



DORSET COUNTY ASA

2022 DORSET GRADED MEET

Licence number 4SW220675

held under

Swim England Laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of Racing

COMPETITION RULES

- 1 The Dorset County ASA General Competition Conditions will apply as published on the Dorset County ASA website unless inconsistent with the conditions which follow. All competitors, or in the case of a minor the parent/guardian of that minor, will be deemed to have accepted the approved and published conditions by submitting an entry to participate in a Dorset County ASA competition.
- 2 Swimmers entering the 2022 Dorset Graded Meet (hereinafter referred to as the "Competition") must be eligible to compete:
 - a. By holding the necessary birth, residential, or affiliated club membership qualification, AND
 - b. hold an unbroken membership of a Dorset affiliated club in whose name they are entered for 60 days immediately prior to the date of the first day of the Competition, as required by the Dorset County ASA General Competition Conditions, and as published on the Dorset County ASA website.
- 3 Swimmers entered in the Championships of another County Association, or any event in the competition programme of another County Association, in the same year as this Competition are not eligible to compete in this Competition or any event covered by the current Dorset General Competition Conditions, as published on the Dorset County ASA website.
- 4 The following conditions will apply to ALL swimmers' entries:
 - a. Competitors must have a Swim England registration number and be registered through their Club as a Swim England Category 1 or Category 2 swimmer. No entry will be accepted without the current Swim England registration number of the competitor.
 - b. The Competition will be run as an integrated competition. Swimmers with WPS Functional Ability Classification or a Certificate of Swimming Disability may enter the Competition. A secondary strobe light will be available for use during the Competition.
 - c. Submitted times for events entered in this Competition must be:
 - (i) Swim England or WPS Official Times achieved in an event held under Swim England Laws and Regulations and Technical Rules of Racing; AND
 - (ii) achieved within a recognised competition format; AND
 - (iii) achieved within the qualifying period specified for this Competition.
 - d. It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that all submitted times are eligible.
 - e. Entries received will be subject to satisfying the qualifying standard(s) as specified in the Entry Conditions. Entry times outside of the qualifying standards will not be accepted.
 - f. Para-Swim Consideration Standards for County Events will apply for swimmers with WPS Functional Ability Classification or a Certificate of Swimming Disability. Entry times outside of the Para-Swim Consideration Standards for Para-Swim events will not be accepted.
 - g. Submitted entries must be made using Short Course times, or those converted from Long Course times using approved Swim England conversion tables.
 - h. Entries will be seeded on submitted times, the slowest time swimming first. Para-Swim/Disability swimmers will compete in the appropriate time ranked heat.
 - i. The Competitions Manager may request satisfactory validation of any stated Swim England or WPS Official Time before entry is accepted.
 - j. All entries must comply with Rule 4(a-g). Any entries not complying with Rule 4(a-g), or are found to be incorrect or ineligible, shall be void and the entry fee forfeited.
- 5 All entries must come from the Club Entry Officer and not individuals.
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 - a. All entries must be received by the Competitions Manager by the official closing date as a whole Club Entry via

