

BRITISH SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (50M)
12TH – 17TH APRIL 2016
CONDITIONS

MEET CONDITIONS - BRITISH SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (50m), 12th – 17th April 2016

1. General Conditions

- a) The British Swimming Managing Board (“the Board”) reserves full powers over the British Swimming Championships (50m).
- b) The Competition shall be held under FINA Rules, the British Swimming Judicial Code and any additional conditions (printed in the respective Meet Information). Where FINA Rules do not provide (e.g. Health & Safety Regulations or Child Protection Guidelines) the requirements of SASA shall apply to events held in Scotland.
- c) Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered as members of the ASA, SASA or WASA, or competitors from one of the countries affiliated to FINA. Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for age verification to the British Swimming Events Officer not later than 1500 hours on the day before the Competition begins.
- d) A competitor must be a registered member, or equivalent, of the club in whose name he is entered, at the date of entry. Excluding none GBR entries this Club must be offered by the online entry system
- e) Junior competitors – in line with the requirements of the European Junior Championships (EJC) male competitors will be born 1998, 1999, 2000 or 2001 and female competitors born 1999, 2000, 2001 or 2002.
- f) Target Tokyo – in line with requirements of the World Class Target Tokyo programme male competitors will be born 1996, 1997, 1998 or 1999 and female competitors born 1997, 1998, 1999, or 2000

2. The Events

Individual events:

- I. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (Female) and 1500m Freestyle (Male),
- II. 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
- III. 200m, 400m Individual Medley

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championships will be by means of an ‘online’ entry system. All competitors will be required to complete the online entry documentation in full and pay the required fee (£12 per swim) in order for their entry to be processed. Full instructions will be included in the Entry Pack.
- b) Entries shall be received by the appropriate National Entries Administrator (“the Administrator”) by no later than **12 noon on Wednesday 23rd March 2016**. No late entries will be accepted.
- c) Only times achieved in a 50m pool are accepted for entry, no converted times will be accepted.
- d) Entry times for all individual events from ASA, SASA, WASA entrants must be recorded in the British Swimming Rankings from Swimming Competitions designated or licensed for entry into National competitions on or after 14th April 2015.

BRITISH SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (50M)
12TH – 17TH APRIL 2016
CONDITIONS

- e) Entry times from competitors of other countries affiliated to FINA must submit times that are recorded in the Long Course FINA Rankings or Long Course Swim News rankings; or in official meet results from a National Governing Body sanctioned competition in a 50m pool and be achieved on or after 14th April 2015
- f) Split Times, either intermediate distance or first leg of a relay race are not acceptable for entry.
- g) A swimmer may only compete in the name of one club at the competition.

4. Meet Procedure

- a) All events shall have Heats and Finals.
- b) Heats – Heats shall be seeded in accordance with FINA rules.
- c) Finals - Only competitors eligible to represent Great Britain at the 2016 Olympic Games may progress to any Final. All eligible competitors (Open, Target Tokyo and Junior) will be seeded into finals. Any swimmer withdrawing from the Open Final will no longer be eligible to progress to the respective Target Tokyo or Junior final. Any swimmer withdrawing from the Target Tokyo final will no longer be eligible to progress to the Junior final.
- d) There will be:
 - a. one Open Final
 - b. one 'Target Tokyo' Final (age groups as per para 1f above); and
 - c. one Junior Final (European Junior age groups, see 1e) in all events.
- e) The fastest eight competitors from the heats irrespective of age shall be allocated places in the open final, plus two reserves.
- f) The next fastest eight age-eligible competitors shall be allocated places in each of the two other finals. A competitor in the Target Tokyo and European Junior final may also be a reserve for the Open final and will be moved to the Open final as necessary. Male competitors born 1998 and 1999 and female competitors born 1999 and 2000 shall compete in the Target Tokyo final in precedent to the European Junior final.
- g) The priority order for any athlete eligible to compete in any final will be the Open Final, followed by the Target Tokyo final and then the Junior final.
- h) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure as detailed at the Team Manager Meeting.

5. Withdrawal from Heats

- a) Withdrawals must be made by the end of the Team Leader Meeting for day one swims, and by 12 noon on the day before for all subsequent days.

6. Withdrawal from Finals

- a) 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 event in the Session in which they have qualified for the next round. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.

**BRITISH SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (50M)
12TH – 17TH APRIL 2016
CONDITIONS**

- b) Competitors withdrawing on medical grounds after the expiry of the imposed deadlines shall have their withdrawal endorsed by the Executive Director.
- c) Reserves will be released upon publication of the finals session start lists.
- d) Where a reserve is brought in at short notice, the event will not be reseeded.

7. Call Room

- a) Swimmers must report to the competition stewards in the call room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is your responsibility to report in good time for your event.
- b) Finalists and reserves 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 lead 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 anytime.

8. Medals

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

9. Officials

- a) Technical Officials shall be selected from lists approved by British Swimming.

10. Doping Control

- a) Competitors taking part in the Championships may be subject to random doping control
- b) Competitors are required to bring with them either a passport or other form of identity incorporating their photograph.

11. Team Leader Meeting

- a) It is a requirement for a representative from all clubs with swimmers entered in these Championships to attend the Team Leader Meeting which will take place on the evening of 11th April 2016. The time and location will be notified in the Competitor Confirmation Pack.

British Swimming Event Planning Group

1st October 2015