

**DORSET COUNTY ASA
COUNTY POLICY and OPERATING PROCEDURE**

SWIMMING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

COMPETITIONS

Programme

	Reference	Item
i. Dorset County Championships: The premier competition of the County pool swimming programme for swimmers from age ten years and requiring the highest standard of criteria for entry. Licensed at Level 2 entry.	Nov 2017	05/17(a)i
ii. Dorset Development Competition: The mid-range competition of the County pool swimming programme for sub-regional swimmers aged nine to 18 years who may have achieved County Championships consideration standard but are yet to achieve regional or national standards. Licensed at Level 3 entry and upper level exclusions of regional and national standard swimmers apply.	Nov 2017	05/17(a)ii
iii. Dorset Graded Meet: The base-range competition of the County pool swimming programme for novice swimmers aged nine to 12 years who are yet to achieve County Championships consideration standard. Licensed at Level 4 entry and upper level exclusions of county and regional standard swimmers apply.	Nov 2017	05/17(a)iii
iv. Dorset Club Relay Gala: A team competition open to all clubs. Unlicensed and no time considerations apply.	Nov 2017	05/17(a)iv
v. Dorset Novice Swimming League: A base-range speeding ticket team competition to provide the novice swimmer aged nine to 14 years with the opportunity to compete on equal terms with other swimmers. Unlicensed and upper level exclusions apply.	Nov 2017	05/17(a)v

Coach selection

i. The DCASA Swimming Technical Committee reserves the right to choose the coaches for the National County Team Championships. Selection will not be tied to or dependent on participation in County development activity, but consideration will be given to coaches national/regional commitments.	Nov 2017	05/17(b)i
ii. The post of Lead Coach for the Dorset County Team is open to all Level 3 County coaches and will be appointed by the DCASA Swimming Technical Committee.	Jan 2014	14/13(a)7
iii. The post of Assistant Coach for the Dorset County Team will be advertised to all Dorset Clubs and open to all County coaches with a minimum of a Level 1 Coaches qualification.	Nov 2017	05/17(b)iii
iv. The Assistant Coach will be selected by the DCASA Swimming Technical Committee from expressions of interest received.	Nov 2017	05/17(b)iii
v. The posts of Lead Coach and Assistant Coach will be reviewed annually at the first meeting of the season of the DCASA Swimming Technical Committee.	Nov 2016	04/16(a)3
vi. Appointment of Lead Coach and Assistant Coach will be rotated annually as appropriate and possible as a requirement of succession planning for these posts.	Nov 2016	04/16(a)3

Team selection

i. The Team Selector for the Dorset County Team is appointed by the DCASA Swimming Technical Committee.	Historic	
ii. Swimmers will be selected from short course rankings	Nov 2016	04/16(a)2

- data from the Swim England National Rankings and achieved between specified dates as stipulated by the Competition. Long course times may also be taken into consideration.
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| iii. | Swimmers will be selected to create the fastest team possible and may be selected for a relay only where appropriate. | Historic | |
| iv. | Selections are subject to verification and appraisal of current form at time of selection according to the level of swimming activity and deemed competition fitness. If there is any doubt as to the fitness of a swimmer Dorset County ASA has the right to exclude that swimmer from the team regardless of ranked time. | Jan 2014 | 14/13(a)5 |
| v. | Competition criteria and conditions may change annually but in general:
(a) Age will be as at 31 December.
(b) No swimming out of age is permitted.
(c) Team size will be controlled to 30 maximum. | Jan 2014 | 14/13(a)3 |
| vi. | Selected swimmers are expected to travel as a team to the competition venue unless on medical grounds. | Historic | |
| vii. | Swimmers, coaches and team managers are expected to abide by the ASA Code of Conduct at all times. | Historic | |