NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Affiliated ASA East Midland Region **Founded 1912**

British Gas Combined Championships and Age Groups 2011

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Dear Colleague,

Please read the information and meet conditions carefully, below are a few reminders of the important points.

- Entries for the championship must be processed and checked by a club coordinator and entered electronically using a computer program. Individual entries will not be accepted.
- The computer program is obtained by downloading from the Notts ASA website and the completed files returned by email. Full instructions are in the entry pack and with the download.
- Entry forms are included in the pack for you to adapt and use to collect the entries for your club. These are for your own reference and are not required to be submitted with your electronic entry file.
- Failing to notify withdrawal from an event or a final at any time is subject to a £10 fine. Please make sure your swimmers are aware that **the fines will be applied**, and failure to pay the fine means exclusion from the rest of the championships.
- On the day of meet, swimmers who perform below the qualifying standard by 5% without good reason, may be excluded from the remainder of the championships.
- Qualifying club membership period is 3 months prior to the closing date (18th January 2011)
- BAGCATs are scored using FINA points and there are no age correction factors. Points are accumulated only on the heats, not on finals.
- A junior is under 16yrs on the age at day date (19th March 2011)
- The Junior (Under 16yrs) Champion shall be the best placed junior in the final or failing a junior being in the final, the junior returning the fastest time in the heats. Second and third placed juniors shall be determined by the same principle.

Please use your membership records and club ranking systems to target swimmers who have qualifying times and encourage them to enter. To swim at the County Championships should been seen as a level of achievement and the swimmers should be encouraged to enter because they have achieved a qualifying time and not be discouraged simply because they may not win a particular event, or because they may not score highly in the BAGCAT age groups. They have the opportunity to swim competitively against a swimmers of similar ability, it is their chance to show what they can do and hopefully produce some PB's.

Nottinghamshire ASA are pleased to invite swimmers with a disability to participate in the County Championship and Age Group competitions either integrated into the main stream events subject to achieving the meet qualifying standards or in the selected mutli-disability events which are available

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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Championships Administrator