

# SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

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## **Changes to the format of County Championships**

At the recent national meeting of regional licensing officers changes to the format of county championship regulations were agreed for immediate introduction. It is hoped that these changes will bring clarity to the guidelines set out in the National Competition Pathway.

If Sussex did not follow these regulations we would not be able to license the Championships.

The changes that affect Sussex are:

1. Senior Championships (16yrs +) will replace the Open Championships.
2. Junior Championship will be aged 15yrs & under.
3. Introduction of heats and finals for 50m and 100m events in every age group (10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15 years & 16/over).

To accommodate these changes in our County Championships:

- Open Championship finals will be discontinued and be replaced by Senior Championships (16/over) finals.
- The winner of the 16/over finals will become the Senior Champion.
- The Junior champion will be the overall fastest swimmer from the 10/11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 years finals.
- All 200m, 400m, 800m & 1500m events will be heat declared and follow the Junior/Senior Championship age format.
- All events will have age group medals for 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18yrs +. These will be awarded for swim times in HDW events. Where finals are swum the awards will come from the results in the finals.
- Results from the relay competition will not be included in the 'club points' competition in the Championships.
  - The relay gala will be a stand alone event with it's own points competition and trophy.
  - The relay gala age groups will remain as 10/11yrs, 12/13yrs, junior and open (to change them we believe would have a significant impact on clubs' ability to pull together teams).
- Age qualification date for all county galas will remain as 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition.
- County records will continue to be recorded as age on the day of the swim.

The detail of these changes will be shown in the programme for the Championships when they are published.

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