- Sportsystems Entry Manager together with the correct entry fee.
- b. Payment by BACS or a single cheque payable to Dorset County ASA must accompany each Club Entry.
 - c. No entries will be accepted after the official closing date, or without payment of entry fees having been submitted by the official closing date.
- 7 a. Entries submitted by the official closing date without payment of entry fees will not be processed.
 - b. Where payment has not been received by the closing date, entries will be considered null and void.
- 8 Where payment is made by BACS, proof of payment must be provided with submitted entries. Where payment is made by cheque, a proof of posting receipt should be retained. Payment by cheque after the official closing date will not be accepted without evidence of posting having been made in sufficient time to ensure arrival by the closing date.
- 9 Clubs will receive official confirmation of accepted entries prior to the Competition, and any rejected entries will be listed. The Competitions Manager should be notified of any discrepancies by the date specified. Notification of discrepancies by the date specified does not guarantee that a discrepancy can or will be corrected.
- 10 Payment by BACS or a single cheque will be made to each club for refunds due to that Club after completion of the Competition.
- 11 Swimmers who are not listed on the official confirmation of accepted entries will not be permitted to compete.
- 12 Entries will not be accepted after the official closing date regardless of reason.
- 13 Improved entry times will not be accepted after the official closing date regardless of the date of achievement.
- 14 Requests for time trials will not be accepted at any time.
- 15 The Competition will run with pre-seeded heats according to Rule 4(h) of the Competition Rules. Empty lanes on the day due to withdrawals will remain vacant.
- 16 Failure to appear in the designated heat will cancel any right to compete in that event. Competitors who fail to appear in the designated heat of an event may be allowed to swim in empty lanes in that event at the discretion of the Referee, and on a first-come first-served basis.
- 17 All competitors will be placed except for any swimmer disqualified.
- 18 No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the official closing date unless on medical grounds. A refund for withdrawal on medical grounds will be considered provided:
- a. A request for refund is made to the Competitions Manager no later than 72 hours prior to the start date and time of the competition, AND
 - b. a medical note signed by an appropriate medical authority is submitted to the Competitions Manager within four weeks of that date, or
 - c. proof of a positive Covid LFT test is submitted together with the request for a refund, noting
 - d. refunds for partial withdrawal of events per day will not be accepted, AND
 - e. for the purposes of this Competition the cut-off for receipt of a request for refund on medical grounds is 11.30 hrs on 12 May 2022.
- 19 Requests for medical refunds not received by the date specified, or without a medical note signed by an appropriate medical authority submitted within the period specified, or without proof of a positive Covid LFT test being submitted as specified, will be refused.
- 20 The Official Promoter of the Competition is the Dorset County ASA Swimming Committee, which has set all conditions of the competition. The designated Promoter's Representative for this Competition is Mr S Platts, 4 Kinson Grove, Bournemouth, Dorset BH10 7JA.
- 21 The Swimming Committee has delegated the organisation of the event to a Competitions Manager. The Competitions Manager for this Competition is Mrs D Gibbs, 22 Stibbs Way, Bransgore, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 8HG.
- 22 The date and events for the programme of the 2022 Competition are as printed in the 2022 Entry Conditions.
- 23 Any matters arising that are not covered within these Competition Rules and Entry Conditions will be dealt with in accordance with the Laws of the sport, and at the discretion of the Promoter.
- 24 All participants including, but not restricted to, competitors, coaches, officials, competition organisers and spectators, shall comply with the Dorset County ASA Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. Dorset County ASA reserves the right to take disciplinary action against a swimmer, Club, or individual for infringement of these policies.
- 25 Only competitors and duly authorised personnel, including any person accompanying a swimmer with WPS Functional Ability Classification or a Certificate of Swimming Disability, and who are registered on the Swim England Clubs Child Protection Lists shall be allowed poolside.
- 26 Competitors are required to observe safety announcements and always conduct themselves in accordance with those announcements at all times. Competitors, coaches, team managers or chaperones will not enter the hired area until the Referee gives permission.
- 27 Any competitor or coach requiring wheelchair access must, if it is a requirement of the host leisure centre, ensure that the leisure centre approves this in advance with the swimmer or coach. A Personal Evacuation Plan agreed with the leisure centre must be submitted to the Referee prior to the start of the Competition.
- 28 It is the responsibility of each Club Committee to ensure that its' coaches, team managers, chaperones and marshals

