

## CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

1. Age for The Essex Winter Championships is at 27 November 2011.
2. The closing date for this competition is midnight 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011
3. All entries must be sent electronically
4. Fees are £6.50 per event and £8.00 for all 1500m and 800m events
5. Please send one cheque to: Lyndsey Motin 31 Victory Close Chafford Hundred Essex RM16 6RT, and email your entry files to [motin@btinternet.com](mailto:motin@btinternet.com)
6. For the purpose of The Winter Championships Entries may be limited.
7. **At least the 6 fastest swimmers will be accepted in EACH age group: 11/under, 12, 13, 14, .**
8. **All submitted times are Short Course**
9. **All times must be Licensed and eligible for inclusion on the ASA Rankings database**
10. For this Championships there will be no individual age group awards these will still be restricted to Junior and Senior
11. There will be finals for all 50m and 100m events, all other events will be HDW. At least the 7 fastest swimmers from the heats will swim in the finals. Medals or pennants will be awarded to all finalists.
12. In individual events, awards will usually be made to the top eight swimmers [whether senior or junior] and to the top eight juniors, regardless of them swimming in the finals.
13. Essex County ASA reserves the right to withhold points and/or awards from swimmers who do not achieve qualifying times but are placed in the top eight. Swimmers who do not make the qualifying time in the heats will NOT be permitted to swim in finals.
14. The Finals of the Men's and Women's 50m Freestyle events will also be Skins Events for which there will be cash prizes. Please see separate Rules for such events.
15. The Secondary Entry (card) system will not be in operation. All swimmers will be expected to sign in and this will close 20mins before the start of each session. An individual, **including reserves**, withdrawing from a final shall give notice of withdrawal to the Control Room within 20 minutes of the publication of the list of finalists. Withdrawals after these deadlines can only be made at the discretion of the Promoter whose decision shall be final.

**Failure to comply with these conditions shall result in a fine of £10 per swimmer per event, which must be paid before the competitor competes again in the Championships.** In the event of a competitor not paying the fine, the Club in whose name the competitor has entered the Championships shall be responsible for payment.

**Time Trials**

The ECASA has determined that Time Trials shall not take place at any Championship event.

10. Results Service

Please note that disqualification, back up manual times and finalists will be the only announcements made. The results for each event will be displayed in the gallery as soon as they are available.

11. Disqualification Codes

SPORTSYSTEMS, The Meet Organization System incorporates, as part of the results reporting module, the set of standard abbreviations defining reason for disqualification which have been adopted by the European Swimming Writers.

Whenever a competitor is disqualified the reason is reported against the swimmers name using the following set of codes:-

Turn	T				
Finish	Fi				
Stroke	S	Arms	A		
		Head Position	H		
		Legs	L		
Start	ST				
Takeover	O	Early Start			
		Stroke Change	M	Appeal Made	A
				Appeal Disallowed	X
Fouling	FO				
Wrong Lane	L				
Misconduct	M				
Equipment	E				
		DD	A	nL	
		Disqualification		Length	on
		which	Reason		
		offence occurred			
			Appeal		
			Status		
Examples:	SH A 3L	Stroke - Head,	Appeal made,	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
length					
	OM X 2L	Medley Relay takeover - wrong stoke	Appeal disallowed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
length					
	E	Equipment code violation			
	ST	Start			

12. Jury of Appeal

Every effort will be made to provide a jury of appeal from Qualified District Officials.

13. Glass containers of any kind or hot beverages are NOT permitted on poolside.

14. The changing village/poolside is out of bounds to non-competing swimmers and spectators.

15. The following trophies/awards will be presented following Session 4:-

**The Hugh Joiner Trophy and Award**

Awarded to the Club scoring the highest number of points in all the Championship swimming events.

**The 'Masters' Shield**

Awarded to the Club scoring the most points in the Ladies and Men's 800/1500m Freestyle Championship events.

