



DORSET COUNTY ASA

PARA SWIMMING

Eligibility

Swimmers with a registered Functional Ability or Certificate of Swimming Disability printout may enter any Dorset competition. Classification must be declared with submitted entries.

Programme of events

For information on events for which disability swimmers are eligible refer to the Para Swim Home Nations Guidelines.

Entry times

- i. Consideration times for entry are published for each competition. This is the required standard for non-disability competitors and will not apply to disability swimmers.
- ii. Disability swimmers should refer to the published Para-Swim Consideration Standards for female and male competitors. The County/Open Meet standard (highlighted) will apply to disability competitors for all Dorset licensed competitions
- iii. Disability swimmers should enter competitions via their club. Each club has a competitions entry officer.

Acceptance

Disability swimmers achieving the relevant consideration standards will be accepted into a Dorset licensed competition as time considerations permit.

On the day

- i. All Dorset competitions are integrated and there are no dedicated events or separate heats for disability competitors. All entries will be seeded on submitted times, with the slowest time competing first. Disability swimmers will compete in the appropriate time ranked heat.
- ii. A printout of the Functional Ability/Disability classification must be given to the Chief Referee of the competition on the day before any swim to which it applies.

Awards

- i. Medals are awarded to disability competitors in each event on a multi-disability basis for the top three swimmers who are nearest to the World Record within their own classification.
- ii. The minus one ruling for disability awards does not apply at Dorset County ASA competitions.

Other considerations

Any swimmer requiring wheelchair access must, if it is a requirement of the venue, ensure the leisure centre approves this in advance with the swimmer or coach. A Personal Evacuation Plan should be agreed with the venue and submitted to the Referee prior to the start of the competition.

For the purposes of competition:

- Age is age as at 31 December in the year of competition.
- Competitors must be 9 years of age on the day of competition and remain 9 years of age until 31 December in the year of competition to compete in the 9 years age group.
- Competitors who are 9 years of age on the day of competition and become 10 years of age by 31 December in the year of competition will compete in the 10 years age group.