



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASA

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

Championship Conditions



1. General

1. The promoter is the Nottinghamshire ASA.
2. The County Championships shall be held annually and subject to any standard the promoter may impose. The Championships shall be open to any member of a club affiliated to Nottinghamshire ASA who is eligible within these promoters' conditions and Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules.
3. These conditions should be read in conjunction with the additional information given in the entry pack and the Awards Categories document.
4. Entry to the championships shall be via the club gala coordinator, the club shall be responsible for:
 - a. Collection of the swimmers entries.
 - b. Checking and validating the data.
 - c. Consolidating the entry data using SPORTSYSTEMS Entry Manager.
 - d. Returning the completed electronic entry files, and payment* to the Championship administrator by the closing date: **FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021**

*Please note that bank details have changed from previous years, these will be supplied when entries are submitted.

2. The Competition:

1. Age is at 31st December in the championship year.
2. Entry times submitted must be within the published qualifying standards and have been achieved in a licensed L1, 2, 3, or 4 competitions since the 1st January 2020. Qualifying times are based on a 25m pool.
3. Entry Times are downloaded from the British Rankings by the SPORTSYSTEMS Entry Manager program and the best time is selected automatically, which may be a converted Long Course time.
4. The promoter reserves the right to restrict entries if events are oversubscribed. This will be achieved by applying a percentage reduction in the qualifying times across each age. Taking into account the number of swimmers and the overall length of the session.
5. Protests shall be made and dealt with as detailed in Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules.
6. A presentation schedule will be published prior to the competition.
7. When called for presentations it is the swimmers responsibility to report to the trophy stewards.
8. Swimmers who are to receive awards must attend the presentation or their awards will be forfeited.

3. The Individual Events:

1. Events will be swum Long Course.
2. The 800m Freestyle and 1500m Freestyle will be swum mixed as male and female events.
3. The 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m events are heat declared winners and the fastest heat will be spearheaded.
4. The 50m and 100m events have finals and the heats will be swum seeded in time order.
5. A secondary strobe will not be available for these championships.



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4. The Relay Events:

1. Events will be swum Short Course.
2. Mixed gender events will be swum 2 male and 2 female in any order.
3. Individual gender events will be 4 x 50m Freestyle and 4 x 50m Medley Relay events for 16 years and under. Open age group events will be 4 x 100m relays. Mixed gender relays will all be 4 x 50m.
4. All events will be swum as heats and finals, except the 4 x 100m relays that are heat declared, unless there are fewer than 8 teams where the event will be swum as a straight final in the finals slot.
5. A secondary strobe may be available for these championships.

5. Entry Processing:

1. Late entries will not be accepted.
2. Submitted times will not be changed unless an administrative error has been made by Nottinghamshire ASA.
3. On the day swims for a time only are not allowed.
4. Refund of entry fees will only be made for rejected entries or where the entry to an event has had to be restricted. For any other reason refund of entry fees will only be made up until the closing date for entries or bona-fide medical issues subject to approval by the Nottinghamshire ASA Swimming Committee.

6. A Swimmer taking part shall:

1. be a registered member of a club affiliated to Nottinghamshire ASA for at least 60 days prior to the first day of competition.
2. be a Category 2 registered member with Swim England.
3. reside within the County or have the longest unbroken membership of a club affiliated to Nottinghamshire ASA
4. not have represented, or competed in the County competitions, of any other County during the same year.
5. enter the individual events under the name of any Nottinghamshire ASA club of which they are a member. No change of club shall be allowed once the entry has been submitted.

7. Relay Teams

1. A club may enter a maximum of two teams in any one event. If two teams are entered they shall be designated as 'A' & 'B'.
2. Swimmers may only swim in one team per event and are not allowed to change teams between heats and finals.
3. If a member of a team falls ill between the heats and finals, then a substitute swimmer may swim in their place as long as they comply with all other rules, but this must be reported to the timing suite before the final is swum.
4. No swimmer may swim as a member of a team, having entered the individual events of the Nottinghamshire ASA County Championships as a member of another club.
5. A swimmer may swim any relay within their age group.
6. The 4 relay swimmers names must be submitted on the official forms to the timing suite by the start of the warm up for the session in which the heats of the event are to take place.
7. To comply with Swim England Regulations, the minimum age to compete, swimmers must be a minimum of 9 years old on the day of swim.



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8. Accepted entries:

1. Entries shall be processed as they are received and will be available to view on the Nottinghamshire ASA website.
2. Notification of accepted entries will be published in full on the Nottinghamshire ASA website as soon as possible after the closing date.
3. Notification of rejected entries, if any, shall be notified by email to the club coordinator that submitted the entries.
4. The club coordinator is responsible for checking the entries and reporting, errors and discrepancies to the event administrator within one week of the official closing date.

9. Withdrawal from Individual Heat swims:

1. Withdrawals must be made using the on-line system found on the Nottinghamshire ASA website.
2. The promoter shall not be responsible for non-receipt of any withdrawal notification.
3. Withdrawals must be made by 6pm on the day before the swim.
4. Failure to notify a withdrawal from a heat within the given deadlines is subject to a fine of £10. The fine must be paid before the swimmer is allowed to continue to compete in the current or future championships. In the event of a swimmer not paying the fine, the club in whose name the swimmer has entered the competition shall be responsible for payment.

