

## EVENT CONDITIONS

### 1. General Conditions

- a) The British Swimming Managing Board (“the Board”) reserves full powers over the British Swimming Championships (50m), including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the Championships venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control.
- b) The event conditions may be revised in response to any operational limitations that change between the publication of these conditions and the meet itself. In addition to a change in conditions, limits may need to be placed on entry numbers which could result in some swimmers achieving a consideration time not being admitted to the meet. In the event that conditions need to be altered or there is a need to restrict numbers, British Swimming will provide as much notice as possible. In the event of entries being limited and some entries being subsequently declined, entry fees will be refunded in full.
- c) 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 and Safety Regulations or Child Protection Guidelines) the requirements of Swim England shall apply to events held in England.
- d) Entries - These are only accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales since 5th April 2022 **or** competitors who have Great Britain as their FINA recognised ‘sport nationality’ and are a member of a club within a Federation that is affiliated to FINA and that FINA has not deemed ineligible to compete. Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for age and nationality verification to the British Swimming Events Officer not later than 1500 hours on the day before the competition begins.
- e) A competitor must be a registered member, or equivalent, of the club in whose name he/she is entered, at the date of entry. For clubs in England, Scotland and Wales, this club must be offered by the online entry system.
- f) Junior competitors.
  - a. Junior Age Groups defined by FINA and LEN in relation to FINA World Junior Championships (WJC) and the LEN European Junior Championships (EJC);
    - i. male competitors born 2005, 2006, 2007, or 2008
    - ii. female competitors born 2006, 2007, 2008, or 2009
- g) Finals
  - a. Only competitors who have Great Britain as their FINA recognised ‘sport nationality’ and are eligible to represent Great Britain at the 2023 FINA World Championships, 2023 European Junior Championships, 2023 European Youth Olympic Festival, or 2023 World Junior Championships (by the first day of competition, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023) may progress to any Final. It is the responsibility of individual swimmers to comply with this requirement. The Meet Director and Associate Director Performance Strategy and Operations shall have the power to sanction any failure to conform to this.
  - b. Competitors who have registered a change of ‘sport nationality’ with British Swimming one month prior to the first day of competition at the 2023 British Championships **may** be allowed to compete in finals. In these circumstances, the final decision will rest with the British Swimming Associate Director, Performance Strategy and Operations at his absolute discretion. All eligible competitors for the (two Open, ‘Priority Paris’ and Junior) finals will be seeded, by age group, into the respective finals (see section 4).

## 2. The Events

Individual events:

- I. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
- II. 50m, 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 in order for their entry to be processed. Full instructions will be included in the Entry Pack.
- b) Entries shall open on 1st February 2023 and be received by the appropriate National Entries Administrator (“the Administrator”) by no later than **1700 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Please note that for the 2023 Championships no entries beyond the closing date 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 Swim England, Scottish Swimming and Swim Wales entrants must be recorded in the British Swimming Rankings from swimming competitions designated or licensed for entry into national competitions since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.
- e) Split times of a relay race are not acceptable for entry. The only exception is the first leg of relay, if the time is recorded on the British Rankings site.
- f) A competitor may only compete in the name of one club at the competition.

## 4. Meet Procedure

- a) All events shall have Heats and Finals except for the 800m freestyle and 1500m freestyle which will be heat declared winner.
- b) Heats – there will be two heats sessions.
  - a. The fastest 6 heats of each 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m events will be scheduled in the first heats session. Any remaining heats will be swum in the second heats session.
  - b. The fastest heat of the 800m and 1500m freestyle will be swum in the Finals session (as per 4a). The next 3 fastest heats will be swum in the first heats session. Any remaining heats will be swum in the second heats session.
- c) There will be:
  - a. two Open Finals – An ‘A’ and a ‘B’ final
  - b. one ‘Priority Paris’ Final (competitors born 2001 or later); and
  - c. one Junior Final (FINA World Junior and LEN European Junior age group, see 1f) in all other events.
- d) The fastest sixteen competitors from the heats irrespective of age shall be allocated places in each of the two Open Finals (with the eight fastest in the A final), plus two reserves.
- e) The next fastest eight age-eligible competitors shall be allocated places in each of the two other finals, with priority given to the Priority Paris Final. A competitor in the Priority Paris or Junior Finals may also be a reserve for the Open Final and will be moved to the Open Final as necessary.

- f) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedures.

#### **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.
- b) Reserves will be released upon publication of the Finals session start lists.

#### **7. Call Room**

- a) Competitors must report to the Competition Stewards in the Call Room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is an athlete's responsibility to report in good time for their event. Upon entry, the athlete must ensure that they report to a Steward and be registered as being present in the Call Room.
- b) All competitors 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.
- c) Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the call room area during the finals at any time.

#### **8. Medals**

- a) Medals shall be awarded to the competitors placed first, second and third in the Open A 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 competitors entered in these Championships to attend the Team Leader Meeting. This will take place at 1800 on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, the location to be identified in the Meet Confirmation Pack.