- are responsible for their swimmers on poolside including, but not restricted to, behaviour, dress and conduct towards other competitors, officials, and the Competition organisers, at all times.
- 29 Competitors are not permitted to change on poolside and are required to wear clothing appropriate for land training when warming-up on poolside. Competitors must not undertake land training on poolside in swimwear only.
- 30 A designated area on poolside will be allocated to each Club based on Club Entry numbers in accordance with the relevant Contractual Agreement with the leisure centre, and current Risk Assessment for the Competition. The area designated to each Club on poolside is not negotiable.
- 31 The use of a warm-down facility is made available to competitors ONLY if supervised by one of their Club officials with a poolside pass. The facility will be withdrawn if the use is unsupervised, or if deemed to be a risk to health and safety. A warm-down facility may not be used for warm-up or training purposes.
- 32 Presentations will be made in accordance with the published timetable and as follows:
- Presentations will only be made to recipients wearing suitable poolside club clothing that complies with the current Swim England Child Protection Policy.
 - Trophies, medals, and awards will only be presented to recipients who have won those awards.
 - The Promoter reserves the right not to present awards if the recipient does not comply with Rules 32(a) and 32(b), or who does not make themselves available in a timely manner for presentation. The Promoter's decision is final.
 - Competitors who do not make themselves available at the required time for presentation will not be presented with their award at a later time and/or date.
- 33 The Referee is responsible for all aspects of health, safety and fair play in the area hired by Dorset County ASA on the day of competition and can halt the Competition at any time if there are perceived risks to competitors, officials, spectators, or Competition organisers. Spectators are not permitted to block exit routes or sit in gangways.
- 34 Dorset County ASA reserves the right to refuse admission to any Club official, coach, competitor, or spectator.
- 35 Behaviour by any Club official, coach, competitor, or spectator deemed to be inappropriate, disrespectful, abusive and/or aggressive will result in that individual being required to leave the area hired by Dorset County ASA and being excluded from all future Dorset County ASA events.
- 36 Promotional activities or fundraising at Dorset County ASA events by host clubs, participating clubs or members of affiliated clubs are strictly forbidden under any circumstances.
- 37 Swim England Guidance on Photography as published in *Wavepower: Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures* applies to this Competition. Spectators may engage in video/photographic activities from the spectator area only; requests for photography on poolside MUST be agreed with the Promoter in advance. The leisure centre may have its own local regulations on this subject, which may supersede this condition, and must be observed.
- 38 Flash photography at the start of a race is prohibited. Anyone not complying during the Competition will be asked to leave the spectator gallery.
- 39 Dorset County ASA reserves the right to take and publish still or video photography during the Competition. Any request not to be photographed MUST be documented on a Health Information Form and submitted to the Competitions Manager, or designated Health & Safety Officer, at least two weeks before the date of the Competition.
- 40 All Clubs participating in a Dorset County ASA event are required to assist in the operation of that event on the day. Host Clubs will be appointed, or Clubs requested to fulfil specific roles where appropriate, by the Competition Manager. The Promoter's Representative will be responsible for the overall management of the event.

Data Protection statement: Entries will be held on a password protected computer solely for the purpose of this Competition and consent to the holding of personal information, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018, will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry for the purpose of participating in this Competition. Personal Data will be available for inspection during the Competition on application to the Competitions Manager. Data will only be shared with Swim England Rankings and held by Dorset County ASA for a maximum of 12 months.

2022 ENTRY CONDITIONS**1 DATES**

- (a) Competition: Sunday 15 May 2022
(b) Entries closing date: Friday 15 April 2022 (midday)

2 AGE GROUPS

- (a) Age Groups: Age as of 31 December 2022
(b) Age Groups are: **A:** 9yrs **B:** 10yrs **C:** 11yrs **D:** 12yrs
(c) Age Group A:
i. Competitors in Age Group A must be 9 years of age on 15 May 2022 and remain 9 years of age until 31 December 2022.
ii. Competitors who are 9 years of age on the day of competition, but become 10 years of age by 31 December 2022, will compete in Age Group B.

