

Secondary Schools Individual Championships - Conditions

The Sussex Secondary Schools Individual Championships is a Championship Competition in its own right. It is also used as a selection event for the Sussex team for the South East Division Inter-County Gala typically held in March, which in-turn is used as a selection event for the South East Team for the National Inter-Divisional Championships typically held in June. The Sussex Secondary Schools Individual Championships shall take place annually under ASA Law and Technical Rules and the following conditions:

1. Eligibility

- (a) Only pupils from schools which are in affiliation with the English Schools' Swimming Association are eligible to compete.
- (b) Competitors must be in full-time attendance at an affiliated school within Sussex at the commencement of the academic year in which the Championships take place
- (c) entry forms must be signed by a member of the school staff to certify the pupil's name being on the school roll, and that the school is willing for the pupil to take part in this initial round and, if qualifying, in further rounds of the competition

2. Age

Competitors may only swim in the appropriate age group. Age limits for these events shall be as at midnight August 31st /September 1st at the commencement of the academic year of Championships. (Typically the county round is held in February so the qualifying date for ages is in the preceding calendar year).

There are three age groups.

Junior:	aged 11 or over and under 14	(school years 7, 8 & 9).
Intermediate:	aged 14 or over and under 16	(school years 10 & 11).
Seniors:	aged 16 or over and under 18	(school years 12, & 13).

Note: School years are representative of swimmers who enter education in the normal school cycle and are for reference only. Eligibility is based on biological age rather than academic year.

3. Control

- (a) The sole control and management of the Championships will be in the hands of the Sussex ESSA Representative (The Promoter).
- (b) Arrangements for the selection of competitors for the SE Division Inter-County Championships shall be at the entire discretion of the Sussex ESSA Representative.
- (c) A license will be applied for and if granted results will be submitted to ASA rankings.

4. Entries

- (a) Entry forms and details of accommodation requirements must be returned not later than the date specified on the form.
- (b) Swimmers may enter up to two events out of 100m Back, 100m Breast, 100m Fly, 100m Freestyle & 200m I.M in their own age group
- (c) in addition they may also enter the 200m Freestyle, in age groups, and/or the 400m Freestyle
- (d) All entrants must have achieved or bettered the published consideration times.
- (e) If the gala is oversubscribed, entries will be accepted on a 'fastest time in each age group' basis to fit into the time allowed. Generally this allows up to two heats in each age group on the 100m events and one heat in each age group on 200m events. The 400m freestyle is an open event and only one heat each of boys and girls will be swum.
- (f) The entry fee per event is identified on the entry form and is used to help pay for pool hire, insurance, awards and any licence fee. Payment by cheque [made payable to Sussex Schools Swimming Association] must be received within one week of the closing date. Please do not send cash.
- (g) All entries must be signed by an authorised member of the school staff. Emailed entries will be provisionally accepted subject to receipt of signed form within one week of the closing date.
- (h) All entries should be sent to Mr T. Hartley at 15 Montrose Ave, London, NW6 6LE, or by email to timhartley2@virginmedia.com
- (i) The promoter reserves the right to reject entries for which payment and/or a valid signed entry form has not been received by this deadline.

5. Conduct of the Championships

(a) The Swimming Championships shall consist of:

- i) Individual Events (in Junior, Intermediate and Senior age Groups unless otherwise stated):
 - 100m in each of the following strokes: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
 - 200m in each of the following strokes: Freestyle, Individual Medley
 - 400m Freestyle (Open Age group only)
- ii) Team Events - There are no Team events at the Sussex round.

(b) Reserves –

- i) In the event that a swimmer withdraws after acceptance of their entry the promoter reserves the right to fill the empty lane with an alternative swimmer drawn from previously rejected entries according to the original acceptance criteria, except that preference may be given to swimmers who already have other swims accepted for the competition.
- ii) In the event that lanes remain/become available on the day of competition the promoter reserves the right to fill these lanes entirely at their discretion and according to any criteria they determine.

6. Awards

Medals will be awarded to Individuals placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in each event.

7. Responsibility

- (a) Schools must ensure that their pupils will be adequately supervised at the event.
- (b) The number of Team Managers/Coaches/Chaperones on poolside may be limited according to available space to ensure the event runs smoothly.

Any queries to Tim Hartley 07932717641 or by email to timhartley2@virginmedia.com

These details and the entry form will be available from www.southeastschoolswimming.org.uk