



# Lincolnshire ASA

Lincolnshire Amateur Swimming Association

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual County Swimming Championships and Age Group Competitions (Under Swim England Regulations & Technical Rules)

### 2024 GENERAL CONDITIONS & INFORMATION

#### General

1. 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, 14/12/23. Any competitor swimming in any other County's Championships in 2024 shall not be permitted to compete in the Lincolnshire County Championships in 2024.
2. All Swimmers competing at the Championships must be members of a club which is affiliated to Lincolnshire ASA, by the closing date for entries 14/12/23.

#### Entries

1. Closing Dates for entries – 4pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
2. 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.
3. Entries to Promoter – Tanya Talkes, email [tanya.talkes83@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.talkes83@gmail.com). Any queries to: Tanya Talkes, 3 Sympton Close, Lincoln, LN2 4UY. Telephone 07786 172 774.
4. Entry times submitted must be within the published qualifying standards and have been achieved, after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 in licensed competitions levels 1-4.
5. No splits (individual or relay) are allowed as qualifying times.
6. Entry times or the swimmers club cannot be changed once the entry has been submitted.
7. Fee per event is £8.00.
8. Swimmers whose Swim England membership record details a disability sport classification (S1-S14) are welcome to enter the competition with a time slower than the lower limit standard.
9. All ages are as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. Minimum entry age is 10 years as at 31/12/24 (via 10/11 consideration time).
10. There are separate events and consideration times for the following age groups, i.e., 10/11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs and 17yrs and over.
11. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.

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12. Late or incomplete or incorrect entries will not be accepted under any circumstances. Any fee paid will be forfeited.
13. The promoter reserves the right to limit entries. Should this be necessary, entries furthest away from the County Consideration Time will be rejected. Refunds will be provided for any rejections.
14. Any entry which fails to comply with any special or general condition governing a Lincolnshire County ASA Competition will not be accepted.

## Awards

1. The top 3 swimmers in each age group for each event which is HDW (200m and above) will receive an age-group medal.
2. 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, 16yrs and 17yrs and over. The top 3 placed swimmers in each Final will receive Finalist Medals. Two reserves may be called on as appropriate for each final.
3. In all events the three fastest overall swimmers and the three fastest Juniors will be awarded Championship medals.
4. Ages for Junior Championships are: Open/Male 14yrs and younger, and Female 14yrs and younger age as on 31/12/24.
5. The winners of each Championship will receive the perpetual trophy (where such a trophy exists) for one year and this must be returned cleaned, prior to the commencement of the following years Championships.
6. 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.
7. Top Open/Male and Female Disability swimmers will be awarded a trophy after the championships, based on the number of Disability points scored.

## The Competition

1. The Lincolnshire ASA Championships promoter reserves the right to alter the order of events and start times as required.
2. 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.

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3. There will be a 15 minute break between Heats and Finals. Finalists will have an opportunity to use the pool to warm-up during this time, but coaches must supervise from the end of the lane and the pool must be cleared immediately when time is called by the announcer.
4. There will be a secondary strobe available at the Championships.
5. Junior and Championship records will be registered against all relevant events.
6. The Championships will be run under any local Covid restrictions that may be in place at the time. The promoter reserves the right to change any conditions in the event of new Covid requirements 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. The promoter will inform all attendees prior to the championships of any Covid requirements that will be in place in conjunction with pool providers, including restrictions on spectators numbers etc.
7. Protests shall be made and dealt with as detailed in Swim England Regulations & Technical Rules.
8. No physical programmes will be produced for these Championships.
9. Time Trials will not be permitted during these Championships.
10. Backstroke wedges will be used if available at the promoter's discretion.
11. Over the top starts will be at the referee's discretion.
12. Times and places on the electronic scoreboard are for information only and are not necessarily the final results. The referee's decision is final.
13. All swimmers and other personnel must abide by the Health and Safety rules as laid down by the venue management. Any person contravening these rules may be excluded from taking any further part in the proceedings.
14. Coaches or team managers are responsible for their swimmers conduct at all times.

## Withdrawals

1. All withdrawals before the event should be emailed to the promoter at [tanya.talkes83@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.talkes83@gmail.com).
2. Withdrawals on the day must be made before the commencement of each session warm up by a club coach or team manager.
3. No refunds will be given for withdrawals (unless on medical grounds as decided by promoter).
4. 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.
5. In the event a swimmer is withdrawn for any non compliance to the conditions they will not be eligible for a refund. The promoter reserves the right to withdraw any swimmer for failure to comply with any Championship conditions.

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## Officials and Coaches Passes

1. Clubs are kindly requested to provide Officials for these Championships. Lunch will be provided to all qualified officials who officiate for any full day of competition.
2. Coaches Poolside Passes can be purchased at a cost of £15 per full day (if require lunch) or £5 per full day if no lunch is required. 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.
3. Please be aware that NO 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.

## Relays

1. £10 entry fee per team per relay.
2. Age as at 31/12/24.
3. Declaration sheets will be supplied to each club, these must specify each swimmer and the relay order of the team and sent to the promoter ([tanya.talkes83@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.talkes83@gmail.com)) by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
4. There will be an opportunity on the day of competition to make any amendments needed to each team.
5. Relay teams must have at least two swimmers with one or more qualifying county time to be eligible to take part.
6. Initially limited to one relay team per age group per club for each relay event. The promoter reserves the right to add additional teams should the schedule allow, and clubs will be contacted once entries are submitted if this is the case.
7. Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams per event.

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