3 ENTRY FEES

£4.50 per event

4 EVENTS

- (a) This competition is a Level 4 Licensed Meet. All events and distances are as defined by Swim England Laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of Racing.
(b) All events will be Heats Declared Winner (HDW). There will be no Finals.
(c) The last heat of each event will be spearheaded.

5 ENTRY TIMES

Upper Times apply to this Competition. Consideration Times have not been set for this Competition.

(a) Submitted Entry Times

- i. Swim England or WPS Official Times not achieved at a licensed competition, and thereby published on the Swim England Rankings, will not be accepted without the event title, date, and venue at which the Official Time was achieved being fully and completely declared.
ii. Where event title, date and venue are not fully and completely declared by the official closing date of the Competition, or the submitted entry time has not been achieved within a recognised competition format, that entry will be refused.
The submitted entry time for any event MUST:
iii. a. be correct as at the closing date of the competition, and
b. also represent the fastest Official Time that swimmer has achieved at a licensed or unlicensed competition during the specified competition period.
iv. Submitted entry times based on time-trials or relay splits will not be accepted.

(b) Upper Times

- i. The Upper Times used for this Competition are the published Consideration Times set for the 2022 Dorset County Championships.
ii. For age groups not included in those Championships, Upper Times have been set using the Swim England County (A) Qualifying Times Graded Table.
iii. Swimmers cannot enter an event in which they have achieved an Official Time faster than the published Upper Time in any competition, whether licensed or unlicensed, during the specified competition period and prior to the closing date of the Competition.
iv. Any competitor who exceeds the published Upper Time during the Competition will not be disqualified from that event.

(c) Acceptance

- i. Entries will be accepted based on fastest submitted time and in accordance with the time available.
ii. Equal numbers from each of the designated Age Groups will be accepted for each event where possible.
iii. Acceptance of entries will be determined by the pool hire period and in accordance with the Operating Policy of the relevant leisure provided and Dorset County ASA Risk Assessment in effect on the day of competition and may therefore necessitate rejection of swimmers.
iv. The Promoter reserves the right to cancel an event where insufficient entries are received.

- (d) **Competitors with WPS Functional Ability Classification or a Certificate of Swimming Disability**
- i. Swimmers with WPS Functional Ability Classification or a Certificate of Swimming Disability achieving Para-Swim/Disability Consideration Standards for County Events will be accepted as time permits.
 - ii. WPS Functional Ability Classification MUST be declared on the entry form. Competitors with a Certificate of Swimming Disability MUST present the Certificate to the Referee at the start of the relevant session before racing commences.
 - iii. Para-Swim/Disability swimmers may enter any event that is not deemed a Para-Swim Event subject to satisfying the relevant qualifying or consideration standard(s) as specified in the Entry Conditions.
- (f) **Specified Competition Period**
The qualifying period for entry times submitted for this Competition is 1 September 2019 to 15 April 2022.

6 EXCLUSIONS

- (a) **Regional Swimmers**
- i. Swimmers who achieve a 2022 Swim England SWR Qualifying Time or Consideration Time in ANY event by the closing date of the Competition are excluded from entering ALL events in this Competition, regardless of whether the swimmer participates in the Swim England SWR Championships in the same year.
 - ii. Swimmers who have entered the 2022 Dorset Graded Meet and subsequently achieve a 2022 SWR Qualifying Time or Consideration Time before the closing date must advise the Competitions Manager and withdraw from the Competition, in which case all entry fees will be refunded.
- (b) **Eligibility**
- i. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to withdraw from this Competition if ineligible, on grounds of having achieved a 2022 SWR Qualifying Time or Consideration Time, by the closing date of this Competition.
 - ii. A swimmer entering this Competition for which they are ineligible, and has not withdrawn by the closing date, will forfeit the entry fee and be expected to return any award(s) associated with this Competition.

