

## Conditions

Swim England Water Polo National Age Group Championships (U17 & U19) (“Championships”) shall be competed for under Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules.

Swim England reserves full powers over the Championships, including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the Championships venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control.

### DEFINITIONS

A “Team” shall comprise of players who are all affiliated to the same Swim England club or a club of Scottish Swimming, Swim Wales or Swim Ireland.

“Championships Director” shall be a person appointed by Swim England Water Polo Leadership Group (“WPLG”) for the purpose of managing all aspects of these Championships.

In addition, Championships Director shall appoint an “Event Manager” when there is a requirement for earlier round(s), for each event, who shall be responsible for ensuring that the conditions of the Championship are complied with.

### 1. COMPETITION

- 1.1 The Championships shall be conducted annually and consists of:
- Men’s Club U17 Championship. This Championship shall be for players under the age of seventeen years at midnight on December 31 in the year of competition.
  - Women’s Club U17 Championship. This Championship shall be for players under the age of seventeen years at midnight on December 31 in the year of competition.
  - Men’s Club U19 Championship. This Championship shall be for players under the age of nineteen years at midnight on December 31 in the year of competition.
  - Women’s Club U19 Championship. This Championship shall be for players under the age of nineteen years at midnight on December 31 in the year of competition.

### 2. MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following Conditions.
- 2.2 Anything not covered by these Conditions shall be determined by the Championships Director, who shall also have the authority to determine any matter arising from any ambiguity or uncertainty within the published Conditions.

### 3. RULES OF THE GAME

- 3.1 All games shall be conducted in accordance with the FINA Technical Rules of Water Polo, except where varied from time-to-time by these Conditions.
- 3.2 For the purposes of these Championships, the teams shall start each game with seven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper.
- 3.3 The field of play shall be as near as practicable to the full size but shall not be less than 20m long, 11m wide and 1.5m deep.

- 3.4 Where a Championship is played as a series of groups, each team shall play each other team in their group once. Two points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw.
- 3.5 Should the scores be level at full time in any game for which a definite result is required, there shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result in accordance with FINA Rules:
- The teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed higher.
  - Each team shall nominate five (5) players and a goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot-out.
  - The team shall shoot five (5) penalty shots at the goal of the other team, alternating shots.
  - If a tie exists after each team has taken five (5) shots, then teams shall take sets of alternate shots until one team scores and the other does not.
- 3.6 Where two or more teams have equal points the placing shall be decided by considering the following factors in order until a precedence is established by:
- the team gaining the most points in the games between those teams;
  - the team with the greatest goal difference in the games between those teams;
  - the team scoring the most goals in the games between those teams;
  - the result against the top ranked team in the group not involved in the tie as per points 3.6 a. to c. and each subsequent team down the overall rankings in the event of a tie;
  - the team with the greatest goal difference overall;
  - the team scoring most goals overall;
  - if at any point in this process, where three or more teams are involved, a leading team is decided, then the process will be re-started with the leading team not included in the process apart from being included as a ranked team within the table;
  - in the event of continuing equality the placing shall be decided by lot as directed by the Championships Director.

## **4 ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 A club may enter more than one team into the Championships, however the Championships Director reserves the right to refuse entries of second and subsequent teams to avoid event being oversubscribed.
- 4.2 Clubs wishing to enter teams into the Championships shall do so by completing an online entry which shall be submitted together with the appropriate electronically transmitted entry fees with confirmation that the electronically transmitted entry fees have been paid to the appropriate body.

- 4.3 As part of the online entry, each club shall submit a list of up to a maximum of 20 players from whom the team will be selected, with their current registration numbers. By submitting the online entry the club makes a declaration that all the players on the list are:
- Club Compete members of Swim England or equivalent of Scottish Swimming, Swim Wales or Swim Ireland at the time of entry, with their information and entry club visible on the online entry system,
  - are members of that club,
  - comply with any age conditions for the Championships, that the person making the application accepts on behalf of the club the Championships Conditions and that all the information given is correct.
- 4.4 An electronic confirmation will be issued within 21 days after the closing date for entries indicating whether the entry has been accepted or not, and attaching the club's player list. The Championships Director may decline to accept the entry.
- 4.5 There shall be no interchange of players between teams during the Championships. The team list shall be deemed to be part of the entry. No additions to the list shall be accepted after the closing date for entries.
- 4.6 The minimum age of a player shall be 11 years at midnight on the day of the match.
- 4.7 The Championships Director reserves the right to close entries ahead of the published entries deadlines to avoid the event being oversubscribed.
- 5. THE DRAW**
- 5.1 The draw for each Championship shall be made within 28 days of the closing date for entries. The Championships Director shall notify all teams of the result of the draw, for each Championship entered.
- 6. GAME OFFICIALS**
- 6.1 The Championships Director shall co-ordinate the provision of sufficient officials for each game.
- 6.2 In the case of an event where a Delegate is appointed, the Delegate shall nominate the referees for each game from the list of appointments.
- 7. MATCH RECORD SHEETS**
- 7.1 Each team representative shall declare a list of up to 13 players, with cap numbers, via the online facility, as follows:
- Early round(s): declare to the Event Manager by 8pm the night before the early round matches. The 13 players are to be selected from the initial list of up to 20 players entered into the Championships.
  - Finals: declare to the Championships Director by 8pm the night before the Championships Finals. The 13 players are to be selected from the list of 15 players confirmed ahead of the Championships for accreditation purposes.