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17. Points are awarded for the top eight places in both individual and team events as follows:-

1<sup>st</sup> = 20 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 16 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 12 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 8 points, 5<sup>th</sup> = 6 points, 6<sup>th</sup> = 4 points, 7<sup>th</sup> = 2 points and 8<sup>th</sup> = 1 point.

In the event of a joint placing, available points will be added together and divided by the number of shared placings

## **RULES FOR SKINS EVENTS**

The Men's/Boys and Ladies/Girls 50m Freestyle events will also be a "Skins" Event. The following rules will apply:-

1. The fastest eight swimmers in the 50 metres Freestyle events will qualify for the Skins Final. Reserves will be allocated in the same way as finalists for all other events where finals are swum. In order to ensure that all lanes are occupied, swimmers (including reserves) should notify the Control Room within 20 minutes of the heat results being posted of their intention to withdraw from the Skins Final.
2. The Skins Event will be a continuous competition commencing with 8 competitors and over a continuous series of races over a distance of 50 metres. One or more competitors will be eliminated in each round until a winner is determined. Races in each competition will take place following an interval of 2 minutes from the start of the previous race, a warning signal being given 10 second prior to the start of each round.
3. Swimmers will be spearheaded for the first round in accordance with the times achieved in the 50m Freestyle heats, with the fastest qualifying swimmer occupying Lane 4. Swimmers will remain in their allocated lane until the final round when the two remaining swimmers will swim in lanes 4 and 5, the faster of the two swimmers from the heats occupying Lane 4 and the other swimmer occupying Lane 5.
4. The starting sequence in the first round will be in accordance with the FINA Swimming Rules.

5. Subsequent rounds will start at the starting end of the pool following an interval of 2 minutes from the previous Start. A warning whistle will be blown 10 seconds prior to the starting signal being sounded. No verbal warning commands will be given. Competitors' feet must be in contact with the starting platform when the start signal is given. The starting signal will not be delayed in the event that a swimmer is missing or is delayed for any other reason. In the event of a failure of the starting signal, this will be replaced with a shout of "Go" from the starter.
6. Any swimmer not available at the start or performing a false start will be disqualified.
7. In all race swimmers are required to comply with the FINA Swimming Rules regarding stroke and finish conditions. Failure to do so will lead to elimination by disqualification. Any competitor so eliminated will receive any prize money won to that time including the round in which eliminated.
8. The AOE will be used to determine the finishing order. The slowest swimmer will be eliminated in each round. In the event of a failure of the AOE the manual placings will be used. In the event that one or more swimmers have been disqualified for a false start or other infringement of the ASA Racing Technical Rules then the slowest swimmer will not be eliminated. Should AOE be used the Referee shall determine whether it operated correctly.
9. In the case of more than one swimmer being disqualified, or a dead heat for the slowest swimmer, all affected swimmers are eliminated and the accumulated prize money for the positions divided equally between the relevant swimmers.
10. Should for any reason the competition have to be halted before its conclusion it shall restart with a re-swim of the round halted, or subsequent round if halted following the correct completion of a round. The start of the recommencement of the competition will be in accordance with the FINA Swimming Rules.
11. In the case of a dead heat in the final race, it will be re-swum as an additional round. Determination of the result following a subsequent dead heat may be determined by any means agreed by the affected swimmers.
12. **The winner of the Skins Event** will be the swimmer who is placed first in the final round. Prizes will be awarded as follows:-  

1 <sup>st</sup> - £30.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> - £15.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> - £10.00
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There will also be a prize of £5 for the winner of each round excluding the final round.
13. **Swimmers who do not make themselves available for presentations will forfeit any cash prize.**
14. **The Championships placings (for Club and individual points and for trophy/medal purposes) will be declared from the First Round of the Skins Finals.**
15. Only the results from the first round will be officially recorded.
16. Any circumstances not covered by the above Conditions will be determined by the Promoter whose decision will be final.

