



## DORSET COUNTY ASA

### 2023 DORSET GRADED MEET

Licence number 4SW230695

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 2023 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 required by the Dorset County ASA General Competition Conditions as published on the Dorset County ASA website, and
  - (b) must be a registered member of the club in the name of which they are entered for at least one calendar month before the first day of Competition.
- 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 competitors:
  - (a) Competitors must have a Swim England registration number and be registered through their Club as a Swim England Club Train or Club Compete 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. Para-Swim/Disability swimmers must:
    - i have an authorised national or international Classification, Certificate of Disability or Certificate of Exception which must be declared on the entry form; and
    - ii competitors with a Certificate of Disability/Exception must present the Certificate to the Referee at the start of the relevant session before racing commences. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
  - (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 have been achieved within a recognised competition format or in accordance with the criteria for Level X Racing; and
    - iii were achieved within the qualifying period specified for this Competition.
  - (d) It is the responsibility of the Club to certify that all swimmers entering this Competition are eligible in accordance with Rules 2(a-b) and submitted times comply with Rules 4(c)i-iii.
  - (e) Entries received will be subject to satisfying the qualifying/consideration standard(s) as specified by the Entry Conditions. Entry times outside of the qualifying/consideration standards will not be accepted.
  - (f) Para-Swim Consideration Standards for County Events will apply for swimmers with national/international Classification or a Certificate of Disability/Exception. 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 validation of any stated Swim England or WPS Official Time before an 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 The following conditions will apply to ALL entries:
- (a) Entries must be received by the Competition Manager by the official closing date as a whole Club Entry via Sportsystems Entry Manager 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.
  - (d) Entries will only be accepted from individuals in exceptional circumstances and by application to the Competition Manager prior to the closing date of the Competition.
- 6 (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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 Refunds due to a Club will be made to the Club by BACS or a single cheque after completion of the Competition.
- 10 Swimmers who are not listed on the official confirmation of accepted entries will not be permitted to compete.
- 11 Entries will not be accepted after the official closing date regardless of reason.
- 12 Improved entry times will not be accepted after the official closing date regardless of the date of achievement.
- 13 Requests for time trials will not be accepted at any time.
- 14 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. A secondary strobe will be available for use throughout the Competition.
- 15 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.
- 16 All competitors will be placed except for any swimmer disqualified.
- 17 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, noting
  - (c) refunds for partial withdrawal of events per day will not be accepted.
  - (d) For the purposes of this Competition the cut-off for receipt of a request for refund on medical grounds will be 11.30 hrs on 11 May 2023.
- 18 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.
- 19 The Official Promoter of the Competition is the Dorset County ASA Swimming Committee, which has set all conditions of the competition. A Promoter's Representative will be appointed in advance of the Competition who will be responsible for the management on the day.
- 20 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.
- 21 The date and events for the programme of the 2023 Competition are as printed in the 2023 Entry Conditions.
- 22 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.
- 23 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.
- 24 Only competitors, duly authorised club team personnel who have current DBS and Safeguarding certificates and including any person accompanying a competitor with national/international Classification or a Certificate of Disability/Exception, duly authorised volunteers and officials are permitted on poolside.
- 25 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.
- 26 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.
- 27 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.
- 28 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.
- 29 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.
- 30 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.
- 31 Presentations will be made in accordance with the published timetable and as follows:
- (a) Presentations will only be made to recipients wearing suitable poolside club clothing that complies with the current Swim England Child Protection Policy.
  - (b) Trophies, medals, and awards will only be presented to recipients who have won those awards.
  - (c) The Promoter reserves the right not to present awards if the recipient does not comply with Rules 31(a-b) or who does not make themselves available in a timely manner for presentation. The Promoter's decision is final.
  - (d) 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.
- 32 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.
- 33 Dorset County ASA reserves the right to refuse admission to any Club official, coach, competitor, or spectator. 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.
- 34 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.
- 35 Swim England Guidance on Photography as published in *Wavepower: Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures* applies to this Competition and is available at <http://www.swimming.org/swimengland/Wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/>. 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.
- 36 Flash photography at the start of a race is prohibited. Anyone not complying during the Competition will be asked to leave the spectator gallery.
- 37 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.
- 38 All Clubs participating in a Dorset County ASA event are required to assist in hosting that event on the day. Host Clubs may be appointed, or Clubs requested to fulfil specific roles, by the Competition Volunteers Co-ordinator.
- 39 The Promoter will endeavour to run this Competition as advertised; excepting
- (a) If the Competition must be cancelled, competitors are not eligible for a full refund of entry fees. Proportionate refunds may be made but only after the Promoter has covered all incurred costs.
  - (b) If the Competition must be run either unlicensed or at a lower licence level, competitors are not eligible for a refund of entry fees.