10. Withdrawal from Individual Finals:

1. The published event results will be time stamped and posted on the result boards at the entrance to the changing village and spectator balcony.
2. Swimmers (**including reserves**) who withdraw from finals must notify the recorders as soon as possible but no later than 15 minutes after the list of finalists is published, reserves not required are released after this time.
3. Withdrawals after any specified deadline may only be made on bona-fide medical grounds.
4. Failure to notify a withdrawal from a final within the given deadlines is subject to a fine of £10. The fine must be paid before the swimmer is allowed to continue to compete in the current or future championships. In the event of a swimmer not paying the fine, the club in whose name the swimmer has entered the competition shall be responsible for payment.

11. Withdrawal from Relay events:

1. Withdrawals must be made using the on-line system found on the Nottinghamshire ASA website, by a coach from the club, or by the person who submitted the entries for the team.
2. The promoter shall not be responsible for non-receipt of any withdrawal notification.
3. Team withdrawals must be made by 6pm on the day before the swim.
4. Failure to notify a withdrawal either from heat or a final within the given deadlines is subject to a fine of £10 to be paid by the club.

12. Poolside and Changing Rooms:

1. Only those accredited personnel showing a valid pass will be allowed onto the poolside and in the changing rooms along with swimmers.
2. Coaches and swimmers are responsible for keeping the poolside tidy, ensuring all litter is put in the bins/rubbish bags around the center and not left on poolside.
3. The use of chairs on poolside is prohibited other than those supplied by the venue for use by officials only.



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13. Photography (any form of image capturing device)

1. Mobile phones and other image capturing devices must not be used on the poolside or changing rooms in any circumstances, except as defined in condition 13.3 and 13.4. Anyone found breaking this rule will be removed from the poolside and may be asked to leave the premises.
2. Photography is subject to the venue policy and when allowed spectators may only capture images from the pool balcony.
3. Persons with poolside accreditation are allowed to take photographs during presentations, at the presentation area, but this must not impede the smooth flow of the proceedings.
4. Mobile devices may be used on poolside by accreditation holders to view the telegram notification service and results.
5. A Nottinghamshire ASA approved photographer may be present on the poolside to take photographs during the competition. Should you not wish to be photographed then you must inform the meet administrator on submission of entries.

14. Volunteers:

1. The Championships cannot run without the support of volunteers.
2. We request that a minimum of 1 volunteer for each 5 swimmers from a club helps out at a session of these championships.
3. Names and availability of volunteers should be sent to the Nottinghamshire ASA Volunteers coordinator in advance of the championships.
4. If we do not get enough volunteers to run the championship sessions, they may get cancelled.

15. Officials:

1. The correct number of officials at the correct qualification level is needed for each session, including finals sessions.
2. Officials that are volunteering to help, should submit their details and availability to the Nottinghamshire ASA Officials coordinator prior to the championships so we can ensure we have the correct numbers of officials.
3. Failure to obtain the correct numbers of officials for a session may result in the session being cancelled.
4. We welcome trainee officials that need practical experience, but details of trainees, and their availability must be submitted to the Nottinghamshire ASA Officials coordinator, prior to the championships.
5. A trainee official turning up on the day with no notice may not be allowed onto poolside.



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16. COVID

1. Nottinghamshire ASA will follow the current Swim England and UK Government guidelines at the time of the championships for these championships.
2. Anyone attending the championships, acknowledges the risks of attending these championships with regards to COVID, and Nottinghamshire ASA cannot be held accountable for anyone attending that may contract the virus.
3. Nottinghamshire ASA would encourage social distancing where possible while at the championships, and although not mandatory, the wearing of face coverings whilst inside the venue is advisable.
4. For the safety of everyone in attendance at the championships, we ask that everyone attending, swimmers, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators, take a lateral flow test before 6pm on the day before attending the venue to confirm they are negative from COVID.
5. In the event of a positive result for COVID, DO NOT ATTEND THE VENUE. If this means that you need to withdraw from an event, please follow the withdrawal procedures in this document.
6. Withdrawals for genuine COVID related reasons will be refunded subject to evidence of a positive COVID test for the swimmer or immediate family. In these cases the promoters decision is final.
7. In the event of a further Covid spike that requires reintroduction of social distancing and associated restrictions then the promoter reserves the right to make any changes necessary to ensure safe delivery of the event. For example, but not limited to removal of finals and reducing the number of swimmers per event.
8. In the event a swimmer is withdrawn for any none compliance to the conditions or COVID process requirements they will not be eligible for a refund.
9. The promoter reserves the right to withdraw any swimmer for failure to comply with any COVID process requirements or any Championship conditions, and these swimmers will not be entitled to a refund.

17. Any Other Matters:

1. On behalf of the Nottinghamshire ASA Swimming Committee, the promoter reserves the right to remove anyone from the championships that is deemed not to be adhering to the championship rules, or is acting in a way that would bring the sport into disrepute. This extends from swimmers, coaches, volunteers and spectators.
2. Any matter arising, for which these conditions do not provide, shall be determined by the promoter.