

# NORTH LANCASHIRE S & WPA LEVEL 2 AGE GROUPS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

## License Nos. 2NW171572 & 2NW171573 CONDITIONS

1. **The Meet** will be held at Palatine Leisure Centre St Anne's Road Blackpool on 30 September & 1 October and 21/22 October 2017.
2. **Closing Date** for entries is Sunday 10 September 2017. No late entries will be accepted.
3. **Age** will be as of midnight 22 October 2017. 9 year age group (Competitors must be 9 years old when they compete.)
4. **Entry fees** shall be £4.00 per event.
5. **Coaches** requiring access to the poolside must be a member of a club competing in the Competition and be in possession of a pass issued by North Lancs SWPA by completion of the appropriate form. It is mandatory that all coaches comply with the relevant ASA Child Safeguarding procedures and have an up to date DBS certificate.
6. **Consideration Times** 25m pool, or long course conversion from a licensed meet since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 are required for all events. No split times will be accepted. No refunds for mistakes.
7. **Eligibility for entry.** The competition shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by the ASA, who are members of clubs affiliated to North Lancs SWPA. A swimmer must have been a member of the club in whose name they are entered, and registered as such with the ASA at the closing date for entries.
8. **Disability Conditions**
  - 8.1 The general conditions for the Age Groups and Championships shall apply to disability competitors except where varied by any of the following conditions.
  - 8.2 Swimmers with the indicated classifications will be accepted for the following events:
    - Freestyle 50m, 100m, (S1 to S14); 200m (S1 to S5 and S14); 400m (S6 to S14)
    - Backstroke 50m (S1 to S5), 100m (S6 to S14)
    - Butterfly 50m (S1 to S7), 100m (S8 to S14)
    - Breaststroke 50m (SB1 to SB3), 100m (SB4 to SB9 and SB11 to SB14)
    - Individual Medley 200m (SM5 to SM14)
  - 8.3 All competitors must:
    - Have an authorised British Swimming, IPC or INAS-FID Classification, which is held on the British Swimming or IPC Swimming classification database at the time of entry OR a valid Certificate of Disability issued by the ASA at the time of entry.
    - The Certificate of Disability must be presented to the referee before the start of the race in which the competitor is entered. Failure to do so will result in the swimmer being liable to disqualification for non-compliance with the rules for a particular stroke.
  - 8.4 Qualifying times for disability competitors are in a separate document and must have been achieved from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.
  - 8.5 Personal Care Attendants/Coaches will be permitted for swimmers in the following classes: S1, S2, S3, S4 and S11. All coaches, chaperones and personal care attendants must conform with the ASA child protection procedures.
  - 8.6 Competition format:
    - The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able bodied programme.
    - All swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to their entry times.
    - Disability competitors will be included within the results for their age group.
    - There will be no separate disability results.

9. **Awards:** Medals awarded to first three in each age group. Medals will be awarded to first three in the Junior and Senior Championship finals and the fastest three in the Junior & Senior 200 Freestyle and 400m Individual Medley.

10. **Events** are 50m, 100m, 200m all strokes, all ages, 100M Individual Medley, 200m Ind. Medley and 400m Freestyle all ages. 400m Ind. Medley, 800m Freestyle & 1500m Freestyle 11 /over.

11. **Championship events** are 50m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle. 200m Freestyle, 100m Individual Medley and 400m Ind. Medley.

12. **Details** on the entry forms should be as per the swimmers ASA Category 2 Membership Registration. Please check that your swimmers are Category 2 registered, their ASA ID number, times and other details are correct before submitting. Entries to be submitted electronically using Sportsystem software by an authorised club official together with a male and female summary of events and the club summary sheet. Cheques should be payable to North Lancs SWPA or if paying by BACS, reference North Lancs Level 2, a copy of the remittance advice should be sent with the summary of entry.

13. **Overhead starts may be used including backstroke events.**

14. **Withdrawals** must be made at least one hour before the start of the session either on an official withdrawal form or by text to 07508 427444. There will be no refund of entry fees for such withdrawals unless the withdrawal is for medical reasons in which case an appropriate certificate must be provided.

Fines - A fine of £10 may be levied in respect of each competitor that fails to withdraw and does not swim (except in the case of genuine illness or of a proven emergency). Each "no show" may be subject to a separate fine of £10. Fines will be levied on the competitors' club and the individual(s) concerned shall not be eligible to swim in any future North Lancs SWPA event until the fine has been paid.

15. **Competitors** are responsible for presenting themselves to the clerks of the course one event prior to the one in which they are competing. It is the swimmers' responsibility to be at the start in time for the race.

16. **Restriction of entries.** The promoter reserves the right to restrict entries in the interest of safety, time constraints and to ensure the smooth running of the competition. Where this rule is invoked the swimmers with the fastest submitted times shall take precedence. Events chosen for restriction will be at the discretion of the promoter. A refund will be given to competitors whose entry is denied where this condition has been exercised.

17. **Any question or dispute** arising from these conditions or disputes related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall be determined by the Hon. Championship Secretary and may be referred to the North Lancs SWPA Executive Committee at a later date.