**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.

## 2023 ENTRY CONDITIONS

### 1 DATES

- (a) Competition: Sunday 14 May 2023
- (b) Entries closing date: Friday 14 April 2023 (midday)

### 2 AGE GROUPS

- (a) Age: Age as of 31 December 2023
- (b) Age Groups: A: 9yrs; B: 10yrs; C: 11yrs; D: 12yrs

**NOTE:** To compete in Age Group A competitors must be 9 years of age on 14 May 2023 and remain 9 years of age until 31 December 2023.

### 3 ENTRY FEE £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 final heat of each event will be spearheaded.

### 5 ENTRY TIMES

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

#### (a) Submitted Entry Times

- i. The following times will be accepted for this Competition:
  - (1) Swim England/WPS Official times achieved in a licensed competition published on Swim England Rankings.
  - (2) Official times achieved in a recognised unlicensed competition format.
  - (3) Time trials undertaken in accordance with the criteria for Level X Racing.
- ii. Official Times achieved in an unlicensed competition will not be accepted without the event, date, and venue at which the Official Time was achieved being fully declared or entry will be refused. Submitted times based on relay splits will not be accepted.
- iii. Submitted times from time trials will not be accepted without the date and venue at which the Time Trials took place being fully declared or entry will be refused.
- iv. The submitted entry time for any event must:
  - (1) be correct as at the closing date of the competition, and
  - (2) represent the fastest time the swimmer has achieved during the specified competition period.

#### (b) Upper Times

- i. The Upper Cut-off Times used for this Competition are the published Consideration Times set for the 2023 Dorset County Championships. For age groups not included in those Championships, Upper Cut-off Times have been set using the Swim England County (A) Qualifying Times Graded Table.
- ii. Swimmers cannot enter an event in which they have achieved a time faster than the published Upper Cut-off Time during the specified competition period and prior to the closing date of the Competition.
- iii. A competitor who exceeds the published Upper Cut-off Time during the Competition will not be disqualified from that event.

#### (c) Acceptance of Entries

- i. Acceptance of entries will be determined by the pool hire period and in accordance with the Operating Policy of the relevant leisure provider and Dorset County ASA Risk Assessment in effect on the day of competition and may therefore necessitate rejection of swimmers.
- ii. A submitted time in accordance with clause 5(a)i-iv does not infer automatic acceptance into the Competition.
- iii. Entries will be accepted based on fastest submitted time and in accordance with the time available. Equal numbers from each of the designated Age Groups will be accepted for each event where possible.
- iv. The Promoter reserves the right to cancel an event where insufficient entries are received.

#### (d) Para-Swim/Disability Competitors

- i. Swimmers with national/international Classification or a Certificate of Disability/Exception achieving Para-Swim/Disability Consideration Standards for County Events will be accepted as time permits.
- ii. Para-Swim/Disability swimmers may enter any event that is not deemed a Para-Swim Event subject to satisfying

the relevant qualifying/consideration standards for that event as specified in the Entry Conditions.

(f) **Specified Competition Period**

The qualifying period for entry times submitted for this Competition is 15 January 2022 to 14 April 2023.

**6 EXCLUSIONS**

(a) **Regional Swimmers**

Swimmers who achieve a 2023 Swim England SWR Qualifying/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.

(b) **Eligibility**

- i. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to withdraw from this Competition if ineligible for this Competition.
- ii. A swimmer entering this Competition for which they are not eligible and who 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) **Heat 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 place in each of the designated Age Groups for HDW events.
- iii. Medals will be awarded to the top three placed Para-Swim/Disability competitors in each event, which shall be determined on a multi-disability basis. If less than four swimmers participate in any one event, then the minus one ruling shall not apply.

(b) **Individual Awards**

- i. Top Boy and Top Girl awards in each of the designated Age Groups based on FINA points accrued for:
  - (1) Best Sprint (50m events), Best 100 (100m events), Best Distance (200m Freestyle) and Best Medley (100IM); noting
  - (2) only the greatest number of points achieved for any one swim in each category will be taken into consideration.
- ii. Fastest Boy and Fastest Girl awards based on FINA points for the single fastest female and male swim of the Competition.
- iii. Most Improved Female and Male Medley Swimmers trophies based on the single greatest 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 in accordance with clause 7(b)i-iii.

