



DORSET COUNTY ASA

GENERAL COMPETITION CONDITIONS

The following General Competition Conditions shall apply to all aquatic disciplines and the members of all affiliated clubs under the jurisdiction of the County Association

1. All Dorset County ASA competitions shall be competed for annually in accordance with Swim England Regulations and with venues, dates and entry conditions approved by the County Association Executive Council. All competitors or, in the case of a minor, the parent/guardian of that minor will be deemed to have accepted and agreed to abide by the approved and published conditions by entering a Dorset County ASA competition.
2. **Eligibility**

All competitions shall be open to:

 - 2.1 Swim England registered athletes who have resided in the County for a period of not less than 60 days prior to the date the competition, or
 - 2.2 have a birth qualification, and
 - 2.3 hold membership of a Dorset affiliated club in whose name they are entered for one calendar month prior to the date of the competition or the first day of a series of competitions in which they are eligible to compete.
 - 2.4 An athlete without either birth or resident qualification is eligible provided:
 - 2.4.1 The athlete holds membership of a Dorset County ASA affiliated club for one month immediately prior to the date of the competition; and
 - 2.4.2 Dorset County ASA is notified in writing by the home club on the first occasion prior to the closing date of the relevant competition.
 - 2.4 In the case of members of HM Forces whose unit is affiliated in accordance with Swim England Regulations, it is sufficient for the competitor to be a member of the club for which they are competing.
 - 2.5 All competitors must be eligible as defined in Swim England Regulations.
3. **Exclusions and Appeal**
 - 3.1 In the year of competition commencing 1 January, an athlete shall not be eligible to compete in and shall be excluded from the Dorset County Championships or any event covered by the Dorset County ASA General Competitions if:
 - 3.1.1 Selected for another County Team; or
 - 3.1.2 having entered to compete in, or having competed in, any other County Association's Competitions Programme; or
 - 3.1.3 has monies due or debts outstanding to the County Association incurred in the participation of any Dorset County competition or any event or activity organised by the County Association.
 - 3.3 In the interest of the Sport and only in circumstances deemed exceptional by the Principal County Officers and only provided clause 3.1.3 does not apply:
 - 3.3.1 The Principal County Officers shall decide if an athlete is eligible to compete; and
 - 3.3.2 in which instance an application to compete together with proof of membership of a Dorset affiliated Club must have been made by the club in advance of the closing date of the competition to the County Secretary; and after which
 - 3.3.3 the decision of the Principal County Officers will be final.

4. Entry

- 4.1 All competition entries must be made in the prescribed format and in accordance with the published entry conditions for the relevant competition.
- 4.2 All submitted times and compliance with specified qualifying and/or consideration standards and/or grades must be in accordance with the published entry conditions for that competition.
- 4.3 Any swimmer scratching from an event at a competition after the closing date for entries shall not be allowed to subsequently re-enter the same event.

Note: *The above conditions are standardised across the Swim England South West Region and should not normally be altered without consultation with the Region.*

5. General Conditions

- 5.1 A Jury of Appeal, when appointed by the Officials Secretary for the relevant discipline, will be in accordance with Swim England Laws.
- 5.2 In the event there is any conflict between the Dorset County ASA General Competition Conditions and the published annual conditions for a Dorset County ASA competition, the published annual conditions for that competition shall prevail.
- 5.3 Any matter not specifically provided for by the Dorset County ASA General Competition Conditions shall be governed by the general rules and/or competition conditions of Swim England.
- 5.4 Any club or athlete competing in any Dorset County ASA competition shall, by virtue of entering and being accepted into that competition, agree:
 - 5.4.1 To abide by the Dorset County ASA Code of Ethics; and
 - 5.4.2 the Dorset County ASA Code of Conduct; and
 - 5.4.3 Dorset County ASA reserves the right to take disciplinary action against the club(s) or athlete(s) concerned and/or the athlete(s) club(s) for a breach of those Codes.

6. Awards and Presentations

- 6.1 Awards for each competition or series of competitions will be as published in the annual conditions of the relevant competition.
- 6.2 Presentations will only be made to recipients wearing suitable poolside club clothing and which complies with the current Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and Adults at Risk Policy of the national governing body.
- 6.3 Trophies, medals and other awards will only be presented to the recipients who have won those awards.
- 6.4 The Promoter reserves the right not to present awards:
 - 6.4.1 If the recipient does not comply with clauses 6.2 and 6.3; or
 - 6.4.2 who does not make themselves available in a timely manner and at the time specified for that presentation; and
 - 6.4.3 the Promoter's decision is final.

