
MEET CONDITIONS – BRITISH SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016 (50m)

26th – 31st July 2016

1) General Conditions

- a) The British Swimming Managing Board (“the Board”) reserves full powers over the British Summer Championships (50m) (“the Championships”). The appointed Meet Director shall be the promoting body’s representative.
- b) The Competition shall be held under FINA Technical Rules of Swimming and the British Swimming Judicial Code. Where FINA rules do not provide guidance, e.g. Health and Safety Regulations or Child Safety Guidelines the requirements of the ASA shall apply for events held in England.

2) Eligibility

- a) Entries will be by invitation only, from performances recorded in the designated Qualifying Window. The 24 top ranked swimmers in each age grouping will be invited for each event, with the exception of the 800m and 1500m events where 18 will be invited. Entries will be accepted from competitors registered as members of a British Swimming home nation federation i.e. ASA, SASA or WASA.
- b) A competitor must be a registered member of the club in whose name he is entered at the date of making the original entry. This club must be offered by the online entry system. Where swimmers are members of multiple clubs, they must opt to compete in the name of one club only – this refers to both individual and relay events.
- c) Individuals forming the teams must be registered members of the club for which they are competing. A swimmer entered in the name of one club in the individual events may not compete in the name of another club in the team events.

3) The Events

- a) Individual Events
 - 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m Freestyle
 - 800m (Female) and 1500m Freestyle (Male)
 - 50m, 100m & 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
 - 200m & 400m Individual Medley
- b) Team Events
 - 4x100m & 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley

4) Age Groups

- a) Individual Events
 - Male/Female 13/14years, 15years, 16years, 17/18years, 19years and over
- b) Team Events
 - Male/Female 14-16years 17years and over
- c) Ages at midnight on 31st December 2016

5) Entries

- a) The Qualifying Window will run from 11th March 2016 – 30th May 2016 (inclusive). Following the closure of the qualifying window, invitations will be sent. Accepted invitations must be received by the Administrator no later than the 'closing date' of 12 noon on Friday 1st July 2016, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee (Individual £12; Team £24).
- b) Following the closure of the qualifying period the initial opportunity will open whereby accepted invitations shall be received by the Administrator no later than the 'closing date' i.e. 12 noon on Friday 1st July 2016, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee (Individual £12; Team £24).
- c) Those who fail to accept their invitation within this timescale but still wish to compete shall be allowed to submit 'late acceptances' until the end of the Team Leader meeting to be held 18:00 on Monday 25th July 2016, for which the accompanying entry fee shall be twice that of the initial acceptance period (Individual £24; Team £48) This facility shall also apply to both Individuals and Teams who having submitted entries in the initial period wish to add events for which they have qualified.
- d) Split Times, either intermediate distance or first leg of a relay race are not acceptable for entry.
- e) Only times achieved in a 50m pool are accepted for entry, no converted times will be accepted.
- f) Entry confirmation will be by means of the online entry system. Payment must be made for all entries at the time of entry via the online system. No late entries will be accepted.

6) Team Events

- a) Entry accepted solely from clubs affiliated to the ASA, SASA or WASA as a result of performance in qualifying rounds at the designated qualifying ASA/SASA/WASA events.
- b) The 30 fastest teams in each event will be invited to compete in the British Summer Championships 2016, from performances recorded in the designated Qualifying Window, irrespective of location within England, Scotland or Wales. (Age Groups: 14-16 years & 17+ years)
- c) Clubs must confirm their invitation to compete. Failure to do so will result in their invitation being withdrawn.
- d) Entry confirmation will be by means of an online system. Payment must be made for all team entries at the time of entry via the online system
- e) Team Declaration Forms must be completed and submitted to the Recorders at least 60 minutes before the start of the session in which the team is competing

7) Para Swimming Events

The British Summer Championships includes a programme of para-swimming events. Details of the conditions for all para-swimming events can be found within a separate document.

8) Administration

- a) Coaches will be required to obtain an Accreditation Pass from the British Swimming Website in advance of the meet. Applications received after Monday 18th July will be subject to a £20 surcharge.

- b) Competitors Accreditation will be issued via email upon completion of entry and must be printed and brought to the Meet by the competitor. Pouches and lanyards will be available to collect in the foyer.
- c) Relay only entrants will be required to obtain and Accreditation Pass via the entry system. A charge of £1 will be payable and athletes will be required to print their own pass.
- d) Admission to the pool will only be allowed with a valid accreditation.
- e) A £10 charge will be levied for lost, mislaid or forgotten passes.

9) Meet Procedure

- a) All events shall have heats and Finals, with the exception of the Men's 1500m & Women's 800m Freestyle which shall swim the Fastest Heat in the appropriate Finals Session.
- b) Heats shall be seeded in accordance with FINA rules.
- c) The following age groups will have a Final:- 13/14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17/18years and 19years and over.
- d) The fastest ten competitors from the heats will be allocated a place in the Final plus two reserves.
- e) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure.

10) Withdrawal Procedures

- a) Heats
 - i) Withdrawals must be made by the end of the Team Leader Meeting for day one swims, and by 12 noon on the day before for all subsequent days.
- b) Finals
 - i) Finalists and reserves, not wishing to swim, shall notify the Chief Recorder of their intention to withdraw no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last individual event in the Session in which they have qualified for the next round. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.
 - ii) Reserves will be released upon publication of the Finals start sheets.
 - iii) Where a reserve is brought in at short notice, the event will not be reseeded.

11) Call Room

- a) Swimmers must report to the competition stewards in the call room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is the swimmers responsibility to report in good time for their event.
- b) Finalists are required to report to the Call Room in sufficient time and be available to parade for their event. They must enter the Call Room 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in its confines until led onto the pool deck for their race. Upon entry, the athlete must ensure that they report to a Steward and be registered as being present in the Call Room.

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- c) Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the call room area during the finals at any time.

12) Awards

- a) Medals shall be awarded to the competitors placed first, second and third in each Final.

13) Doping Control

- a) Competitors taking part in the Meet may be subject to random doping control.
- b) Competitors are required to have photo identification with them at all times. An official meet accreditation for this Championship (incorporating an appropriate photograph) will be acceptable for this purpose.
- c) All athletes are responsible for checking their own medication BEFORE the meet starts. Any previous medical declaration made via a British Swimming Medical Declaration form is not sufficient and irrelevant as this form does not form any part of doping control.
- i) Medications need to be checked (and is the athletes responsibility to do so under the Strict Liability rule) via www.globaldro.com and following the 5 steps on the website. The results page is for the athletes reference and can be saved as a PDF. It is also recommended that the results page is printed off and carried by the athlete at all times. This result page is helpful should an athlete be subject to doping control as it will have the name of the medications taken and can be used as reference in doping control.
- ii) If when checking a medication via www.globaldro.com the result shows PROHIBITED either IN-COMPETITION or OUT-OF-COMPETITION, please contact the British Swimming Anti-Doping Compliance Manager Rachel Burrows as a matter of urgency before the meet starts. Rachel will then advise what necessary steps are needed in regard to a TUE or Retro-active TUE application.
- iii) All supplement use will also need to be declared at doping control. <http://www.informed-sport.com/en> is a website where batch tested supplements can be checked.
- d) For anti-doping queries please contact Rachel.Burrows@swimming.org

14) Team Leader Meeting

- a) It is strongly recommended that a representative from all clubs with swimmers entered in this Meet should attend the Team Leader Meeting which will take place at 18:00 on Monday 25th July 2016. Non-attendance could result in swimmers being disadvantaged or not able to compete due to them or their coach not being aware of any changes required for the running of the competition.