



DORSET COUNTY ASA

PARA SWIMMING

Eligibility	Swimmers with an authorised national/international disability Classification, Certificate of Disability or Certificate of Exception may enter any Dorset competition. Classification must be declared with submitted entries.
Programme of events	For information on designated para swim events refer to the Para Swim Home Nations Guidelines.
Entry times	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Consideration times for entry are published for each competition. This is the required standard for able-bodied competitors and will not apply to para-swim competitors.ii. Para-swim swimmers should refer to the published Para-Swim Consideration Standards for competitors. The County/Open Meet standard (highlighted) will apply to para-swim competitors for all Dorset licensed competitionsiii. Para-swim swimmers should enter competitions via their club. Each club has a competitions entry officer.
Acceptance	Para-swim swimmers achieving the relevant consideration standards will be accepted into a Dorset licensed competition as time considerations permit.
On the day	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Dorset competitions are integrated. There are no dedicated events or separate heats for para-swim competitors. All entries will be seeded on submitted times, with the slowest time competing first. Para-swim competitors will compete in the appropriate time ranked heat.ii. A printout of Classification or Certificate of Disability/Exception must be given to the Chief Referee on the day of competition before any swim to which it applies.
Awards	Medals are awarded to para-swim 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.
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age is age as of 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.