7. County Trophies

- 7.1 A County trophy, where that trophy is awarded for an individual event, shall:
 - 7.1.1 Be held by the winner or, in the event of a minor, by the parent/guardian of that minor as bailee for Dorset County ASA; and
 - 7.1.2 a designated representative of the club of which that swimmer is a member shall sign on behalf of the club for that trophy as an acknowledgement of and responsibility for receipt; and
 - 7.1.3 clubs will be provided with a schedule of individual trophy holders who are members of that club on the completion of the relevant competition.
- 7.2. Where an individual trophy holder intends to quit a club and will no longer be a member of a Dorset County ASA affiliated club:
 - 7.2.1 The club shall request the immediate return of trophies that are the property of Dorset County ASA, and
 - 7.2.2 shall notify Dorset County ASA of the trophy holder's intended resignation.
- 7.3 A County trophy, where that trophy is awarded for a club/team event, shall:
 - 7.3.1 Be held by the winning club as bailee for Dorset County ASA; and
 - 7.3.2 a designated representative of the winning club shall sign on behalf of the club for that trophy as an acknowledgement of and responsibility for receipt; and

- 7.3.3 clubs will be provided with a schedule of team trophies for that club on the completion of the relevant competition.
- 7.4 Trophies shall be returned engraved and in a clean condition in a single one-off batch by a representative of the home club at the request of and by the date specified by the Dorset County ASA Trophy Administrator or the Dorset County ASA Secretary or a designated Dorset County ASA Officer.
- 7.5 The following shall apply to all County trophies, regardless of whether awarded for an individual event or a club/team event:
 - 7.5.1 The club that the holder, individual or team, of a County trophy represented at the time of winning the trophy shall be responsible for the recovery of that trophy and return to Dorset County ASA within the timeframe specified when requested to do so by Dorset County ASA.
 - 7.5.2 A written reminder of the trophies required for return and the date by which those trophies must be returned shall:
 - 7.5.2(a) Be sent to the Secretary of the club that the holder, individual or team, represented at the time of winning the trophy; and
 - 7.5.2(b) together with the Club Secretary, to at least one other designated official of that club; and
 - 7.5.2(c) the written reminder shall be sent electronically by email.
 - 7.5.3 Where a request for return of a trophy is received by a club for an individual who is no longer a member of that club:
 - 7.5.3(a) The club shall immediately inform the Dorset County ASA Officer requesting the return and provide change of club details.
 - 7.5.3(b) Where a club does not inform the Dorset County ASA Officer requesting return that an individual is no longer a member of that club, the club shall:
 - 7.5.3(b)i Remain responsible for the return of that trophy; and
 - 7.5.3(b)ii responsible for any penalties imposed due to the non-return of that trophy within the specified timeframe.
 - 7.5.4 Where the holder of an individual trophy is known by Dorset County ASA to have changed club or is advised by a club of a change of club details:
 - 7.5.4(a) The request for return will be sent to the individual's current Dorset club whereby:
 - 7.5.4(a)i The current club shall become responsible for the return of that trophy; and
 - 7.5.4(a)ii responsible for any penalties imposed due to the non-return of that trophy within the specified timeframe.
 - 7.5.5 Where a club has notified Dorset County ASA that the holder of an individual trophy holder is no longer a member of a Dorset club; and
 - 7.5.5(a) Has been unable to recover a trophy from the trophy holder;
 - 7.5.5(b) a request for return will be sent to that individual at their last known postal address; and
 - 7.5.5(c) Dorset County ASA will be responsible for recovery of that trophy.
- 7.6 The following shall apply to the return of all County trophies:
 - 7.6.1 In regard to trophies awarded at the Dorset County Championships for pool swimming the written reminder providing details of where to return a trophy shall:
 - 7.6.1(a) Be sent as specified in clause 7.5.2 no later than 1 November and for return of that trophy no later than 1 December in the year of competition;
 - 7.6.1(b) after which a fine for late or non-return of the trophy will be applied.
 - 7.6.2 In regard to trophies awarded at all other Dorset Competitions, the written reminder providing details of where to return a trophy shall:
 - 7.6.2(a) Be sent as specified in clause 7.5.2 no later than eight weeks prior to the date of the competition in the current year and for return of that trophy no later than four weeks (or earlier if specified) prior to the date of competition;
 - 7.6.2(b) after which a fine for late or non-return of the trophy will be applied.
- 7.7 7.7.1 Failure to return a trophy:
 - 7.7.1(a) by the date as specified by clause 7.5.1 or 7.5.2; or

