



Swim England County Team Championships

Kent County ASA Selection Policy

1. Event

Swim England National County Team Championships, usually held over the first weekend in October each year at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheffield, S1 2BP.

2. The Team

Under the event conditions, the team will consist of:

2.1 A maximum of 30 swimmers selected at the discretion of the selectors

2.2 Age Groups:

2.2.1 age as at 31 December of year of competition

2.2.2 open and girls 12/13, 14/15 and 16/17

2.2.3 there is no swimming out of age

2.3 Events:

2.3.1 each County is allowed one entry in each event

2.3.2 individual events for boys and girls in all age groups:

- 100m Backstroke
- 100m Breaststroke
- 100m Butterfly
- 100m Freestyle

2.3.3 team events:

- 4 x 50m Medley Team for boys and girls in each age group
- 6 x 50m Freestyle Team consisting of one boy and one girl from each age group swum in any order

2.4 Eligibility:

2.4.1 a member of a County Team shall be a member of a club within that County

2.4.2 swimmers who are members of more than one club in different Counties, are eligible to compete for the County in whose County Championships they competed during the year of competition; swimmers who are eligible to compete for either an English County Team or a representative Scottish District or Welsh Area Team shall be free to select the team for which they will compete

2.4.3 any swimmer not covered by 2.4.2 above shall be eligible for selection for the County for which their club, of longest unbroken membership, is affiliated

3. Team Selection

3.1 The Team will be selected by a selection panel recommended by the Kent Coaches Forum and agreed by the Kent ASA Swimming Committee.

3.2 The selectors will select the fastest team possible to score the maximum number of points for Kent at the event.

3.3 Individual selections:

3.3.1 will be made primarily on times appearing in the Swim England Long Course Rankings and achieved between 1 January of the year of competition and the final day of the Home Countries' summer meets for that year

3.3.2 short course ranking times and current form will be taken into consideration, where appropriate and necessary in the selection of the team

3.3.3 swimmers may be selected for a maximum of two individual events

3.3.4 the event programme will be taken into account when selecting the team

3.4 Team Selections:

Additional swimmers may be selected, at the discretion of the selectors, up to the total permitted team size of 30 where it is considered it will improve the team points score.

4. Team Selection Announcement

Those swimmers selected will be notified by Kent ASA by no later than 1 September of the year of competition

5. Team Commitments

5.1 All swimmers selected will sign and return, by a date to be determined in the selection offer communication:

5.1.1 their confirmation of acceptance of a place on the team and the conditions of selection

5.1.2 a copy of the Kent County ASA Code of Conduct

5.1.3 a declaration of fitness signed by their club coach and an undertaking to remain in full training until the competition and notify the selectors if there is a change of their training/fitness circumstances

5.2 Be available on both the day before, as well as the day of competition

5.3 Agree to swim in the events for which they have been selected

5.4 Travel with the team to Sheffield, stay with the team in the team hotel, and return with the team after the competition

5.4.1 No parents will be allowed to stay at the team hotel

5.4.2 No team member will be permitted to leave the team for any reason once the team has assembled and until after its dissolution

5.5 Team members will wear team kit as requested by the Team Managers

6. Replacements

6.1 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to swim, for whatever reason a suitable replacement will be found at the earliest opportunity.

6.2 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection must notify the Kent ASA immediately, and will be required to submit a declaration, by their coach, that they have recovered and are fully fit to compete prior to travelling to Sheffield. Failure to do so may result in the swimmer being deselected from the team at the discretion of the selectors and a replacement selected.

7. Appeals

There will be no appeal regarding selection of this team.

8. Other

The Kent ASA Swimming Committee may amend the selection policy at any time at its discretion.

9. Team Staff

A Team Manager, Head Coach, and two Assistant Coaches/Team Managers will be appointed on the recommendation of the Kent Coaches Forum by the Kent ASA Swimming Committee to travel with and manage the team, accompanied by appointed officials and dignitaries.