7 AWARDS

- (a) **Heats Declared Winner (HDW) Events**
- i. Male and female age bands for the purposes of awards in this Competition are: 9 years, 10 years, 11 years, and 12 years.
 - ii. Medals will be awarded for first, second and third places in each HDW event in each of the designated age bands.
 - iii. Medals will be awarded to the top three placed Para-Swim/Disability competitors in each event. Placing shall be determined on a multi-disability basis of the three swimmers in each sex who either break the World Record by the greater amount or are nearest to the World Record within their own classification. If less than four swimmers participate in any one event, then the minus one ruling shall not apply.
- (b) **Individual Awards**
The following awards will be presented at the end of the Competition:
- i. 'Top Girl' and 'Top Boy' in each of the designated Age Groups calculated from FINA points accrued for a combination of Best Sprint (50m events), Best 100 (100m events), Best Distance (200m Freestyle) and Best Medley (100IM). The greatest number of points achieved for one swim in each category will be taken into consideration.
 - ii. The 'Fastest Girl of the Day' and 'Fastest Boy of the Day' based on FINA points for the single fastest swim of the Competition.
 - iii. The 'Most Improved Female Medley Swimmer' and 'Most Improved Male Medley Swimmer' based on the single largest percentage improvement on submitted entry time for the 100m Individual Medley event.
 - iv. Para-Swim/Disability competitors are eligible for Individual Awards provided the FINA points accrued, or percentage improvement achieved, qualifies that competitor for an Individual Award in accordance with clause 7(b)i-iii.

(c) **Team Awards**

A trophy for 'Top Novice Club' calculated from Club Team Points will be presented at the end of the Competition.

(d) **Medals Desk**

- i. Medals for HDW and Para-Swim/Disability events may be collected from the Medals Desk once results have been announced. There will be no formal presentation of medals.
- ii. Medals must be collected from the Medals Desk during the Competition. The Medals Desk will close 15 minutes after the results of the final event of the Competition have been published. Uncollected awards will not be posted or made available for collection after the Competition.

9 Club Team Points

- (a) Points will be awarded for all competitors placed first to sixth in their respective Age Groups in individual events as follows: 1st place = 6 points descending to 1 point = 6th place.
- (b) A competitor with dual club recognition may only represent one club, which shall be the Club named on the entry form.

10 Spectator Admission

- (a) Spectator admission to the Competition is £3.00 for all adults and £1.50 for under-16s, regardless of the number of sessions to be attended.
- (b) Admission does not guarantee a seat will be available; seats cannot be pre-booked.
- (c) Spectator admission will be in accordance with the maximum limit for spectators specified by the Emergency Action Plan and Operating Procedures of the venue, and which govern the Dorset County ASA Risk Assessment for that venue, and may therefore be restricted as follows:
 - i. Dorchester 147 persons seated 160 persons standing in the rear viewing hall
 - ii. Wheelchairs Access limited to the space allotted by the venue management. Prior booking for wheelchairs with the Competitions Manager is required.
- (d) Wristbands will be issued per spectator according to the maximum limit for the spectator area(s) for that session and are not transferable. Admission will be refused without the designated wristband for the relevant session(s).
- (e) A programme of events will be available to download from the Dorset County ASA website; start sheets will be available via the Live Result link on the DCASA website.

11 Competitor Health Declaration

To ensure safety procedures and protocols are observed, together with the well-being of all competitors, all associated medical conditions must be declared on a Health Information Form with the management plan for the condition and be submitted to the Competitions Manager, or designated Health & Safety Officer, at least two weeks before the date of Competition. The Declaration shall be made by the competitor/parent/guardian for the sole use of those persons with responsibility for health and safety during the Competition. The content of the declaration will be held in strict confidence, and only shared when essential to ensure the safety of the competitor during the Competition. The forms of those swimmers who compete in the Dorset Graded Meet 2022 will be held securely on file until the final Dorset County ASA competition of the 2019/2022 season.

