Inter County Water Polo Championship 2019
Entry Form

Saturday & Sunday 23rd & 24th November 2018

(Please note that these championships will operate under the new FINA Rules for water polo introduced in January 2018)

Please complete (by ticking each box of the competition you wish to enter) and return this form to the address below. Payment for the events (£120 per event) need to be made to the Swim England South West Regional Finance Officer by BACs using the reference “WP Competition” by your county treasurer. Entry will be refused if no monies sent to the Regional Finance Officer. The dates and venue for the competition is Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th November and Millfield School Pool, Street, Somerset (A full schedule will be produced once entries have been received).

**INTER COUNTY SENIOR INTERMEDIATE** No age restrictions, but see conditions\*\*\* 

**INTER COUNTY SENIOR FEMALE** No Age Restrictions but see conditions\*\*\*  ****

**INTER COUNTY 18 & UNDER MALE** 2001 Year of Birth and Younger  ****

**INTER COUNTY 14 & UNDER FEMALE** 2005 Year of Birth and Younger ****

**INTER COUNTY 14 & UNDER MALE** 2005 Year of Birth and Younger ****

**INTER COUNTY 16 & UNDER FEMALE** 2003 Year of Birth and Younger  ****

**INTER COUNTY 16 & UNDER MALE** 2003 Year of Birth and Younger ****

**INTER COUNTY 12 & UNDER MIXED** 2007 Year of Birth and Younger 

Club or County Team Contact Name:

Address for Correspondence:

Home Telephone Number:

Mobile Telephone Number

Email Address

(Note: all future correspondence will be sent to this address)

Signed:

Dated:

The cost per event is £120.00. Payments for entries should be made by your county treasurers to Swim England South West Finance Officer by BACs payment using the reference SESWR WP Competition. Please return this form by 24:00 on Sunday, 30th June, 2019 to: **Mike Coles, 22 Chantry Drive, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 7PP**

**Conditions for Entry 2019**

The General Conditions of the Swim England SW Region apply as per previous Championships, and as set out on the Swim England South West Website. The purpose of this additional information is to provide clarification in respect of some aspects of the Championships unique to the 2019 competition.

**Senior Male**

As in previous years, this competition has been open to Somerset, Cornwall, Wiltshire and Dorset county associations. The purpose of this restriction was to ensure that the competition was competitive in nature. Gloucestershire and Devon County associations have expressed an interest in participating, and the Swim England SW Committee have agreed, providing that no player who represents any Club association (whether based in the SW Region or otherwise) in the British Water Polo League may be eligible to participate in the Inter-County Championship for Gloucestershire or Devon. The Committee believes that this will ensure that the competition remains competitive, by purposefully precluding the top-flight players from both Gloucestershire and Devon from participating.

**18 & Under Male**

Please note that the restriction referred to in “Senior Male” above does not apply to any other competition, and accordingly players that represent club associations in the British Water Polo League remain eligible to represent their county association in other age groups (most likely the 18&U Male Competition).

**14 & under Female Competition**

Please note that the former mixed 14 and under age group has now been split to allow for male and female competition. This will be a trial event for 2019.

**Players Playing in More than One Age Group**

Please note that the Order of Play will only be prepared once entries are known. Therefore, county associations should plan their teams on the basis that there may very well be a clash of fixtures between one age group and another. By way of example, the Senior Ladies may very well compete at the same time as the 16 &under Female competition, or the 16 & under competitions may very well clash with the 14 & under competition.

No amendments to the Order of Play will be made after publication in order to accommodate county associations who have players due to play in more than one age group. County associations are therefore requested to consider selecting players to compete in one age group only.

**Players playing for more than one County Association**

This is not permitted, save for as set out as follows. Generally, if a player registered home address falls within county association A, they will be required to play for county association A in the Championships. The only time that a player may play for county association B is where they fulfil the eligibility requirements as set out in the General Conditions AND the county association where they have their registered address is not entering a team in the age group for which they wish to compete for county B.

By way of example. If a 17-year-old lives in Tiverton (Devon) but is also a registered member of Taunton (Somerset), and Devon enter the 18&U Male competition, he must represent Devon in that competition, and if not selected is precluded from representing Somerset if Somerset also enter that competition. If Devon do not enter the Senior Male competition, then that player can represent Somerset in the Senior Male competition. If you have any queries regarding the information on this form please contact Mike Coles in advice of submitting your entry form.

Coaches, team managers and chaperones who are on poolside will need the following documents for the Swim England South West Inter-County Event being held on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th November, 2019. If you have a problem with this requirement then please contact the SESWR Water Polo Secretary, Mike Coles.

