

Newark



Swimming Club

Age Group Championships 2017 Information, Rules and Conditions

1. Age Group Championships will be held at Newark Sports & Fitness Centre, Bowbridge Road Newark Notts
2. The date is **Saturday 14th October 2017**. Warm up will start at 6.00pm and the session will finish by 9pm
3. Newark Swimming Club Age Group Championships is a sprint competition with 5 different events open for all swimmers age 9 and over by 31st December 2017. These events are:
 - **50m free**
 - **50m fly**
 - **50m back**
 - **50m breast**
 - **100m Individual Medley**
4. In addition there will be 4 events for swimmers aged 8 and under on 31st December 2017. These events are: **25m free, 25m breast, 25m back and 25m fly**
5. The age groups will be 8 and under, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and Open. **Age as at midnight on 31st December 2017**.
6. Depending on entry level there will be 2 fun events held. Entry to these events is **free** and open to all, but swimmers must **register their intent to swim** these events on their entry form so that the events can be organised. There will be Spot Prizes for teams. The events will be:
 - **Parent/child Relay**
Relay teams of 2 parents and 2 children (the organisers will put pairs together into relay teams). A 4 x 25m freestyle relay will then be swum by each team.
 - **Canon**
This is a 25m relay event that swimmers regularly compete in at galas. It is open to **all** swimmers who want to take part. If you want to participate please indicate on your entry form. According to numbers and ability coaches will divide the swimmers into pre-organised similar teams.
7. Entries will only be accepted on the official age group championship entry form. Entry times should be submitted where possible. Entry times are to be based on a 25m pool or converted 50m pool times using the ASA conversion tables.

8. Heats will be swum with all age groups combined and swimmers seeded by entry times, irrespective of age or sex. This means swimmers race people with similar times, which is good for both new and experienced swimmers. If you don't know your times please check the up to date list of Personal Best Times for all swimmers by accessing Swim Club Manager with your personal login. If a swimmer does not have a time for an event they will be in the first heats.
9. The Newark Swimming Club (NSC) Age Group Championships is open to all swimmers who were club members as of the 14th August 2017 (ie signed up and paid initial membership fees for 2017)
10. For many ASA affiliated clubs, and including Newark SC, swimmers who are dual member of 2 or more ASA affiliated clubs may only compete for places (i.e. awards, trophies or medals) in any one club's internal championships in any given calendar year. If member is a member of more than one club Newark SC must be their ranked club. Members must have committed to swim for NSC at both county and Regional level when qualifying times achieved for 2017.
11. There are no upper or lower limits for entry times or allocation on a first come first served basis.
 - If events are oversubscribed NSC committee reserve the right to restrict entries or change dates/ times of events as required
 - If events are under subscribed NSC may extend an invitation to registered swimmers of other Swimming Club's to enter NSC age group championships. This will be an opportunity for a **time only**
 - If events are under subscribed new members of NSC (i.e. not registered members of Newark Swimming Club on 14th August 2017) will also be given an opportunity to compete for a **time only**
12. The competition will be held under A.S.A. Laws and FINA Technical Rules of Swimming. This means a one start rule. Over the top starts may be used if time required. Swimmers must not leave the water until the referee says so.
13. Swimmers 9 years and over are advised to enter all 5 events but **taking into account their age and ability, fitness and experience**. Swimmers must remember that under ASA rules there are many disqualification (DQ) codes around starts, turns, finishes and stroke. A DQ will mean no time or points for that event. The Committee members and coaches are happy to advise swimmers and parents about the events individuals should consider entering.
14. The entry fee is **£2.00** per event. All entries must be on the official entry form together with all entry fees. Please include an email address where possible. **Cheques made payable to Newark Swimming Club.**
15. Closing date for all entries is midnight **Thursday 5th October 2017**. **No entries will be accepted after the closing date or during the club championships.**
16. All entries and fees should handed in to the Thursday night desk.
17. This meet will operate as a CARDLESS MEET. This means all accepted entries will be and posted upon our website. Please check for accuracy.

18. Any swimmer wishing to withdraw can do so by emailing the Club Championships secretary at ponjalmer@aol.com. Swimmers wishing to withdraw from an event on the day of the meet **must do so prior to the start of the warm up session in which the event is due to be swum.** If due to high demand entries are rejected, entry fees will be reimbursed. However there will be **no reimbursement of funds for the cancellation by swimmers of accepted entries**
19. Results will available on our web site shortly after the sessions
20. Medals are presented for the top 3 places in each event, in each age group.
21. NSC Trophies will be awarded to the top placed swimmer in each age group, engraved with their name and kept for a year. Place will be determined by the following system:
- 6 points for 1st place
 - 5 points for 2nd place
 - 4 points for 3rd place
 - 3 points for 4th place
 - 2 point for 5th place
 - 1 point for 6th place
 - In the event of a tie for first place and the overall trophy, it will be awarded to the person with the most FINA points
22. Certificates will be presented to **all** Boys and Girls recognising their achievement in their age group.
23. Awards, Trophies and Certificates are presented at the Presentation night, Friday 24th November 2017, The Newark Academy London Road Balderton. Newark. Swimmers should attend to receive these. **Presentation night is open to all NSC members** even if they did not compete or were entered for times only.
24. Swimmers should arrive promptly as pool warm up will be short due to the number of races. Warm up is at 6.00pm. Swimmers should warm up both on the pool side and in the water.
25. Spectator admission prices:
- **Adult £1.50**
 - **Children under 16 - free**
 - **Programme £1.50**
26. For the purposes of Child Protection, no persons, unless a designated official for Newark Swimming Club shall be allowed on poolside at any time.
27. In line with ASA and Newark Sports & Fitness Centre guidelines, **poolside photography is not permitted. Mobile telephones must not be used on poolside or in the changing rooms**
28. Any conditions not covered in the above will be at the discretion of **Newark Swimming Club committee**

29. For these events to run smoothly a minimum of 25 volunteers are needed for a range of roles from officials to door and refreshments. If you can help please let a member of NSC committee know. The Age Group Championships will have to be cancelled if we do not have enough officials to comply with ASA rules

30. **The referees decision is final**