- 12** Officials are requested to make offers of help to officiate during this Competition on the Swim-Meet software <http://www.swim-meet.com/OfficialsSignup/DorsetCounty/>; session(s) to be chosen from the programme of events and requested details to be completed.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022 at DORCHESTER

SESSION 1

Warm-up: 11.15

Start: 11.35

Estimated finish: tbc

Event No	Distance(m)	Event	Male/Female	Type	Ages
1	200	Freestyle	Mixed	HDW	9 to 12 years

SESSION 2

Warm-up: tbc

Start: tbc

Estimated finish: tbc

2	100	Breaststroke	Male	HDW	9 to 12 years
3	100	Backstroke	Female	HDW	9 to 12 years
4	50	Freestyle	Male	HDW	9 to 12 years
5	50	Breaststroke	Female	HDW	9 to 12 years
6	50	Backstroke	Male	HDW	9 to 12 years
7	50	Freestyle	Female	HDW	9 to 12 years
8	100	Individual Medley	Male	HDW	9 to 12 years
9	100	Individual Medley	Female	HDW	9 to 12 years

SESSION 3

Warm-up: tbc

Start: tbc

Estimated finish: tbc

Event No	Distance(m)	Event	Male/Female	Type	Ages
10	100	Breaststroke	Female	HDW	9 to 12 years
11	100	Backstroke	Male	HDW	9 to 12 years
12	50	Butterfly	Female	HDW	9 to 12 years
13	50	Breaststroke	Male	HDW	9 to 12 years
14	50	Backstroke	Female	HDW	9 to 12 years
15	50	Butterfly	Male	HDW	9 to 12 years
16	100	Freestyle	Female	HDW	9 to 12 years
17	100	Freestyle	Male	HDW	9 to 12 years

NOTES:

2022 UPPER TIMES (age as of 31 December)						
BOYS		9	10	11	12	
FREESTYLE	50m	42.75	39.91	39.91	35.61	
	100m	1.36.09	1.27.06	1.27.06	1.16.87	
	200m	3.25.50	3.08.28	3.08.28	2.47.07	
BREASTSTROKE	50m	55.87	52.09	52.09	45.90	
	100m	2.05.70	1.58.92	1.58.92	1.43.19	
BUTTERFLY	50m	48.21	44.53	44.53	39.39	
BACKSTROKE	50m	49.26	45.79	45.79	40.96	
	100m	1.48.48	1.44.18	1.44.18	1.30.75	
IND MEDLEY	100m	1.49.00	1.41.02	1.41.02	1.30.31	
GIRLS		9	10	11	12	
FREESTYLE	50m	43.17	40.44	40.44	36.45	
	100m	1.37.56	1.28.84	1.28.84	1.18.03	
	200m	3.27.49	3.09.43	3.09.43	2.47.91	
BREASTSTROKE	50m	56.91	52.51	52.51	46.21	
	100m	2.06.22	1.59.69	1.59.69	1.43.85	
BUTTERFLY	50m	48.84	44.53	44.53	39.81	
BACKSTROKE	50m	49.68	46.00	46.00	41.28	
	100m	1.50.47	1.44.73	1.44.73	1.30.98	
IND MEDLEY [P]	100m	1.50.58	1.39.87	1.39.87	1.30.73	
NOTES:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Swimmers cannot enter an event in which they have achieved a time faster in the qualifying period for submitted times of 1 September 2019 to 15 April 2022, as shown in the schedule above. (2) Competitors in Age Group A must be 9 years of age on 15 May 2022 and remain 9 years of age until 31 December 2022. (3) Competitors who are 9 years of age on the day of competition, but become 10 years of age by 31 December 2022, will compete in Age Group B. (4) The hundredth-place value of submitted time WILL be taken into consideration. (5) [P] Para-Swim Consideration Standards for County Events apply for competitors with WPS Functional Ability Classification or a Certificate of Swimming Disability entering a Para-Swim event for all events except the 100m Individual Medley. 						