(c) **Team Awards**

- i. Top Novice Club trophy calculated from Club Team Points.

(d) **Presentations**

Presentation of awards will be made in accordance with the published timetable and as time permits but may be amended or cancelled on the day of competition.

(e) **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.

**8 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.

**9 Spectator Admission**

- (a) Spectator admission to this 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 and 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) All spectators may be required to vacate the spectator area(s) between each session in which case spectators' possessions will be removed from the spectator areas(s) to prevent seat blocking.
- (f) A programme of events and start sheets will be published on the Dorset County ASA website.

**10 Poolside access**

- (a) Swimmers are permitted on poolside only if competing in that specific session.
- (b) A club shall be entitled to three poolside passes for 30 competitors or less, for which one female and one male Team Staff must be provided. One additional pass shall be authorised for each additional 20 competitors thereafter.
- (c) The total number of permitted passes includes all coaches, team managers and Club Captains if not a competitor.
- (d) In addition to Team Staff passes issued, a chaperone accompanying a competitor with national/international Classification or Certificate of Disability/Exception requires a poolside pass which must be authorised in advance of the Competition by the Competitions Manager.
- (e) No charge will be made for Team Staff poolside passes. Team Staff more than the permitted number or Team Staff/chaperones without an authorised pass will be required to leave poolside.
- (f) A restricted number of extra poolside passes are available for the purpose of Team Management development on application to the Competition Manager as follows:
  - i. Passes will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis and cost £10 per person.
  - ii. Passes will be valid for the duration of the competition and are not transferable.

**11 Officials & Volunteers**

- (a) 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.
- (b) Volunteers are requested to make offers of assistance to host this Competition on the Swim-Meet software <https://www.swim-meet.com/VolunteersSignup/DorsetCounty/>; session(s) to be chosen from the programme of events and contact details to be completed.

**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 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 submitted by swimmers entering an event in the Dorset County ASA Competition Programme 2023 will be held securely on file until the final Dorset County ASA competition of the 2023 season.

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023 at DORCHESTER

## SESSION 1

Warm-up: 11.30

Start: 11.50

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

2023 UPPER TIMES (age as of 31 December)								
<b>BOYS</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>			
<b>FREESTYLE</b>	50m	40.70	41.25	41.25	37.32			
	100m	1.31.05	1.29.38	1.29.38	1.20.52			
	200m	3.15.70	3.13.38	3.13.38	2.54.96			
<b>BREASTSTROKE</b>	50m	53.20	54.60	54.60	52.26			
	100m	1.59.70	1.59.28	1.59.28	1.52.06			
<b>BUTTERFLY</b>	50m	45.90	46.68	46.68	44.98			
<b>BACKSTROKE</b>	50m	46.90	48.12	48.12	43.20			
	100m	1.43.30	1.44.40	1.44.40	1.31.08			
<b>IND MEDLEY</b>	100m	1.43.80	1.45.96	1.45.96	1.34.92			
<b>GIRLS</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>			
<b>FREESTYLE</b>	50m	41.10	42.00	42.00	40.00			
	100m	1.32.90	1.30.25	1.30.25	1.25.38			
	200m	3.17.60	3.14.25	3.14.25	3.03.75			
<b>BREASTSTROKE</b>	50m	54.20	53.75	53.75	48.72			
	100m	2.00.20	1.55.13	1.55.13	1.48.88			
<b>BUTTERFLY</b>	50m	46.50	46.80	46.80	42.00			
<b>BACKSTROKE</b>	50m	47.30	47.63	47.63	43.44			
	100m	1.45.20	1.41.13	1.41.13	1.31.56			
<b>IND MEDLEY [P]</b>	100m	1.45.30	1.44.75	1.44.75	1.35.64			
<b>NOTES:</b>								
<p>(1) Competitors cannot enter an event in which they have achieved a time faster in the qualifying period for submitted times of 15 January 2022 to 14 April 2023, as shown in the schedule above.</p> <p>(2) Competitors in Age Group A must be 9 years of age on 14 May 2023 and remain 9 years of age until 31 December 2023.</p> <p>(3) Competitors who are 9 years of age on the day of competition, but become 10 years of age by 31 December 2023, will compete in Age Group B.</p> <p>(4) The hundredth-place value of submitted time WILL be taken into consideration.</p> <p>(5) [P] Para-Swim Consideration Standards for Para-County Events apply for all events except the 100m Individual Medley.</p>								