

Primary Schools' Team Relay Championships

Regulations (Effective from October 2015)

The Primary Schools' Team Relay Championships shall take place annually under ASA Law and Technical Rules and the following conditions:

1. Eligibility

- (a) Only schools which are in affiliation with the English Schools' Swimming Association are eligible to compete.
- (b) Competitors must be on the roll of the School entering the Championship and in full-time attendance there on the closing date for Divisional entries.

2. Transfers

Pupils transferred from one school to another, will only be eligible to swim for the school for which they were first entered.

3. Age

Competitors must be aged 9 years and under 11 years as at midnight August 31st/September 1st, at the commencement of the academic year of the Championships.

4. Control

- (a) The sole control and management of the Championships will be in the hands of the Council.
- (b) Arrangements for all stages of the Championships up to, and including Divisional Rounds will be in the hands of the Divisions. They will fix the closing dates and approve the officials.
- (c) In the Divisional Rounds and the Divisional Finals, schools will have at least two weeks' notice of the date, time and venue.

5. School Size Categories

For the purpose of these Championships there will be three school size categories:

- (a) **Small Schools** are defined as being those which have no more than a combined total of 60 in curriculum years 5 and 6.
- (b) **Medium Schools** are defined as being those which have a combined total of 61 to 100 in curriculum years 5 and 6.
- (c) **Open Schools** are defined as being those from any size school.

N.B. Schools may enter only one category.

6. Entries

- (a) Entries are made through Divisions. Divisions may select up to three teams to compete in each of the Small Schools, Medium Schools, Open Schools boys and Open Schools girls Freestyle or Mixed Stroke events. Competitors may swim in both Freestyle and Mixed Stroke team events.
- (b) Entries shall close on a date set by the Division and must be made on the official entry form, which will be obtained from, and returned to the representative of the Division in which the school is situated. It is the responsibility of the school organiser to ensure that the Head Teacher is aware of the swimmer's participation.
- (c) **Small Schools** may enter:
 - i) one Freestyle team of 4 boys, or 4 girls, or any combination of both;
 - ii) one Mixed Stroke team of 4 boys, or 4 girls, or any combination of both (stroke order: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle (any stroke), and Front Crawl).

OR

(d) Medium Schools may enter:

- i)** one Freestyle team of 4 boys, or 4 girls, or any combination of both;
- ii)** one Mixed Stroke team of 4 boys, or 4 girls, or any combination of both (stroke order: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly or Breaststroke and Freestyle, with Freestyle being defined as any stroke other than Backstroke, Breaststroke or Butterfly)

OR

(e) Open Schools may enter:

- i)** one Freestyle team of 4 boys;
- ii)** one Freestyle team of 4 girls;
- (iii)** one Mixed Stroke team of 4 boys (stroke order: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly or Breaststroke and Freestyle, with Freestyle being defined as any stroke other than Backstroke, Breaststroke or Butterfly);
- iv)** one Mixed Stroke team of 4 girls (stroke order: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly or Breaststroke and Freestyle, with Freestyle being defined as any stroke other than Backstroke, Breaststroke or Butterfly);

7. Team Lists

- (a)** Before the commencement of each round a signed statement, showing the names with dates of birth of swimmers, and certifying conformity with the conditions, will be handed to the Organiser by a representative of the School.
- (b)** Substitution of reserves is permitted between each round of the Championships but the names and dates of birth must be included in the signed statement in 7(a) above.

8. Pool Length

- (a)** 25m pools will be used at all stages of the Championship.
- (b)** Each member of the team will swim one length.

9. Awards

- (a)** The Schools attended by the teams placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the National Final of The Championships will be awarded a commemorative plaque to be held permanently, and each member of these teams will be awarded a Championship medal.
- (b)** Challenge trophies will be awarded to the winning schools in each event.
- (c)** All schools participating in the 'A' final, or winning the 'B' final will receive a National Finalist Certificate.
- (d)** All schools represented in the National Finals will receive commemorative certificates.
- (c)** The members of all teams competing in the National Finals will receive a certificate of participation.
- (d)** Council may issue awards at other levels of the Championships, at its discretion.

10. Expenses

Each competing school will be responsible for its own expenses.

11. Responsibility

A qualified school teacher, or suitable adult as approved by the Head of the School, must accompany each team at all stages of the competition.