1. Disclosure and Barring Service Check (DBS)
You will be required to have a valid DBS Check.
2. Minimum Coaches Qualification
Coaches will be required to have at least a Level 1 Coaching Certificate or equivalent. Team Managers will be required to have a Team Manager Training Module 1 Certificate or equivalent. Chaperone smust have county authorisation to be acting on behalf of counties.
3. Safeguarding Certificate
All coaches, team managers and chaperones will be required to have a valid safeguarding certificate, updated and recorded with Swim England’s membership department.

**Competition General Conditions**

1. All Championships and Age Group Competitions shall be competed for annually under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules at venues and dates approved by the Swim England South West Regional Board.

2. All competitions shall be open to those: -

2.1. Who have resided in the SW Region for a period of not less than 60 days prior to the date of the competition;

2.2. or who have a birth qualification;

2.3. or in the case of members of HM Forces whose unit is affiliated under ASA Laws it is sufficient for the competitor to be on the books;

2.4. a competitor must, where applicable, have been a member of the club in whose name he is entered for 60 days prior to the date of competition or the first day of a series of competitions;

2.5. In the interests of the sport in cases of extenuating circumstances the Region’s Officers shall decide if the swimmer is eligible to compete. Their decision will be final.

3. Provided the swimmer holds the longest unbroken membership of an Swim England South West Region club for 60 days immediately prior to the date of the first event he is eligible to compete.

4. All competitors must be eligible competitors as defined by ASA Laws.

5. Each entry shall be made on the official entry form which together with the entry fee, must reach the appropriate discipline competition secretary 28 days before the date fixed for the event, with the exception of diving which shall be 14 days and Open Water where entry fees must be sent to the Open Water Secretary by the date shown on the entry form.

6. All Officials shall be appointed by the appropriate discipline committee. They must be members of an affiliated club and licensed in accordance with ASA Laws.

7. All protests as to the eligibility of competitors shall be decided by ASA Laws.

8. Trophies

8.1. All trophies are perpetual. The winner shall be entitled to hold the trophy, provided satisfactory security be given to the Trophy Controller that it shall be returned in good condition.

8.2. Trophies must be returned in time for presentation to the appropriate competition or returned to the Regional office one month prior to the competition. A fine of £250 per trophy will be imposed on the Swimmer for failure to comply.

8.3. All awards are ratified unless notice to the contrary is sent to the competitors concerned within 7 days of the event, or as decided by ASA Judicial Laws.

9. Multi-Discipline Entry

9.1. Individuals forming the teams entering the Swim England South West Championships, except for Water Polo, must have been members of the club entering them for 60 days prior to the competition. Individuals forming the teams entering the Swim England South West Water Polo Championships must have been members of the club entering them prior to 1st February in the year of the competition. A swimmer who has the longest unbroken membership of that club entered for the Swim England South West Swimming Championships may be entered by another club for the Swim England South West Water Polo Championships of the Swim England South West Diving Championships or the Swim England South West Synchronised Swimming Championships always provided that he has the longest unbroken membership for that discipline in that club.

9.2. A competitor entering in the name of one club for any Swim England South West Region Diving, Synchronised swimming or Water Polo competition may not be entered in the name of another club in any team or individual competition in that particular discipline of the sport in the same calendar year.

9.3. A competitor entering in the name of one club in any Swim England South West Region swimming or Masters Swimming Competition or Championship may be entered in the name of another club in a different Competition or Championship.

9.4. Any matter not provided for shall be determined by the Board.

**General Conditions**

**Management**

9.5. All Championships and Age Groups shall be conducted under the following General Conditions except where varied by Special Conditions (Part 3) Their management shall be vested in the Swim England SW Region's Water Polo Committee, hereafter referred to as the Committee. Anything not covered by these conditions shall be decided by the Committee.

9.6. The term "Club" in these conditions shall include all entrants and promoting bodies.

**10. Rules**

10.1. RULES OF THE GAME - All games shall be conducted in accordance with FINA Rules of Water Polo, except where varied by these conditions. (As updated in January 2019).

10.2. FIELD OF PLAY - The field of play shall be as near as possible to full size for the specified competition, as defined by the FINA Rules of Water Polo (as updated ion January 2019).

10.3. WATER TEMPERATURE - All matches must be played in covered or open air pools in which the water temperature is recommended to be between 23C and 25C (73.4F and 77F) but in no case shall the temperature of the water be less than 18C (64.4F) nor more than 27C (80.6F).

