



Affiliated to Swim England West Midlands Region

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Shropshire ASA 2023 County Championships  
Promoters Rules and Conditions

1. The competition shall be as per the schedule of events, and shall take place on 21,22,28,29 January 2023 and 4 February 2023.
2. This meet is licensed by Swim England at Level 2 for entry into Regional Championships and Level 1 and 2 meets. It will be run in accordance with Swim England Laws, ASA Technical Rules and the Rules and Conditions of the competition, for swimmers who are members of a club affiliated to Shropshire ASA for a period of not less than 30 days prior to the first day of competition.

A swimmer who enters or takes part in these Championships must not represent another County or compete in any other County's Championships in the same calendar year. Should a swimmer be found to have broken this rule, their recorded times shall be removed from the results and any medals won shall be returned to the County Gala Co-ordinator.

3. Ages are as at 31 December 2023
4. Age groups are 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16+. All events will be seeded on submitted entry times. There will be cyclical seeding of the last three heats of all events.

There will be finals for all 50m and 100m events which will be made up of the top 8 swimmers from the heats plus 2 reserves, anyone not intending to swim in a final must withdraw within 30 minutes of the heat results being announced to allow for reserves to be given the chance to swim. Fines may be issued to clubs whose swimmer do not withdraw and then do not turn up for finals. There will be A and B finals for the 16+ age group if there is sufficient number of swimmers.

10/11 year age group will not be permitted to swim the 800 and 1500IM and 400IM at these championships as per the Swim England Pathway guidelines.

5. Swimmers submitted entry time must be taken from Rankings. There will be no facility for Entry Managers to edit ranking times. Entry time must be equal to or faster than the qualifying times published for each event. Qualifying times for each event must have been achieved since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.
6. County Championship Records are times set in County Championships only, and may be achieved in any of the events in the program. Times achieved in official county trials or at any other event will not constitute a County Championship Record.
7. Entries must be made on the electronic file provided by Sports Systems. All entries must come through the entry manager for each club. No individual entries will be accepted. Clubs must send one electronic payment for all the club entries. Entry is £6.00 for individual events.
8. The Promoter reserves the right to refuse entries. Should the event be oversubscribed, events will be reduced at the discretion of the Promoter. Any entry not accepted or scratched due to over subscription will be refunded in full. No other refunds will be made. There will be no refund for any entry submitted with a time outside the published qualifying times. Applications for refunds on medical grounds must be made to the County Gala Co-ordinator with supporting evidence.
9. Any swimmer selected to represent their County, Region or Country during the period of County Champs, after submitting entry may be allowed a refund, on proof of selection.
10. The official closing date is midnight on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Shropshire ASA reserve the right to close entries before this date if this is deemed necessary.
11. Entries to this meet will be held on computer and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 1988, to the holding of personal data will be available for inspection during the meet on application to the Promoter
12. All accepted entries will be posted on Shropshire ASA's website as soon as possible after the closing date. These lists are automatically generated by our meet management software and may include each swimmer's date of birth. Please include notification with entries if you do not want this data published
13. Withdrawals must be made in writing/by email by either the relevant club coach or nominated representative by the time specified by the County Gala Co-ordinator to the County Gala Co-ordinator.
14. Starts may be over the top except for backstroke which may be side by side.
15. It is the responsibility of team managers to ensure that swimmers report to the marshals in good time for their event, and conduct themselves in a correct manner on and off poolside.
16. All events will be heat declared winners. Competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each event, in each age group, will receive a medal.

Awards will be made to top boy and girl in each age group based on position points in the event of a tie the results will be decided by count back on the number of first, second and third places to decide an overall winner. Points will be awarded 8 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place to 1 point for 8<sup>th</sup> place.

17. Coaches passes for the weekend will be available free of charge maximum of 4 per club. Passes are available from the Promoter on application.
18. Photography and videoing will not be allowed at this event.
19. A secondary strobe light will be provided where it is requested by the athlete at the time of entry.
20. Backstroke ledges are available at the Championships.
21. Warm ups will take place prior to each session. There is no swim down facility at this venue. The use of training aids is not permitted during warm ups.
22. Any matter concerning this meet not covered by these rules will be dealt with according to the laws of the sport and the discretion of the Promoter (Maria Neeld). Any complaints about these terms and conditions should also be addressed to Maria Neeld. The Promoter reserves the right to change the order of any events in the program in agreement with the Referee and the competitors or their representatives.
23. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at Wolverhampton Central Baths. No member of Shropshire ASA, its officers or the Promoter of this event will be liable for any loss, damage or injury occurring during this event.
24. Shropshire ASA will follow Swim England guidance relevant at the time of the gala to Covid-19 restrictions along with the current risks assessments in place by Wolverhampton Centre Baths
25. All clubs are required to provide 2 officials for EACH session and at least one volunteer per session.

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