



WESTON SUPER MARE S.C.

Affiliated to ASA South West and Somerset ASA
Under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules of Swimming



Weston-Super-Mare SC Open Water Development Series



(UNDER ASA LAWS and FINATECHNICAL RULES)

General Conditions

G1. The Weston-super-Mare Open Water Series are open to registered members of clubs affiliated to the ASA, the Scottish ASA and the Welsh ASA or registered members of clubs from countries affiliated to FINA. Non- registered swimmers may apply for ASA registration for the day.

G2. A swimmer shall have joined the club in whose name he/she is entered at least 60 days prior to the date of the competition.

G3. Entries

3.1 All competitors must read and sign the declaration on the entry form.

3.2 Entries must be received by the organizer on or before the closing date on the entry form. Entry forms will be found on the Weston-super-Mare SC and Somerset ASA websites can be filled in onscreen and e-mailed to the address given. Alternatively the forms can be printed and posted when completed.

3.3 Entry fees can be made by BACS transfer or by cheque. The method of payment must be indicated on the entry form, if cheque that must accompany the posted entry form.

G4. Competitors must have their competition number written on shoulders, upper arms and backs of hands. When wetsuits are worn competitors must have their competition number written on the back of their hands. In addition they will be given a numbered hat and wrist band; both shall be worn throughout the race and the wrist band shall be handed in when leaving the water.

G5. No competitors shall be permitted to use or wear any device which may be an aid to their speed, endurance or buoyancy. Goggles, caps (maximum 2), nose clip and ear plugs may be used. Where 2 hats are worn the numbered hat provided by the organisers must be worn on the outside so that the competition number is clearly visible.

G6. Costumes must comply with FINA Open Water rules, i.e. they must be of textile material and must not extend beyond the neck, shoulders or ankles. Only one costume is allowed except as in 6.1 d) below

6.1 Water Temperature & Swimwear

a) Water temperature 20 degrees C and above: – Swimming costumes must comply with FINA Open Water Rules

b) Water temperature 18 – 19.9 degrees C: - Competitors may choose to wear a wetsuit or a swimming costume. Both must comply with FINA Open Water Rules

c) Water temperature 16 – 17.9 degrees C:- Competitors must wear a FINA approved wetsuit

d) A competitor shall wear a costume underneath a wetsuit and it shall conform to FINA Open Water Rules



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G7. Swimmers are allowed to use grease or other such substances providing these are not, in the opinion of the referee, excessive.

G8. Only official safety kayaks will be allowed on the course, competitors are not allowed to have a coach or supporter in their own kayak or boat.

G9. Awards

9.1: Medals will only be awarded for Events two and three in the series. No medals will be awarded for Event one on 27th May. Event 1 will consist only of a training session followed by a taster event for future rounds.

9.2 In Events two and three of the Open Water Series: Awards will be made to the first three Open Water Series competitors in each age band, male and female In the event of less than four entries in a class medals will be awarded on the basis of number of entries less one. The gold medal will be awarded provided at least one swimmer in a class finishes within the time limit

G10. If, due to inclement weather or any other reason, one or more of the competitions have to be cancelled the organizers will make every effort to re-run the event on another date. If this is not possible, a part of the entry fee may be refunded after all expenses have been paid.

G11. Protests shall be made and dealt with as detailed in ASA Law.

G12. Any matters not provided in these conditions shall be decided by Weston- super-Mare's event organiser.

G13. All ages are taken as age on 31st December in the year of competition.

G14. All competitors must attend their pre-race briefing. A swimmer who has not attended the safety briefing for each event they have entered their will not be allowed to swim

G15. All events are freestyle.

Additional 750m-Taster Event conditions for May 27th

T1. Competitors in the 750 m event must be between 11 and 14 years of age as of 31st December in the year of competition.

T2. There will be a time limit of 30 minutes after the start

T3. Wetsuits are mandatory.

Additional Open Water Series conditions for June 10th and September 16th

C1. The Open Water Series will have four events; 5 km, 3 km, 2km and 1km.

C2. 1km Taster Event Conditions

2.1. Competitors must be between 11 and 14 years as of 31st December 2018.

2.2. There will be a time limit of 45 minutes after the start.

2.3. Wetsuits are compulsory for all competitors when the water temperature is below 18 degrees C, optional when water temperature is below 20 degrees C and not permitted if water temperature is 20 degrees C or above