**11. Entries**

11.1. Each player must be registered with the Swim England and with the Committee Hon. Secretary (with certified birth date for Championships or Age Groups with an Age limit) to play for the Club he/she represents by 31st January in each year for each competition, except for Inter County Championships. Registration with the Committee Hon. Secretary is defined as supplying the following information in writing for each player: full name, age (where required), address and Swim England identification number. The Committee Hon. Secretary, on receipt of an application by post with full details shall have the authority to register a player subsequent to the date on which registration closes. A player so registered shall not be eligible to play until approval in writing has been received by his Club and each player must fulfil the General Conditions for the Region's competitions. For the Inter-County Championships each player representing a County must have been born in that County, or have resided there continually since the 1st January in the year of the competition, or be a member of a Club affiliate to that County. In the latter case, the player shall have not played for any other County in the year preceding and may only play for one County in any one year. In no instance may a player represent more than one Club or County in any one year. Counties must register their players with the Committee Hon. Secretary at least 14 days before their first match, subject to the right to register players subsequently.

11.2. Any competitor who is eligible to compete in Swim England SW Region events under General Conditions may take part in the Region's competitions notwithstanding that they have taken part in a Water Polo Championship in another Region in the same calendar year.

11.3. Entries shall be made by completing, in duplicate, an Official Entry Form obtainable from the Committee Hon. Secretary.

11.4. CLOSING DATE - Entries must reach the Committee Hon. Secretary by the 30th June, 2019 in preceding the Competition.

11.5. ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY - The Committee Hon. Secretary will confirm entries received to Clubs and County Associations by 31st December in the year preceding the year of the competition indicating whether the entry has been accepted or not. The Committee may decline to accept the entry of any Club or County Association, in which case the entry fee will be returned.

11.6. If a Club enters more than one team in a competition, players shall not be able to play for more than one of those teams during any competition year.

**12. THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND AGE GROUP DRAW-**

12.1. Each draw shall be made by ballot, and where applicable the first drawn shall be regarded as the home club. If the Committee deem it necessary, they may take into consideration the facilities for travelling and arrange teams in divisions to avoid long journeys. The home club shall have choice of pools. All byes shall be cleared in the first or preliminary round of the Championship or Age Group. For subsequent rounds of a Championship or Age Group numbers representing the winning pairs shall be drawn by ballot. Clubs shall be advised of the result of the draw for each Championship and Age Group entered.

**13. MATCH OFFICIALS**

13.1. The following officials shall be appointed (where possible) by the Committee for each competition game, other than Final Ties and Tournaments:

13.2. Two Referees - (It is the duty of the home Club to provide two timekeepers, where possible neutral, one Match Secretary and each club, a goal judge. The Timekeepers and Match Secretary shall be on a County, Region or Swim England. list of Water Polo Officials.)

13.3. In Final Ties and Tournaments, the Committee shall appoint the following Officials: Two Referees, two timekeepers, two Match Secretaries and two goal judges. One of the appointed officials shall also be appointed substitute referee.

13.4. The Hon. Committee Secretary, competing clubs and appointed officials shall be given by the home club not less than 14 days’ notice of the date, time and venue of the match. A home club failing to give such notice in writing shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £5.00. A promoting body failing to do so shall be dealt with by the Committee at its discretion.

13.5. Any appointed officials unable to officiate shall forthwith notify the Water Polo Committee Officials representative who shall appoint a substitute.

13.6. Should one of the appointed referees fail to appear for a match, the remaining referee and the two captains may, by unanimous agreement, appoint another referee. If this is not possible the appointed referee and the two captains may, by unanimous agreement, appoint any other referee or agree for the original referee to conduct the match alone. If for any reason, a game is started with one referee and a second referee becomes available to officiate in time for the normal commencement of the second period of the game, then the last three periods of the game shall be conducted with two referees.

**14. Referee Evaluation**

14.1. It shall be the duty of each team to complete, in confidence, the official Swim Enlgand "Referee's Evaluation Report" for each game played. The report shall be sent to the Region's Officials Representative by each Club within 7 days of a match (not required for tournaments)

**15. Scoreboard**

15.1. It shall be the duty of the home club to provide and maintain a scoreboard, except for competitions played under tournament conditions, where it shall be the duty of the tournament manager, as appointed under condition 31.7.

**16. Match Record Sheets.**

16.1. Each team Captain, at least 15 minutes before the game is due to start shall give to the Match Secretary a list in writing of his players with cap numbers. When a match programme has been published with cap numbers these must be used for all purposes, subject only to revision by the Referees, whose decision shall be final.

16.2. The Match Secretary shall enter the names of all officials, players and other standard details required before the match starts, on the match record sheet. During the match the Match Secretary shall keep it up-dated. At the end of the match the Match Secretary shall complete the sheet by calculating the score and hand the sheet to the Referees, who shall check it, sign it and advise the teams of the result.

