

## Swim England North West

# Summer Regional Swimming Championships (50m) 2023 Meet Conditions

License Number: TBC Level 1 Meet

#### 1. General Conditions

- a. The Swim England North West Regional Management Board (the Board) reserves full powers over all Regional Swimming Championships. Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the Swimming Management Group and their nominated representative at the event.
- **b.** The Event shall be held under Swim England Regulations and the relevant FINA/World Para Swimming rules.

#### 2. Events

- a. Individuals Events:
  - i. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
  - ii. 50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly
  - iii. 200m and 400m Individual Medley
- **b.** Relay Events:
  - i. 4 x 100m & 4 x 200m Freestyle Teams
  - ii. 4 x 100m Medley Teams
- **c.** All individual and relay events are available for both male and female competitors.
- **d.** The schedule of events shall be published in addition to these conditions.

#### 3. Entries

- a. Individuals and Relays
  - i. Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered with Swim England at the closing date for entries as member of a club affiliated to Swim England North West Region.
  - ii. No individual may compete in the Championships if he/she has competed or entered in an equivalent Championship of another English Region in the same calendar year.

- iii. Individuals Championship events for each gender will comprise of 11/12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17/Over.
- iv. Relay Event Age Groups shall be 14-16 years and 17/Over.
- **b.** Ages as at 31st December 2023.
- **c.** All competitors are required to comply with the entry process and pay the required fees.
- **d.** Entries together with the appropriate fees must be received by the Competition Manager no later than the published closing time and date.
  - i. Closing dates for entries will be 11:59pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- e. Entry times achieved in either 50m pool or converted 25m times are permitted.
  - i. Where times have been achieved in a 50m pool, these will be given precedence over times converted from 25m pool.
- f. Entry times must have been achieved at a Level 1, 2, or 3 between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 and the closing date for entries.
- **g.** Submitted entry times shall be used for seeding and rejection purposes as required; once a time has been submitted improved times will not be permitted.
- h. The Championship Manager has the authority to adjust the number of entries accepted to ensure the efficient running of the Championships in compliance with Swim England Meet Licensing requirements.

#### 4. Meet Procedure

- **a.** All events shall have Heats and Finals except for 400m Individual Medley and 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle events which will be swum as Heat Declared Winner events.
- **b.** Heats and Finals will be seeded in accordance with FINA rules. The fastest eight swimmers in each of the age groups will compete in the finals. Two reserves for all finals will, where possible, be identified.
- **c.** Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawals procedures.
- **d.** Should a swimmer withdraw on grounds of illness or injury, they will not be eligible to compete in any other events during that day of competition.

#### 5. Para Swimmers

- a. The conditions for the Swim England 2023 Summer Regional Swimming Championships (50m) shall apply to Para competitors except where varied by supplementary Para Swimming conditions to the Championships.
- **b.** It is expected that a secondary strobe should be available for use on request by athletes.

c. Swim England North West will endeavor to provide a technical official who holds either World Para Swimming qualification or who have completed Swim England Para Swimming officials training to act as a liaison for the Referee where Para Swimmers are competing.

#### 6. Withdrawal from Heats and Team Declarations

- **a.** Withdrawals from Heats must be made no later than **60 minutes** before the advertised competition start time of the relevant session.
- **b.** Team declarations should be submitted, on the prescribed form no later than 5pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
  - i. Changes to team lines will be permitted but must comply with condition6a.

#### 7. Withdrawal from Finals

- a. Finalists and Reserves not wishing to compete in the final must withdraw no later than 15 minutes after the announcement of the Finalists for the event. Withdrawal must be by use of the official withdrawal method (details to follow with the accepted entries).
- **b.** Reserves will be released upon publication of the finalist start list.
- **c.** Should a reserve be brought in at short notice the event will not be re-seeded.

#### 8. Call Room

- **a.** Swimmers must report to the Competitor Stewards in the Call Room for Heats and Finals and follow their direction. It is the competitor's responsibility to report in sufficient time and be available to parade for their event.
- **b.** All competitors are required to report 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in the confines until led on to the deck for their race.
- c. Coaches, Team Staff and Chaperones will not be allowed to enter the Call Room.

#### 9. Awards

**a.** Awards shall be made to the competitors placed first, second and third in each event per age group, in Heat Declared Events or Finals.

#### 10. COVID Protocol

a. The Championship Entries Manager has the authority to adjust the number of entries accepted to ensure the event is compliant with Swim England Licensing requirements. **b.** The structure, programme and delivery of the meet will be subject to Government (National or Local), Swim England or facility guidelines.

### **Supplementary Para Swimming Conditions**

#### 1. General Conditions

- a. The Swim England North West Regional Management Board (the Board) reserves full powers over all Regional Swimming Championships. Event Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the Swimming Management Group and their nominated representative at the event.
- **b.** The Event shall be held under Swim England Rules and the relevant World Para Swimming rules.

#### 2. Events

- a. Individual Events:
  - i. Freestyle
    - 1. 50m S1 to S14
    - 2. 100m S1 to S14
    - 3. 200m S1 to S5 and S14
    - **4.** 400m S6 to S14
  - ii. Backstroke
    - 1. 50m S1 to S5
    - 2. 100m S6 to S14
  - iii. Butterfly
    - 1. 50m S1 to S7
    - 2. 100m S8 to S14
  - iv. Breaststroke
    - 1. 50m SB1 to SB3
    - 2. 100m SB4 to SB9 and SB11 to SB14
  - v. Individual Medley
    - 1. 200m SM5 to SM14

#### 3. Entries

- a. Para Swimmers may enter events:
  - i. Where they meet their classification Para qualifying time, or without reference to their classification they meet the able bodied qualifying time.

- **ii.** Where there is no Para Qualifying time, they meet the able bodied qualifying time.
- **b.** At the time of entry, competitors must indicate their classification or provide a valid Certificate of Swimming Disability issued by Swim England.
- **c.** The schedule of consideration times shall be published in addition to these conditions.

#### 4. Meet Procedure

a. The competition format will be based upon Para Swimmers inclusion within the schedule of events. Swimmers will be seeded within the able-bodied programme on their submitted times.

#### 5. Awards

- a. Awards shall be made to the Para Swimmers competitors place first, second and third in each event based upon Para Swimming Points.
- b. Where there are less than four competitors in an event a minus one rule will apply.
- c. Where there is a single competitor in an event, that competitor must achieve faster than their entry time to receive an award.