

**BRITISH SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (50M)
18TH – 23RD APRIL 2017
CONDITIONS**

MEET CONDITIONS - BRITISH SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (50m), 18th to 23rd April 2017

1. General Conditions

- a) The British Swimming Managing Board (“the Board”) reserves full powers over the British Swimming Championships (50m).
- b) The Competition shall be held under FINA Rules, the British Swimming Judicial Code and any additional conditions (printed in the respective Meet Information). Where FINA Rules do not provide (e.g. Health & Safety Regulations or Child Protection Guidelines) the requirements of ASA shall apply to events held in England.
- c) Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered as members of the ASA, SASA or WASA, or competitors from a country affiliated to FINA. Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for age verification to the British Swimming Events Officer not later than 1500 hours on the day before the competition begins.
- d) A competitor must be a registered member, or equivalent, of the club in whose name he is entered, at the date of entry. Excluding none GBR entries this Club must be offered by the online entry system
- e) Target Tokyo competitors - in line with requirements of the World Class Target Tokyo programme male competitors will be born 1996, 1997 and 1998 and female competitors born 1997, 1998 and 1999.
- f) Junior competitors – will be in line with junior age groups defined by FINA and LEN;
 - a. male competitors born 1999, 2000, 2001 or 2002 and female competitors born 2000, 2001, 2002 or 2003 for the European Junior Championships (EJC) and World Junior Championships (WJC)
 - b. male competitors born 2001 and 2002 and female competitors born 2002 and 2003 for the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF)
- g) Finals - Only competitors who have Great Britain as their FINA recognised ‘sport nationality’ and will be eligible to represent Great Britain at the 2017 European Youth Olympic Festival, 2017 European Junior Championships, 2017 World Junior Championships or 2017 World Championships may progress to any Final. All eligible competitors (Open, Target Tokyo and Junior) will be seeded, by age group, into the three respective finals (see section 4).

2. The Events

Individual events:

- I. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
- II. 50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
- III. 200m, 400m Individual Medley

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championships will be by means of an ‘online’ entry system. All competitors will be required to complete the online entry documentation in full and pay the required fee in order for their entry to be processed. Full instructions will be included in the Entry Pack.

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- b) Entries shall be received by the appropriate National Entries Administrator (“the Administrator”) by no later than **12 noon on Wednesday 29th March 2017**. Any entry received after this deadline up to the end of the Team Leader meeting may be accepted subject to any session time programming restraints and will be at a charged at three times the normal fee.
- c) Only times achieved in a 50m pool are accepted for entry, no converted times will be accepted.
- d) Entry times for all individual events from ASA, SASA, and WASA entrants must be recorded in the British Swimming Rankings from swimming competitions designated or licensed for entry into national competitions since 18th April 2016.
- e) Entry times from competitors of other countries affiliated to FINA must submit times that are recorded in the Long Course FINA Rankings or Long Course Swim News rankings; or in official meet results from a National Governing Body sanctioned competition in a 50m pool and be achieved since 18th April 2016.
- f) Split Times, either intermediate distance or first leg of a relay race are not acceptable for entry.
- g) A swimmer may only compete in the name of one club at the competition.

4. Meet Procedure

- a) All events shall have Heats and Finals with the exception of the 800m freestyle and 1500m freestyle which will be heat declared winner. Entry to the men’s 800 freestyle and women’s 1500 freestyle will be by invitation, and these events will only have one heat.
- b) Heats – Heats shall be seeded in accordance with FINA rules.
- c) There will be:
 - a. one Open Final
 - b. one Target Tokyo Final (age groups as per para 1e above); and
 - c. one Junior Final (European and World Junior age groups, see 1f) in all events.
- d) The fastest eight competitors from the heats irrespective of age shall be allocated places in the open final, plus two reserves.
- e) The next fastest eight age-eligible competitors shall be allocated places in each of the two other finals. A competitor in the Target Tokyo and Junior final may also be a reserve for the Open final and will be moved to the Open final as necessary.
- f) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure as detailed at the Team Manager Meeting.

5. Withdrawal from Heats

- a) 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.

6. Withdrawal from Finals

- a) 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 event in the Session in which they have qualified for the next round. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.

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- b) Competitors withdrawing on medical grounds after the expiry of the imposed deadlines shall have their withdrawal endorsed by the Executive Director.
- c) Reserves will be released upon publication of the finals session start lists.
- d) Where a reserve is brought in at short notice, the event will not be reseeded.

7. Call Room

- a) Swimmers must report to the competition stewards in the call room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is your responsibility to report in good time for your event.
- b) Finalists and reserves 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 lead 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.
- c) Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the call room area during the finals at any time.

8. Medals

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

9. Officials

- a) Technical Officials shall be selected from lists approved by British Swimming.

10. Doping Control

- a) Competitors taking part in the Championships may be subject to random doping control
- b) Competitors are required to bring with them either a passport or other form of identity incorporating their photograph.

11. Team Leader Meeting

- a) It is a requirement for a representative from all clubs with swimmers entered in these Championships to attend the Team Leader Meeting which will take place at 6pm on 17th April 2017.