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**MEET CONDITIONS – BRITISH SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 (50m)**

**24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**1) General Conditions**

- a) The British Swimming Managing Board (“the Board”) reserves full powers over the British Summer Championships (50m) (“the Championships”). The appointed Meet Director shall be the promoting body’s representative.
- b) The Competition shall be held under FINA Technical Rules of Swimming and the British Swimming Judicial Code. Where FINA rules do not provide guidance, e.g. Health and Safety Regulations or Child Safety Guidelines the requirements of Swim England shall apply for events held in England.

**2) Eligibility**

- a) Entries will be by invitation only, from performances recorded in the designated Qualifying Window. The 24 top ranked swimmers in each age grouping will be invited for each event, with the exception of the 800m and 1500m events where 18 will be invited,. Entries will be accepted from competitors registered as members of a British Swimming home nation federation i.e. ASA, SASA or WASA.
- b) A competitor must be a registered member of the club in whose name he is entered at the date of making the original entry. This club must be offered by the online entry system. Where swimmers are members of multiple clubs they must opt to compete in the name of one club only – this refers to both individual and relay events.
- c) Individuals forming the teams must be registered members of the club for which they are competing. A swimmer entered in the name of one club in the individual events may not compete in the name of another club in the team events.

**3) The Events**

- a) Individual Events  
50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m & 1500m Freestyle  
50m, 100m & 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly  
200m & 400m Individual Medley
- b) Team Events  
4x100m & 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley

**4) Age Groups**

- a) Individual Events  
Male/Female 13/14years, 15years, 16years, 17/18years, 19years and over
- b) Team Events  
Male/Female 14-16years 17years and over
- c) Ages at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

**5) Entries**

- a) The Qualifying Window will run from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (inclusive). Following the closure of the qualifying period, entries will open. Competitors who wish to accept their invitation to compete must ensure that their entry is received by the Administrator no later than the ‘closing date’ of 12 noon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee (Individual £13; Team £26).
- b) Those who fail to accept their invitation within this timescale but still wish to compete shall be allowed to submit ‘late acceptances’ until the Team Leader meeting to be held at 18:00 on

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, for which the accompanying entry fee shall be three times that of the initial acceptance period (Individual £39; Team £78). This facility shall also apply to Competitors who, having submitted entries in the initial period, wish to add additional events for which they qualified within the period specified in 5a.

- c) Split Times, either intermediate distance or first leg of a relay race are not acceptable for entry.
- d) Only times achieved in a 50m pool are accepted for entry, no converted times will be accepted.
- e) Entry confirmation will be by means of the online entry system. Payment must be made for all entries at the time of entry via the online system.

#### **6) Team Events**

- a) Entry accepted solely from clubs affiliated to the ASA, SASA or WASA as a result of performance in qualifying rounds at the designated qualifying ASA/SASA/WASA events.
- b) The 30 fastest teams in each event will be invited to compete in the British Summer Championships 2018, from performances recorded in the designated Qualifying Window, irrespective of location within England, Scotland or Wales. (Age Groups: 14-16 years & 17+ years)
- c) Clubs must confirm their invitation to compete. Failure to do so will result in their invitation being withdrawn.
- d) Entry confirmation will be by means of an online system. Payment must be made for all team entries at the time of entry via the online system
- e) Team Declaration Forms must be completed and submitted to the Recorders at least 60 minutes before the start of the session in which the team is competing

#### **7) Para Swimming Events**

The British Summer Championships includes a programme of para-swimming events. Details of the conditions for all para swimming events can be found within a separate document.

#### **8) Administration**

- a) Coaches will be required to obtain a Poolside Accreditation from the [British Swimming Website](#) in advance of the meet. Coaches must print their own Pass in advance of the Meet. Pouches and lanyards will be available to collect in the foyer.
- b) Competitors Accreditation will be issued via email upon completion of entry and must be printed and brought to the Meet by the competitor. Pouches and lanyards will be available to collect in the foyer.
- c) Relay only entrants will be required to obtain and Accreditation Pass via the entry system. A charge of £1 will be payable and athletes will be required to print their own pass.
- d) Admission to the pool will only be allowed with a valid accreditation.
- e) A £10 charge will be levied for lost, mislaid or forgotten passes.

**9) Meet Procedure**

- a) All events shall have heats and Finals, with the exception of the 800m & 1500m Freestyle which shall swim the Fastest Heat in the appropriate Finals Session.
- b) Heats shall be seeded in accordance with FINA rules.
- c) The following age groups will have a Final:- 13/14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17/18years and 19years and over.
- d) The fastest ten competitors from the heats will be allocated a place in the Final plus two reserves.
- e) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure.

**10) Withdrawal Procedures**

- a) Heats
  - i) Withdrawals must be made by the end of the Team Leader Meeting for day one swims, and by 13:00 on the day before for all subsequent days.
- b) Finals
  - i) Finalists and reserves, not wishing to swim, shall notify the Chief Recorder of their intention to withdraw no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last individual event in the Session in which they have qualified for the next round. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.
  - ii) Reserves will be released upon publication of the Finals start sheets.
  - iii) If a reserve is brought in at short notice, the event will not be reseeded.

**11) Call Room**

- a) Swimmers must report to the competition stewards in the call room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is the swimmers responsibility to report in good time for their event.
- b) Finalists are required to report to the Call Room in sufficient time and be available to parade for their event. They must enter the Call Room 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in its confines until led onto the pool deck for their race. Upon entry, the athlete must ensure that they report to a Steward and be registered as being present in the Call Room.
- c) Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the call room area during the finals at any time.

**12) Awards**

- a) Medals shall be awarded to the competitors placed first, second and third in each Final.

**13) Doping Control**

- a) Competitors taking part in the Meet may be subject to random doping control.
- b) Competitors are required to have photo identification with them at all times. An official meet accreditation for this Championship (incorporating an appropriate photograph) will be acceptable for this purpose.

**14) Team Leader Meeting**

- a) It is strongly recommended that a representative from all clubs with swimmers entered in this Meet should attend the Team Leader Meeting which will take place at 18:00 on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. Non-attendance could result in swimmers being disadvantaged or not able to compete due to them or their coach not being aware of any changes required for the running of the competition.