- 7.2 Match record sheets will be completed and will outline the names of all officials, players and other standard details required before the start of the game, and a record will be maintained. At the end of the game, the match record sheet will be given to the referees, who shall check and sign it.
- 7.3 The Event Manager shall submit the completed match record sheet to the Championships Director within two days of the earlier round(s) games taking place. If a game is not played or not brought to a proper consultation, the details of the circumstances shall be recorded on the sheet by the Event Manager or referee(s), as appropriate.
- 7.4 The results of the games held in the early round(s) will be published as soon as possible after and, in any case, within seven days of the completion of the round.
- 7.5 Final Championships results will be confirmed and announced at the event.

## **8. TROPHIES AND MEDALS**

- 8.1 Trophies, where appropriate, shall be presented to the winners on the day of the final, subject to the regulations laid down in Swim England Trophy regulations.
- 8.2 For each Championship the winning teams shall receive up to thirteen gold medals. The runners-up shall receive up to thirteen silver medals and the third placed team shall receive up to thirteen bronze medals.
- 8.3 Only those players listed on the match record sheet and in attendance shall be presented with medals on the day of the Final. In instances of misbehaviour or other extenuating circumstances, medals may be withheld from a team or individual by the Championship Director, in consultation with the Delegate (if appointed).

## **9. EXPENSES**

- 9.1 The regulations for the payment of expenses by Swim England are specified in the Swim England Handbook.
- 9.2 Each team shall be responsible for its own travelling and any other expenses incurred as part of the Championships.
- 9.3 The promotional expenses of the Championships shall be borne by Swim England.

## **10. WITHDRAWALS**

- 10.1 A team that withdraws from the Championships:
  - a. prior to the initial draw shall not be penalised;
  - b. after the draw has been made and more than 10 clear days before the Championships, shall be fined £100.00 and/or shall pay such expenses as the Championships Director may decide;
  - c. with less than 10 clear days notice before the Championships, shall be fined £200.00 and/or shall pay such expenses as the Championships Director may decide;

10.2 In the case of a team withdrawing from or failing to participate in the Championships, the Championships shall be contested by the remaining teams.

## **11. DELAYED START**

11.1 If the start of a game is delayed beyond 5 minutes of the published start time the team responsible for the delay may be fined £25.00 and if the start of a game is delayed beyond 15 minutes, condition 12.1 will apply.

## **12. FAILURE TO FULFIL A FIXTURE**

12.1 If a team fails to have seven (7) players available to start a game at the appointed start time, the game may be cancelled by the Event Manager (during earlier round(s)) or Championships Director (during the Finals) and deemed to be a non-fulfilment if the start is delayed beyond 15 minutes of the published start time. The team will be withdrawn from the Championships.

12.2 In the case of any other non-fulfilment, the Event Manager (during earlier round(s)) or Championships Director (during the Finals), shall have the power to order any of the following:

- a. the award of the game to the non-offending team;
- b. the payment of a fine of £200.00 by the offending club;

## **13. FINES AND EXPENSES**

13.1 All fines and expenses ordered under these Conditions shall be sent to the Championships Director and made payable to Swim England, within 21 days of the date of the notification of the decision.

13.2 Failure to comply with this Condition shall result in an additional fine of £20.00 and the team may be disqualified from the Championship by the Championships Director.

13.3 Failure to pay the whole of the outstanding monies within a further 14 days of the notification of the additional fine may be dealt with under Swim England Regulations.

## **14. INELIGIBLE PLAYER**

14.1 A team playing one or more ineligible players may be deemed to have lost the game, forfeit any points gained in the game to their opponents, may be fined £100.00 and shall pay such expenses as the Championships Director may decide. An ineligible player, for the purposes of this rule, also includes players not listed on the list of players declared to the Event Manager (during earlier round(s)) or Championships Director (during Finals), as per rule 7.1.

14.2 The non-offending team shall have the option of recording a 5 – 0 score in its favour or maintaining the score as recorded on the match record sheet.

## **15. SCOTTISH, WELSH & IRISH CLUBS**

15.1 By completing the online entry a club affiliated to Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales, or Swim Ireland shall undertake to accept the jurisdiction of Swim England in all matters affecting these Championships.

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## **16. EVENT CANCELLATION**

16.1 In the instance that the event is cancelled by the Championships Director:

16.1.1 Full refunds of entry fees to the Championships will be offered to all competitors.

16.1.2 No refunds will be offered for any other expenses incurred in relation to the Championships.