

This document is intended as a guideline for entrainers, coaches and parents. The Technical Group have spent quite some time working on this. There may be a need for amendments or clarification in time. We apologise for any errors or omissions.

The following must conditions will apply to all competitions, but all events will have specific must conditions.

- 1. Entries** – One entrainer may enter up to age, but must ensure to that age group for all entries in the competition.
- 2. Entry Times** – All entry times must have been achieved within the previous 12 months.
- 3. Electronic Times** – Only times achieved where electronic timing was used will be accepted for all competitions of Development 1+ standard and above.
- 4. Age Up Date** – The age up date will be 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of the competition.
- 5. Age for Competition** – In line with policy states that entrainers shouldn't compete in junior above club level until they are ten years of age for Development and Qualifying events. It was agreed that for future years where there are age groups this would be included in the conditions. However, in Championship events the lower age limit will be as per the must conditions.
- 6. Closing Dates** – All closing dates would be three weeks before the competition. However, this may be amended to permit entries to be accepted if a gate takes place the weekend of the closing date.
- 7. Entries on the Day** – Entries can be taken at the discretion of the referee in certain situations at Development 1 & 2 gates. At gates other than Development 1 & 2 submitted entries will be returned to the clubs for verification, amendments etc. before the competition and a date for the return will be specified. No changes or additions will be taken after that date.
- 8. Seeding** – Non-qualifying times will be seeded in the first heat (i.e. In a Long Course competition entrainers entered on 10' times will be seeded above those entrainers entered on 11' times and vice versa in a Short course competition). Compression times will 100' be accepted where there are 11' and 12' qualifying standards.