16.3. Should the game not be played or not brought to a proper conclusion, the details of the circumstances must be recorded by the Referees on the Match Record Sheet and posted to the Hon. Committee Secretary as in 11.4

16.4. The completed form shall be sent by the Referees to the Hon. Committee Secretary within three days of the match.

**17. Cap Colours**

17.1. In all ties the home club shall wear white caps. Players may wear caps in the club's colours with the approval of the referees provided that:

17.1.1. The coloured design of the cap has been approved by and registered with the Committee at the time of entry,

17.1.2. flags in the cap's colours are provided for the table officials,

17.1.3. spare caps of the same colour are available.

**18. Awards**

18.1. In all final ties the winning team and the runners up shall receive regional awards (to a maximum of thirteen or a maximum of fifteen in the case of tournaments).

18.2. When a player taking part is ordered to leave the water for brutality the award to which he may be entitled shall be withheld.

**19. Trophies**

19.1. Trophies, where appropriate, shall be presented to the winners on the day of the final, subject to the regulations laid down in Swim England SW Region Competition Conditions.

19.2. Venue of Final Ties and Final Tournaments

19.3. shall be arranged by the Committee.

**20. Expenses**

20.1. General - The permissible expenses are at the level defined by the Swim England SW Region Managing Board

20.2. Appointed Officials

20.3. Rounds - In all rounds of a competition excluding final ties or final tournaments, the home club shall pay the expenses of the appointed officials

20.4. Final Ties and Tournaments - In Final Ties and Final Tournaments the Region shall pay the expenses of all appointed officials.

20.5. Teams - Each club shall be responsible for their own travelling expenses, etc., in all rounds and finals of all competitions.

20.6. The promotional expenses of all final ties and tournaments shall be borne by the Region.

**21. Dates of Rounds, Final Ties and Final Tournaments**

21.1. The playing season for competitions shall be from 1st February to the 31st December. The Committee shall draw up annually a Water Polo calendar of dates by which competition rounds must be completed and final ties and final tournaments played and shall publish this calendar. Teams failing to agree on a date for their match shall give the Committee Hon. Secretary 14 days’ notice before the date fixed for the completion of the round and he/she shall be empowered to fix a date and order the match to take place.

21.2. FIXTURE DATES - All clubs shall agree all fixture dates (for competitions which are not run on a tournament basis) and send them to the Committee Hon. Secretary by the 31st January in the year of the competition. Any club failing to do so may be fined up to £50.00 and may be excluded from the competition.

**22. Clubs Withdrawing a Team**

22.1. A Club may withdraw a team without penalty, provided written notice of withdrawal is received by the Committee Hon. Secretary before the 1st September. The entry fee will be forfeited.

**23. Clubs Withdrawing a Team-**

23.1. (except as in condition 20). A Club that withdraws a team on or after the 1st September and more than 7 days before their next game shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £100.00 and shall pay such expenses as the Committee may decide. Withdrawing a team with less than 7 days’ notice shall be classed as a delayed start and dealt with as such. In the case of a team withdrawing from a tournament prior to a final tournament, the tournament shall be played between the remaining teams but the Committee may decide to apply the fine and such expenses as the Committee may decide in accordance with this Condition 17.

24. Clubs Withdrawing a Team from a Competition Final Tie or Final Tournament

24.1. A club having qualified to compete in a competition final tie or final tournament failing to compete therein shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £250.00 and such expenses as the Committee may decide. The team last defeated by the withdrawing team shall qualify to play in the final tie or final tournament provided arrangements can be made. If arrangements cannot be made a new date for a final tie shall be arranged by the Committee. In the case of a final tournament, the final tournament shall be played between the remaining teams but the Committee may decide to apply the fine and such expenses as the Committee may decide in accordance with this Condition 18.

**25. Delayed Start**

25.1. In the event of a team failing to have seven players available to start the match within 15 minutes of the appointed starting time, the match may be cancelled by the referee. In the event of such a cancellation the Referee and the Secretary of each Club shall, within 3 days, submit a written report to the Committee Hon. Secretary, who shall have the power to make all or any of the following orders:

25.1.1. Order the award of the match to the non-offending team or, alternatively, order the match to be re-arranged.

25.1.2. Order the payment of a fine not exceeding £150.00 by the offending Club/County.

25.1.3. Order the payment of expenses by the offending Club/County.

**26. Ineligible Player**

26.1. A Club playing an ineligible player shall have be deemed to have lost the match, forfeit any points gained in the match to their opponents, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £20.00 and pay such expenses as are decided by the Committee. In a tournament the offending team shall be disqualified.

