

EAST INVICTA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

SECTION A: GENERAL CONDITIONS

These General Conditions shall apply to ALL disciplines.

- 1) a) ALL Championships/Competitions shall be known as East Invicta Championships/Competitions and shall be conducted annually, under A.S.A. Laws, under arrangements approved by the Executive Committee.
- b) ALL competitors shall comply with A.S.A. Laws concerning Eligibility and the Right to Participate.
- c) The management of all Championships/Competitions shall be vested in the appropriate discipline committee who shall have the power to decide any matter not covered by the rules, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

2) QUALIFICATION

- a) Each person entering the Championships/Competitions shall have been a member of a Club affiliated to the Association for '3 months prior to the entry closing date of the relevant championship or competition'. Any swimmer having competed for one club in the Championships will be ineligible to swim for another club in the Championships during the same year of competition.
- b) Age limits will be those laid down in each discipline conditions.
- c) Each person who is a member of more than one club affiliated to E.I.A.S.A. at the time of entry is eligible to swim under the name of whichever club he or she chooses except for team races when he/she may swim only under the name of the club of which he/she has had in the year of competition the longest unbroken membership.
- d) Entries will only be accepted from existing clubs who have paid their affiliation fees in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Conditions No. 5. New clubs must have been a member of the Association for three months prior to the entry closing date of the relevant championship or competition.

3) ENTRY QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

Where these are set by E.I.A.S.A. they shall be reviewed each year and be notified to the Clubs three months prior to the entry closing date of the relevant Championship or Competition.

4) ENTRIES

- a) Entries shall be made on the official form of the Association and sent to the Championship Hon. Secretary of the appropriate discipline, accompanied by the correct entry fees, no later than the closing date fixed for the particular Championship/Competition.
- b) Where entries are made on computer disc a copy of the official form of the Association shall accompany the said entries. All data stored on computer shall only be used by the Association for the purpose of running Championships/Competitions.
- c) Where age limits are specified, the Entry Forms shall state the dates of birth of the competitors. The Hon. Secretary of the Club shall certify, by signature of the forms, that the information given is correct.

5) ENTRY FEES

Entry fees shall be approved by the Executive Committee to take effect for the following year.

6) DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any competitor or team failing to comply with any of the Championship/Competition or Promoters Conditions or with the A.S.A. Laws and Technical rules shall be disqualified and forfeit the Entry Fee.

7) SAFETY

- a) All Championship/Competitions held under the auspices of the E.I.A.S.A. must comply with the A.S.A. Safety Laws.
- b) The Promoter's representative for all Championships/Competitions shall be the relevant discipline Hon. Secretary, who will be responsible on behalf of E.I.A.S.A. for ensuring all safety laws are complied with.

8) AWARDS

- a) Where there is a trophy for a Championship the winner shall hold it for one year only, subject to signing the official receipt and indemnity until required to return it to the Trophies Hon. Secretary. When the winner is under 18 years of age a responsible official of the club concerned shall act as guarantor. It is the responsibility of the club to return all trophies won by their swimmers to the Trophies Hon. Secretary on the agreed date. Trophies should be in a clean and respectable condition.
- b) Prizes, the precise form of which shall be determined by the Executive Committee each year, shall be awarded to finalists who have completed their events without disqualification.
- c) Each discipline may award through the Executive Committee a "Performer of the Year" award to be presented on a date to be decided by the Executive Committee.

- d) The “Senior & Junior Swimmer of the Year” & Club Team Championships Ladies/Girls & Men/Boys Trophies will be presented at a date to be selected by the Executive Committee.

9) INSURANCE

- a) Members of affiliated clubs participating in events under the auspices of the Association must be insured by their own club.
- b) Members, who belong to more than one affiliated club, must be insured by the club responsible for paying their A.S.A. Registration Fee.

10) VENUES

Venues shall be recommended by the respective Standing Committees and submitted for approval to the Executive Committee each year.

11) OFFICIALS

Standing committees shall be responsible for the appointment of such relevant officials as may be needed to run their Championships and/or Competitions efficiently within A.S.A. Laws and Technical Rules. For the Swimming and Masters Swimming Championships/Competitions the appointment of all such officials will be the responsibility of the Swimming Officials Hon. Secretary.

SECTION B: SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1) GENERAL

- a) All swimmers entering swimming championships must comply with E.I.A.S.A. General Conditions as set out in Section A.
- b) The management of all Swimming Championships/Competitions shall be vested in the E.I.A.S.A. Swimming Committee.
- c) The Swimming Committee shall have power to decide any matter not covered in these rules.
- c) The event is licensed by the ASA at level 2:

(Licence numbers: 2SE7278 - 2SE7279 - 2SE7280)

Times achieved at these championships may be used to enter District or National Championships.

2) AGE LIMITS

- a) There shall be no upper or lower age limits for Mens and Ladies Championships.

