

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SWIM ENGLAND – SWIMMING COMPETITION RULES

LONG COURSE COMPETITION

1. A Long Course Competition shall be conducted annually upon dates to be fixed by the Swimming Committee of the Association and confirmed by the Executive.
2. **ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY**
 - 2.1 The Competition shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by Swim England, who are members of clubs affiliated to the Association, who shall not have competed in the Championships or Competitions of another County in the same calendar year.
 - 2.2 A swimmer must have been a Swim England registered member of the club in whose name he is entered at least 60 days prior to the first day of the Competition.
 - 2.3 Time trials will not be permitted during the Competition.
 - 2.4 A swimmer may only compete in the name of one club at the competition
 - 2.5 Ages shall be determined as at midnight on the last day of the Competition Year (31st December).
3. **EVENTS**
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4. **ENTRIES**
 - 4.1 Entry fees shall be as authorised by the Executive.
 - 4.2 Entries shall be made on the official form or in the official format.
 - 4.3 Entries, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, shall be received by the Competition Secretary by the specified closing date.
 - 4.4 For all individual events the Swimming Committee shall set entry consideration times.
 - 4.5 In the interests of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the Competition, the Swimming Committee reserves the right to restrict the number of entries in any event. In such case the swimmers with the fastest submitted times will take preference.
5. **MEET PROCEDURE**
 - 5.1 There shall be separate events or results for males and females although some events may be combined.
 - 5.2 The secondary entry system will be in operation. Swimmers must report to the Competitors' Marshals no later than 45 minutes before the advertised session start time.
 - 5.3 Failure to report within the stipulated time shall cancel the swimmer's right to compete. However, the swimmer shall be allowed to swim in unallocated lanes in the earlier heats in the same event if available
 - 5.4 **Heats and Finals:** In all events where there are to be finals heats will be swum to determine the allocation of lanes for the final. The heats of all events will be seeded. In the finals the maximum number of lanes practicable will be allocated. A maximum of four reserves will be declared for finals. Lanes for finals will be allocated on the spearhead principle.
 - 5.5 The names of the finalists and up to four reserves shall be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the heats. Swimmers including reserves wishing to withdraw from a final shall do so by completing a withdrawal form and handing to the Competitors' Stewards within 10 minutes of the announcement. Vacant places shall be filled from the declared reserves.
 - 5.6 Any swimmer withdrawing from a final in such a manner as to prevent a reserve from taking part (except in the case of genuine illness or a proven emergency) shall be suspended immediately from all further events at the competition. Where a reserve is brought in at short notice, they will occupy the vacant lane.

6. AWARDS

Medals shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed swimmers in each event.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS

Any swimmer failing to comply with any of the conditions shall be disqualified and shall forfeit any fee paid.

8. TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES

Clubs are reminded of their duty of care to their swimmers during a meet and that they should have with them full contact details of parents/guardians for all swimmers attending the meet. They should also hold any details on medical conditions that may be deemed necessary. Coaches/Team Managers will only be allowed on poolside if visibly wearing a pass.

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(https://uk.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=reczzmcauk&_stabilid_=93954). Coaches and Team Managers should be club trained personnel and registered members of Swim England. Untrained parents without a current DBS certificate are not allowed to take charge of swimmers' on poolside.

9. DISPUTES

Any dispute for which the foregoing conditions do not provide shall be determined by the Swimming Committee.