- 7.7.1(b) without having been engraved; or
- 7.7.1(c) in a condition that is deemed by Dorset County ASA Officers not suitable for presentation; shall
- 7.7.1(d) attract a fine the amount of which is declared annually, and for which a maximum per individual trophy holder will be applied, by the Principal County Officers.
- 7.7.2 A fine shall be the responsibility of the club of which the individual or team is a member and, in the case of an individual, to recover the cost of that fine from the individual.
- 7.7.3 Any fine applied by Dorset County ASA:
 - 7.7.3(a) Shall be paid by the closing date of entries for a competition or the closing date of acceptances for a forthcoming event or activity, and
 - 7.7.3(b) where a fine is outstanding and:
 - 7.7.3(b)i Remains unpaid by the closing date of entries for a competition or closing date of acceptances for a County event or activity; or
 - 7.7.3(b)ii is paid after the closing date of entries for a competition or closing date of acceptances for an event or activity;
 - 7.7.3(b)iii the individual/club concerned will be refused entry to or acceptance for that competition, event, or activity.
- 7.8 Where a trophy is not returned or cannot be found by the last recorded bailee:
 - 7.8.1 The replacement cost of, and to the same standard of, the aforesaid trophy will be the responsibility of the last recorded bailee of that trophy, and
 - 7.81 the last recorded bailee of the missing trophy will be refused entry to or acceptance for any Dorset County ASA competition, event, or activity until such time as the aforesaid trophy is replaced.

8. Priority Competition Dates

- 8.1 Clubs will be notified in advance of Dorset County ASA priority dates of which club secretaries are required to inform all Swim England registered swimmers within their club.
- 8.2 If selected to represent the County:
 - 8.2.1 Athletes are required to compete on all priority dates; and
 - 8.2.2 must travel with the team when requested to do so, unless for medical reasons (certificate to be provided).
- 8.3 Athletes are exempt from County selection if the date clashes with selection for a National or Regional event or National or Regional training camp or an English Schools event.
- 8.4 First-choice swimmers who decline a County selection or subsequently withdraw on non-medical grounds and have been in receipt of a Dorset County ASA development subsidy will be required to reimburse that subsidy and forego eligibility for further County funding for any activity.

9. County Records

- 9.1 A Dorset County Record will only be recognised if:
 - 9.1.1 Achieved under Swim England Laws and Regulations and Technical Rules of Racing in a pool and event that is recognised by the County Association; and
 - 9.1.2 made by a swimmer who is eligible to compete in Dorset County ASA Competitions in the year of competition as per the published Dorset County ASA General Competition Conditions; and
 - 9.1.3 achieved by a swimmer while representing:
 - 9.1.3(a) a Club affiliated to Dorset County ASA; or
 - 9.1.3(b) while representing Dorset County ASA, or the Swim England South West Region; or
 - 9.1.3(c) while representing that swimmer's registered national team; or
 - 9.1.3(d) while representing that swimmer's university/public service at a university/public services competition; and who
 - 9.1.3(e) in the year of the record claim commencing 1 January each year, has also represented a Dorset Club:
 - 9.1.3(e)i at the Dorset County Championships; or
 - 9.1.3(e)ii in a National League; or

- 9.1.3(e)iii or at a licensed open meet in which the home club is participating on at least one occasion.
- 9.1.4 For a swimmer attending a university two hundred and fifty miles or further from the home club, a record will be recognised if:
 - 9.1.4(a) the home club is affiliated to Dorset County ASA; and
 - 9.1.4(b) the swimmer represents that Dorset club in ALL other competitions or national events they attend when competing in the UK.
- 9.1.5 Where a swimmer competes under a Swim England/British Swimming Licence that permits them to swim abroad, a record will be recognised if:
 - 9.1.5(a) the home club is affiliated to Dorset County ASA; and
 - 9.1.5(b) the time achieved has been recognised by Swim England; and
 - 9.1.5(c) the time achieved has been added to the Swim England rankings as a member of a club affiliated to Dorset County ASA.
- 9.2 All times must be authenticated, as follows:
 - 9.2.1 A manual time must be authenticated with a copy of the results sheet signed by the meet referee.
 - 9.2.2 An electronic time must be authenticated with a copy of the results sheet.
 - 9.2.3 A time achieved on the first leg of a relay event must be authenticated with a copy of the results sheet together with copy of an official team sheet.
- 9.3 Applications for a new County Record shall be on the Official form signed by the Club Secretary or Head Coach and submitted to the County Secretary within 28 days together with a copy of the authenticated results or link to the official results website.

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