- b) A 'Junior' should be under seventeen years as at the date of the last Championship/Competition.
- d) Competitors in age group Championships/Competitions shall be of the specified ages as at the last championship date.
- e) The year of competition shall be the calendar year.

3) ENTRIES

- a) Entries shall be made on electronic disk or via e-mail in the required format accompanied by the official form of the Association and sent to the Championship Hon. Secretary, together with the correct entry fees, no later than the closing date fixed for the Championships.
- b) All forms/computer discs shall be completed in the event number order, together with A.S.A. Registration number, date of birth, and submitted entry times for all events.
- c) Entry standards must have been achieved in the six months preceding the date of the first Championship. Documentary evidence shall be made available to the Championship Hon. Secretary upon request.

4) ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES

- a) A cardless entry system will be operated for these Championships
- b) Each club whose members have entered the Championships and/or Competitions will be sent details of those swimmers accepted for the Championships/Competitions.
- c) Competitors who have been accepted for the Championships/Competitions must sign the appropriate form on the Competitors' Steward Desk 30 minutes prior to the advertised start time of the gala. Swimmers signing in late will only be accepted if there is an empty lane in a heat or if there is sufficient time to alter the heat sheets before the start of the event.
- d) For team events it is the responsibility of the Team Manager to complete the appropriate form for each team listing names, dates of birth and ASA Registration Numbers of the team members. The team may consist of a maximum of 5 nominated swimmers 4 of who will compete in each event. Teams are fully interchangeable from within these 5 swimmers between heats and finals. Swimmers cannot be listed for more than one team in any one event. Teams signing in late will only be accepted if there is an empty lane in a heat or if there is sufficient time to alter the heat sheets before the start of the event.

5) EVENTS

The events covered for **all age groups** will be:

- 50m freestyle, 200m for Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle & IM

The following events are for 9/10yr olds
50m Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke 100m IM

The following events are for 11/12, 13/14, 15/16, 17+ yrs:

- 100m Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle
- 400m IM & Freestyle
- 800m Freestyle
- 1500m Freestyle

6) DISTANCES

The distance of events shall be decided by the pool length at the venue allocated, with the condition that, where the pool is non-metric, the nearest distance to the metric distance mentioned above is to be selected.

7) WARM-UP PROCEDURES

- a) Doors will open at the time published on the advance programme. Entry to the pool is prohibited prior to this time.
- b) All Stewards, Life Guards, Warm-up Supervisor and other safety staff required by A.S.A. Law and Technical Rules will be appointed by the Championship Hon. Secretary.
- c) All directions given by the Warm-up Supervisor or his nominee must be complied with.

8) REPORTING PROCEDURES

- a) It is the competitor's responsibility to report to the Marshals in adequate time before the start of their race.
- b) Finalists must check in with the Entry Marshals at least 30 minutes before the start of their race. Whilst every effort will be made to confirm that swimmers will take part in finals it is the swimmers responsibility to inform the recorders table within 30min of the finalists being announced, otherwise reserves may be substituted
- c) Individuals and teams failing to report in time for their race are liable, subject to the Referee's agreement, to disqualification.

9) TEAM CONDITIONS

Team Championships/Competitions shall be held under the following additional conditions.

- a) Each team may consist of a maximum 5 nominated swimmers 4 of whom shall compete in each event. The names and the ASA Registration numbers of the 5 nominated swimmers in each Team shall be entered on the appropriate form. Swimmers are fully interchangeable within the team. All swimmers in the Team must be present at the venue when the appropriate form is completed.
- b) A swimmer may swim in only one team in any one event.
- c) Clubs are limited to two relay teams per event.
- d) Entry times may be set for team events at the discretion of the Executive Committee, and Clubs will be advised on any such times by the Championship Hon. Secretary.

10) HEATS AND FINALS

- a) Other than the 10yr and under age group, all events will be swum as combined age groups and seeded slowest to fastest irrespective of age
- b) In events that have a final then the six fastest swimmers in each age group will be selected to swim. Reserves will be nominated and should report at the appropriate time for the finals. Swimmers wishing to withdraw from finals should do so as soon as practicable after finalists have been announced.
- c) In finals, the number of swimmers shall equal the number of lanes, except that, at the discretion of the Referee, a lesser number of finalists may be selected in order to avoid swim-offs between swimmers with equal times in the heats.
- d) Heat Declared Winner Events - All individual events of 200m or longer will be decided on times recorded in the heats. H.D.W. events will be seeded by entry times submitted.

11) DISCIPLINE

Coaching from the poolside is not permitted. Coaches and Team Managers are responsible for the behaviour of their swimmers on poolside

12) CLUB POOLSIDE PERSONNEL REGISTER

- a) All Clubs entering the Championships/Competitions, shall register on the appropriate form sent by the Championships Hon. Secretary, the names of Club Poolside Personnel they expect to use during the current year's Championships/Competitions. This form should be returned to the Championships Hon. Secretary at the same time as the club's Championships entries.
- b) The nominated personnel should be on the ASA database for the Child Protection Act.

