to submit 2 entry files as follows:- All 800m, 1500m and 400m events must be submitted by 10.00am 15/12/21 and 10.00am Wednesday 22/12/21 for all other events. Clubs NOT competing 18/19 December MUST submit all entries in one file submission, by 10.00am on 15/12/21.</b>
•	All Swimmers competing at the Championships must be members of a Club which is affiliated to Lincolnshire ASA, by the closing date for entries 15/12/21.
•	<b>Entries will only be accepted from a Club Official in electronic format, using the entry file to be provided to Club Secretaries. All entry times must have been taken from the British Swimming Rankings and therefore achieved at Licensed Meets Levels 1-4 only.</b>
•	Entries to Promoter - Sarah Richardson. <a href="mailto:sarahricho@btinternet.com">sarahricho@btinternet.com</a> . Any queries to Sarah Richardson 3 Worcester Close, Louth, Lincs LN11 9FG Tel 07719577884.
•	<b>No splits (individual or relay) are allowed as Qualifying Times.</b>
•	<b>Entry times submitted must be within the published qualifying standards and have been achieved, after 1st September 2019 in licensed competitions levels 1-4.</b>
•	Fee per event is <b>£7.00</b> . No refunds will be given (unless on medical grounds as decided by promoter or as per previously mentioned above).
•	Entry times or the swimmers club cannot be changed once the entry has been submitted.
•	Swimmers whose SE membership record details a disability sport classification (S1-S14) are welcome to enter the competition with a time slower than the lower limit standard.
•	There are separate events and consideration times for the following age groups, i.e., 10/11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs and 16yrs and over.
•	<b>All ages are as at 31st December 2022.</b> <b>Minimum entry age is 10 years as at 31/12/22 (via 10/11 consideration time).</b>
•	Late or incomplete or incorrect entries will not be accepted under any circumstances. Any fee paid will be forfeited.
•	<b>THE PROMOTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT ENTRIES.</b> Should this be necessary, entries furthest away from the County Consideration Time will be rejected. Refunds will be provided for any rejections.
•	Ages for Junior Championships where applicable are: • Boys 14yrs & younger, and Girls 14yrs & younger age as on 31/12/22.
•	All 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m events will be swum as spearhead seeded based on submitted times. All events with Finals (50m and 100m events), will be spearhead seeded apart from the last 3 heats, which will be cyclically seeded. Finals are spearheaded by default.
•	The top 3 swimmers in each age group, for each event which is HDW, will receive an age-group medal.
•	In all the 50m and 100m events there will be Heats and subsequent Finals for the fastest 8 swimmers in each of the age groups – 10/11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs and 16yrs and over. The top 3 placed swimmers in each Final will receive Finalist Medals. Two reserves may be called on as appropriate for

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	each final.
•	In all 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m events the three fastest overall swimmers and the three fastest Juniors will be awarded Championship medals. There will be no Championship medals for 50m and 100m events as Finalist Medals (Top 3) will be awarded instead.
•	The winners of each Championship will receive the perpetual trophy (where such a trophy exists) for one year and this <b>must be returned cleaned, prior to the commencement of the following years Championships.</b>
•	Top Club at the Championships is calculated using a 3, 2, 1 points system for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> placed swimmers in all events. If the event has a Final, then the heats in that event will not count towards the points totals.
•	Top Male and Female Disability swimmers will be awarded a trophy after the championships, based on the number of Disability points scored.
•	There will be a secondary strobe available at the Championships.
•	Junior and Championship records will still be registered against all relevant events.
•	The Honorary Championships Secretary(s) reserves the right to alter the order of events and start times as required.
•	The Championships will be run under strict adherence to any Covid regulations and requirements that are in place at the time of the competition. It is possible therefore that the Championships may not even go ahead. In the event of new Covid requirements eg reintroduction of social distancing and associated restrictions, then the promoter reserves the right to make any changes necessary to ensure safe delivery of the event, for example, but not limited to, the removal of finals and reducing the number of swimmers per event.
•	In the event of the Championships having to be cancelled or postponed due to Covid related issues, refunds of entry fees will be offered to all affected competitors. The County accepts no responsibility for any other expenses incurred in relation to the event.
•	In the event a swimmer is withdrawn for any none compliance to the conditions or Covid-19 process requirements they will not be eligible for a refund. The promoter reserves the right to withdraw any swimmer for failure to comply with any Covid-19 process requirements or any Championship conditions.
•	The promoter will inform all attendees prior to the championships of all Covid requirements that will be in place in conjunction with pool providers, including restrictions on numbers of spectators allowed etc.
•	Once a withdrawal from either a heat or final has been submitted a swimmer cannot be reinstated unless this is an error by the Championship administration team.
•	Any entry which fails to comply with any special or general condition governing a Lincolnshire County ASA Competition will not be accepted.
•	No physical programmes will be produced for these Championships.
•	Time Trials will not be permitted during these Championships.
•	Protests shall be made and dealt with as detailed in Swim England Regulations & Technical Rules.
•	Please be aware that <b>NO</b> abusive, aggressive or offensive behaviour will be tolerated at these Championships and any person adjudged to have been guilty of such behaviour will be asked to leave the Competition and further actions may be taken where deemed to be appropriate. All Coaches, will be required to adhere to a Code Of Conduct for the Championships, in order to receive a poolside pass.
•	Clubs are kindly requested to provide Officials for these Championships.

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	Lunch will be provided to all qualified officials who officiate for any full day of competition.
•	Coaches Poolside Passes can be purchased at a cost of £10 each (if require lunch) or £5 each if do not require lunch. These fees include start lists. Forms will be provided for coaches to complete preferences after entries have been processed. The number of passes to be permitted per club will be decided by the promoter.