

National County Team Championships

Selection Policy

1) The following is the policy for selection of swimmers to represent Shropshire in the National County Team Championships.

2) Age groups for the competition are 12/13, 14/15 & 16/17 years (age as on 31st December).

3) Eligibility

In order to represent Shropshire in competition each swimmer shall:-

- i. Be eligible under Swim England laws.
- ii. Be registered with Swim England as a member of a club affiliated to Shropshire ASA for at least 56 days prior to the competition. (i.e. on or before (1st) September).
- iii. Not have competed for another county, or in another counties championships, during the current calendar year.

4) Individual Events

- i. Individual events are 100m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly.
- ii. The fastest swimmer from the British Rankings database will be selected for each individual event.
- iii. All times from 1st October the year before will be considered up to the entry submission open date.
- iv. The times to be considered will be short course times as displayed on the Swim England entry system.
- v. Each swimmer may only swim a maximum of two individual events. Where a swimmer is ranked first in more than one event then another swimmer may be selected with a view to achieving the best outcome for the team.
- vi. If the swimmer selected from the above criteria is not available to swim then the next fastest will be invited. This will be repeated until the invite is accepted.

5) Relay Events

- i. There will be a 4 x 50m medley relay for each age group, plus a 6 x 50 freestyle relay made up of one male and one female from each age group.
- ii. Selection will be from swimmers already selected for individual events or, if there is a swimmer not selected for an individual swim who has a faster 50m time they may be selected for the relays if in the best interest of the county team.

6) General

- i. **The above criteria is to be used as a guide and selection will ultimately be made by the County Coach at their discretion.**
- ii. If selected, swimmers are expected to make themselves available.
- iii. If a selected swimmer becomes unfit to race at their full potential due to illness, injury, etc. at a time between selection and the competition we request that their coach informs the County Coach immediately so that a substitute may be invited.