- c) A maximum of three persons per Club from the list supplied will be allowed on poolside during a Gala Session.
- d) Official badges will be available for collection on the first Championship date each year. Badges must be worn by personnel at all times whilst on poolside.
- e) The Association reserves the right to check the Clubs' personnel used on poolside and eject any unauthorised persons from the poolside.
- f) The only exception to this is when a Club is acting as the host Club when additional personnel shall be allowed on poolside whilst carrying out any official duties. These personnel will be given day poolside passes.

13) FAILED TIMES

- a) No points or awards will be made to swimmers or teams who fail to achieve the entry qualifying times, or are disqualified.
- b) Fines may be levied on Clubs, after completion of the Championships, by the Executive Committee, for all swimmers who fail to reach the entry qualifying time.
- c) Failure to pay fines may result in future entries being refused by the Executive Committee.

14) DISQUALIFICATION

Any individual or team failing to comply with any of the Championships Conditions or A.S.A. Laws and Technical Rules shall be disqualified and forfeit the entry fees.

15) AWARDS AND POINTS

- a) **There will be no presentations for HDW events. Awards will be available for collection from the table as soon as the announcement of the result has been made. Awards for events in which finals have been swum will be presented at the end of each session.**
- b) Medals will be awarded to all individual finalists who complete the event without disqualification and achieve the entry time. Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places only will be awarded for all Relay Team events and only to the 4 Swimmers who swam in the final.
- c) Points are awarded to clubs for a “Men and Boys” trophy and a “Ladies and Girls” trophy. The points for these trophies shall be awarded for all individual and team events as follows:

1st place	-6 points	4th place	-3 points
2nd place	-5 points	5th place	-2 points
3rd place	-4 points	6th place	-1 point

- d) Where finals are swum a disqualified team or swimmer's points shall not be allocated.
- e) Rules and prizes for the skins competition will be as determined by the Swimming Committee and will be published in the Championship Programme. The skins competition will not form part of either the Club Points Trophies or the Top Swimmer awards.
- f) Trophies for the Points competition will be presented at a date to be decided by the Executive Committee.
- g) **SWIMMER OF THE YEAR CRITERIA.**

There will be awards to the following swimmers:

JUNIOR AGED 16 or under

SENIOR AGED 17 or over

These will be determined by BAGCAT points and British Age Group Points with the appropriate age group correction.

10years are 50m events; 11 years and above are 100m events;
age group 200m Freestyle & Age Group Individual Medley.
(10 years in 100m - 11yrs and above is 200m)

In the event of a tie the Swimming Sub-Committee will make the final decision.

16) East Invicta League LEAGUE GALA

- a) After completion of the main Championships, the Championships Hon. Secretary shall inform the Clubs who will compete in this Gala. This Gala shall be based on the number of points achieved by Clubs in the current Championships. The lowest six Clubs shall be invited to take part in the Gala.
- b) In the event that a club cannot take part then an invitation will be extended to the next club 7th from the bottom, and so on if necessary. This club, or any other club ranked above them will not swim any competitor who has achieved District Championship base qualifying times in the 12 months prior to the date of the East Invicta League Gala.
- c) The pool shall be chosen by the Championships Hon. Secretary as one of those not used for the main Championships and shall vary from year to year. The local Club shall host the gala and provide all the non technical officials. Each competing Club shall provide a Judge and

Timekeeper. The remaining officials shall be appointed by the Swimming Officials Hon. Secretary.

d) The Programme for both Boys and Girls shall be:

11 Years & under	50m in all strokes
13 Years & under	50m in all strokes
15 Years & under	50m in all strokes
Open	50m in all strokes

(All strokes to be Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, and Freestyle).

11 years & under	4 x 2 lengths Mixed Medley Relay
13 years & under	4 x 2 lengths Mixed Medley Relay
15 years & under	4 x 2 lengths Mixed Medley Relay
OPEN	4 x 2 lengths Mixed Medley Relay
SQUADRON	8 x 2 lengths Mixed Freestyle Relay (4 boys, 4 girls one from each age group)

NO swimmer to compete in more than TWO INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

17. Photography

Anyone wishing to conduct video, zoom or close range cameras must register their details at the entrance control before entering the spectator gallery. This includes the use of mobile telephones with a camera facility. It is a condition of entry that swimmers consent to such photography taking place.

18. Data Protection Act

All competitors entering this competition consent to their details being recorded in a computer database. This will be used solely for the purpose of running the event by the organisers. This information will not be disclosed or sold to any outside body or third party. Competitors consent to their details appearing in the official results which will also appear on the East Invicta website and will be sent to the ASA National Rankings officer.