**27. Unregistered Player**

27.1. A Club playing an unregistered player shall be deemed to have lost the match, forfeit any points gained in the match to their opponents, be liable to a fine not exceeding £5.00 and pay such expenses as may be decided by the Committee. In a tournament the offending team shall be disqualified.

**28. Fines & Expenses**

28.1. All fines and expenses ordered under these conditions shall be paid to Swim England South West Regional Finance Officer within 21 days of the date of the decision. Failure to comply with this condition will result in suspension.

**29. Protests, Complaints & Appeals shall be dealt with as under ASA Laws.**

**30. Special Conditions**

30.1. CLUB SENIOR - The number of Clubs competing shall be determined by the Committee.

30.2. CLUB INTERMEDIATE - Shall consist of those Clubs not selected for the Club Senior Championship and the second teams of Clubs playing in the Club Senior Championship, any such Club having two teams competing shall nominate to the Committee ten players who normally play in their first team (i.e. a member of their first team squad of 13 players) to be starred by the Committee none of whom shall be eligible to participate in the Club Intermediate Championship with the exception that one of the nominations may be as a Goalkeeper who, if the Committee agree, will be eligible only to participate as an out-player. The Committee may star any ten of the players registered to play for the Club and may amend the list subsequent to any late registrations.

**31. Tournament Conditions**

31.1. Clubs/Counties shall register their players at least 28 days before the Tournament.

31.2. Each Club/County may nominate up to 15 players from their list of registered players from which their team will be selected. Nominations shall be handed to the Tournament Secretary at least 30 minutes before the first game of the tournament by the team Captain.

31.3. Details of the team for each game must be handed to the Match Secretary by the Captain 5 minutes before the game is due to start, with players correctly numbered.

31.4. Each team must have 7 players in the water to start the game at the appointed time, which is within 2 minutes of the final whistle of the previous game unless varied by the Tournament Manager. On failure to do so points may be awarded to the opposing team and a nil-nil score recorded.

31.5. The duration of each game shall be determined by the Tournament Manager.

31.6. Order of play - Games shall be played in the following order according to the number of Clubs entered, subject to such amendment that may need to be made by the Hon. General Secretary in order to accommodate any special circumstances. The Committee shall allocate numbers to each entrant.

Number of Entries

 3 4 5 6 7

Game 1 1 v 2 1 v 2 1 v 2 1 v 2 3 v 5

Game 2 1 v 3 3 v 4 3 v 4 3 v 4 4 v 6

Game 3 2 v 3 3 v 1 5 v 1 5 v 6 2 v 7

Game 4 2 v 4 2 v 3 1 v 3 3 v 6

Game 5 4 v 1 4 v 5 2 v 4 1 v 4

Game 6 2 v 3 1 v 3 5 v 1 2 v 5

Game 7 5 v 2 6 v 2 3 v 7

Game 8 2 v 4 3 v 5 2 v 6

Game 9 4 v 1 1 v 5

Game 10 2 v 3 4 v 7

Game 11 6 v 4 1 v 6

Game 12 5 v 2 5 v 7

Game 13 3 v 6 2 v 4

Game 14 4 v 5 1 v 3

Game 15 1 v 6 6 v 7

Game 16 4 v 5

Game 17 2 v 3

Game 18 1 v 7

Game 19 5 v 6

Game 20 3 v 4

Game 21 1 v2

31.7. Tournament Manager - The Committee shall appoint a Tournament Manager for each tournament.

31.8. Each team shall play each other once. Two points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn match. In case of equality of points, teams shall be classified as follows:

31.8.1. If two teams have equal points a second classification shall be established on goal difference, i.e. the team with the largest difference between goals scored for and against shall be given precedence.

31.8.2. In the event of the goal difference being equal, then the team having scored the highest number of goals shall be given precedence.

31.8.3. In the event of still further equality, precedence shall be given to the team winning that match in which they have played against each other.

31.8.4. In the event of still further equality precedence shall be given to the team with the highest score in a series of seven penalty throws until a decision is reached. In each series of seven penalty throws each shot must be taken by a different player one of whom must be a goalkeeper who has actually played in goal during the tournament.

**Further Notes**

It is requested that each county entering the relevant competitions that they provide the following:

* + Each county to provide at least three table officials, preferably with the necessary qualifications, but they should have least had experience of officiating at their club events.
	+ Each county to provide at least two referee of Grade D and above. If they cannot provide from their own county, then they can nominate referees from another county to represent them.
	+ If a county has difficult providing the necessary officials they should contact the region’s officials co-ordinator as soon as possible.