

Competition Rules and Conditions. *(from July 2017)*

1. The competition will be managed by the PSUK Swimming & Water Polo organising committee. The organising committee reserve the right to alter the program if necessary.
2. With the exception of the 'Skins' event, the Swimming Championship will be held under ASA Laws and FINA Masters Rules.
3. Entries will only be accepted from competitors who fulfil Rule 36 of the PSUK Constitution which states "Only members of affiliated clubs who have been sworn in as paid Constables, Special Constables, PSNI Part Time Reserves, paid Police Staff, retired Police Officers, retired Police Staff, or paid Cadets or staff of the Scottish Police Service, or staff of the National Crime Agency and some personnel affected by the Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment Regulations (Former Police Staff) (TUPE) process who are members of their Force Sports Clubs or Associations shall be eligible to participate in any event promoted by PSUK. In pursuit of this rule, retired personnel, shall only be permitted to obtain membership of affiliated clubs in the Force area in which they reside or in the force they have previously served in".
4. The definition of a retired Police Officer is a person who has retired as a member of a Home Department Police Force and is in receipt of a police pension. The definition of retired Police Staff is a person who has been an employee of a police force who is in receipt of a police pension (R36c). This definition of a retired Special Police Constable is one who has served 22 years and who are in receipt of their Police Long Service Award (R36f).
5. The PSUK Swimming and Water Polo Committee reserves the right to invite entries from external police organisations to promote competition and to foster friendship and association in police sport. Those competing must meet the conditions applied by Rule 36 of the PSUK Constitution as if they were a member of a Home Force.
6. Entry is restricted to members of affiliated clubs of the Police Sport UK. Such persons are not required to register with the A.S.A. as in Law 412.6 (Exemptions from Registration).
7. Once the organisers close entries there will be no additions to the printed programme. Substitutions will be allowed up to one week prior to the date of competition, but only if the original entrant is unable to compete in the Championships.
8. All events will be heat declared winner. Entries will be seeded according to entry time and swimmers will compete against those with similar times from all age groups.

9. The age groups for individual masters events will be:

Group A	25-29 yrs,
Group B	30-34 yrs,
Group C	35-39y rs,
Group D	40-44 yrs
Group E	45-49 yrs
Group F	50-54 yrs,
Group G	55-59 yrs,
Group H	60-64 yrs,
Group I	65-69 yrs.
Group J	70 – 74 yrs.

Age will be age at 31st December 2018.

10. The age groups for relay team master's events will be a combined total age of team members of 160yrs or greater on 31/12/2018.

11. Entries received after 31/01/2016 will be accepted only at the discretion of the event organising committee.

12. Awards will be made **to** those placing first, second & third for all swimming events (with the exception of the 'Skins' event). However, in the case that there are less than six entrants in any event, only the first place award will be made.

13. The Diane Patt Trophy will be awarded to the top Female swimmer based on FINA points accumulated during the meet. Points will only be accumulated by competing in Open events. No points will be awarded for the Skins event nor relay swims.

14. The Carlsberg Distributors Cup will be awarded to the Top Male swimmer, based on FINA points accumulated during the meet. Points will be accumulated by competing in Open events only. No points will be awarded for the Skins event nor relay swims.

15. The Graham Cutting Trophy will be awarded to the Top male or female Masters swimmer, based on FINA Age Adjusted points accumulated during the meet. Points will be accumulated by competing in Masters events only. No points will be awarded for relay swims.

16. All competitors are required to adhere to all safety announcements and conduct themselves in a safe manner at all times.

17. A Competition Referee must be appointed. (Law 424). That person will have full control of all officials and enforce A.S.A. Laws and these rules. In the event of any dispute the Competition Referee will receive any protest and endeavour to resolve them. (Law 424.4)

18. A Jury of Appeal should be appointed, for any appeal that the Competition Referee is unable to resolve. Such a jury should consist of at least three persons, including one representative of the Organising Committee and at least one representative of the PSUK National Swimming, Water Polo and Diving Committee.

19. The PSUK Swimming, Diving and Water Polo Section has in place the following procedure for dealing with matters concerning complaints, discipline and grievance arising out of the activities of the section. Such matters must always be notified in writing. Any aggrieved person shall have the right to a personal hearing before a panel comprising not less than three members of this Sections Committee, excluding any person implicated in the complaint, before any final decision is made to resolve the matter. The decision of the panel is final.