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GENERAL EVENT & RACE CONDITIONS

- By entering the Swim Wales Open Water events, competitors are agreeing to all general event and race conditions as outlined below.

- Competitors participate at their own risk.

- To comply with our Health & Safety event management, competitors who are participating should inform us of any relevant medical conditions that may impact their ability to participate. A medical form will be available on the dedicated webpage and can be sent to swimwales-events@swimming.org. This information will be shared with our water safety and medical supervision teams who will be present at the event. Details of how your personal information will be used and stored can be found in our Swim Wales Privacy Notice which can be accessed here.

- All competitors must be current registered members of Swim Wales, Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales Open Water members. For more information on membership eligibility please follow this link to the dedicated event webpage where you will also find the event guide: https://www.swimwales.org/shop/events/swim-wales-challenge-series-open-water-incorporating-british-swimming-european-junior-selection-event/.

- **Competitors MUST sign in on the day at the registration desk and have attended the race information and safety briefing (virtual) prior to the competition. Any competitor who has not attended the briefing will NOT be allowed to swim.**

- Ages as of 31st December 2023.

- The age groups for the British Swimming European Junior selection event are as follows:

  - 5km swim (14/15 years)
  - 7.5km swim (16/17 years, 18/19 years and open, i.e. 20+ years)

- The minimum age requirements for the Swim Wales Challenge Series events are as follows:

  - 500m swim (minimum age of 11, age as of 31/12/23)
  - 1.5km swim (minimum age of 12, age as of 31/12/23)
  - 3km swim (minimum age of 13, age as of 31/12/23)
  - 2km (4x500m) team relay swim (minimum age of 11, age as of 31/12/23)

- The minimum water temperature required for all Swim Wales open water events is 14°C. In the event of minimum temperature not being met, the event may be postponed/cancelled

- ***For the British Swimming European Junior events, World Aquatics Rules will apply***. In the event that the water temperature is <18°C, wetsuits must be worn. In the event that the water temperature is ≥18°C, swimming costumes/bathers must be worn.

- ***For the Swim Wales Challenge Series events,*** in the event that the water temperature is <18°C, wetsuits must be worn. In the event that the water temperature is 18-21°C, the decision to wear wetsuits, tri-suits or costumes/bathers (permeable fabric) can be decided by the competitor. Above 21°C, all competitors must wear costumes/bathers.

- Cancellations:
    - If the conditions are deemed to be unsuitable and not safe at the event, a decision may be made to cancel or stop the event.
    - Full refunds of entry fees to the event will be offered to all competitors
    - Swim Wales are not responsible for accommodation/travel and other related costs incurred as a result of event cancellation/venue changes.

- Swim Wales reserves the right to limit entries dependent on demand In the event of an oversubscription Swim Wales reserve the right to scratch and remove entries as deemed appropriate. This is at the complete discretion of the Swim Wales event management team. With specific reference to the British Swimming European Junior selection event, scratches may be made at the discretion of the British Swimming open water performance team. All entries are not confirmed until a confirmed entry list is published after the close of entries.

- Refunds for entry fees will be processed on the receipt of a valid doctor's note (signed by an appropriate consultant/doctor on headed paper). This must be received by midnight on Saturday 24th June 2023. Refunds will not be processed for withdrawals on non-medical grounds.

- ***For the British Swimming European Junior selection events***, there will be a cut off time of 15 minutes after the first competitor in each race has finished.

- ***For the Swim Wales Challenge Series events,*** there will be a cut off time of 30 minutes after the first competitor in each race has finished.

- Competitors must have their number displayed on their hands, back or upper arm AND WEAR THE WRIST BAND, TIMING CHIP (WHEN PROVIDED) AND SWIM CAP PROVIDED.

- Competitors must have their fingernails and toenails trimmed.

- No competitor shall be permitted to use or wear any device, which may aid their endurance, buoyancy or speed. Goggles, earplugs or nose clips may be used. Only one costume is allowed.

- Competitors shall be allowed to use grease or other substances providing these are not deemed as excessive, in the opinion of the Referee, applied after the competitor has had their transfer numbers applied.

- Jewellery: For safety and security reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not permitted while in the water during warm-ups, swim-downs and/or competition. This includes watches, necklaces, chains, bangles, wrist bands, earrings (except studs), and rings (except wedding bands). Swim Wales will not be responsible for any jewellery brought to events and will not be liable if such jewellery is lost or damaged.

- ***For the British Swimming European Junior selection event,*** an approved World Aquatics wetsuit list can be found here. However, competitors are not required to wear a World Aquatics approved wetsuit at these events. Wetsuits must however comprise of material which is between 3-5mm thick, should not have additional aids and adaptions to help competitors including the use of rubber fins on the arms. Wetsuits should be specifically designed for swimming and not for surfing. Wetsuits should meet minimum requirements for coverage - wetsuit must completely cover torso, back, shoulders and knees, and shall not extend beyond the neck, wrists and ankles. Tri-suits will not be accepted. If the water temperature is ≥18°C, only costumes complying with World Aquatics can be worn. A compliant costume (for both men and women) shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder or extend below the ankle. In all other respects they must comply with pool regulations. The swimsuits shall be permeable and made from textile materials. Further information can be found here.

- Behaviour and Attitude: Swim Wales has a zero-tolerance policy on negative behaviour at meets. Disrespectful and poor attitude resulting in unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated. All those on-site including competitors, parents, coaches and clubs are expected to behave in an appropriate manner, respectful of officials, volunteers, staff and others. Swim Wales holds the right to ask those behaving inappropriately to leave the event and/or meet if deemed

necessary. A refund will not be issued for dismissal from an event. The right to remove competitors and/or clubs from the meet is held by the meet manager and senior team of officials. We ask that you remind your competitors of the above policy and remain vigilant throughout the meet. Please report any inappropriate behaviour to a member of staff on site.

- Filming & Photography: Please be advised that photographs may be taken at this event by a professional photographer. Additionally, the event will be live streamed via our filming partner and will be accessed through our Swim Wales Facebook page and YouTube channel. Swim Wales are aware of the wide range of devices including mobile telephones which have photographic and filming capabilities. This enables the capture of both static and moving images. Used responsibly, such devices are perfectly safe, but sharing images widely may betray a confidence or identity of an individual which may present a risk of harm to the individual concerned. The use of such equipment is difficult to control but we can all be vigilant. Swim Wales may use photographs taken at this event as promotional material and used across public forums including their website and social media accounts, and possibly the local press and television. If you have any concerns or safeguarding queries, please bring them to the immediate attention of the event management team situated at the front of house desk on the day of the event. Should you wish to refuse photographic permission please contact the event management team on site. Post event, if at any time an individual wishes an image of themselves to be removed from the public platform, 7 days' notice must be given to Swim Wales after which the data will be removed. The full Swim Wales film and photography guidance can be found at the front of house desk or accessed by emailing swimwales-events@swimming.org.