

BRITISH GAS SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS

1 General Conditions

- 1.1 British Swimming reserves full powers over the British Gas Synchronised Swimming Championships
- 1.2 The Championships shall be competed for annually under FINA Rules, the British Swimming Disciplinary Code and any additional conditions (printed in the respective Meet information). Where FINA Rules do not provide (for example: Health and Safety regulations and guidelines and Child Protection), when the Championships are held in England or Wales, the requirements of the ASA shall apply and when held in Scotland the requirements of SASA shall apply.
- 1.3 Entries will only be accepted from:
 - 1.3.1 Competitors registered as members of the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) Scottish ASA (SASA) or Welsh ASA (WASA), [together, British Swimming competitors] or
 - 1.3.2 Competitors from one of the countries affiliated to FINA.
- 1.4 A Competitor must have been a registered member, or equivalent, of the club in whose name she/he is entered, at least 60 days prior to the first day of competition.
- 1.5 The promotion of the Championships shall be the responsibility of the British Swimming Technical Synchronised Swimming Committee [The Committee], which shall appoint an individual who, for all purposes, shall be regarded as the Promoter. The Board shall decide any matter that is not covered by these conditions.
- 1.6 These Championships shall be held at a venue and for a period determined by the Committee
- 1.7 The date and venue of the Championships shall be decided by the Committee

2 Entry Qualifications

- 2.1.1 SOLO -All competitors shall have obtained ASA Synchronised Skill Level 5 by the closing date of the championships, or such equivalent standard as shall have been agreed by the Committee for competitors referred to in 1.3.2.
- 2.1.2 DUET – All competitors shall have obtained ASA Synchronised Skill Level 4 by the closing date of the championships, or such equivalent standard as shall have been agreed by the Committee for competitors referred to in 1.3.2.
- 2.1.3 TEAMS – No skill level is required
- 2.2 A competitor may enter only one solo, one duet, one Team and one Combination
 - 2.2.1 Entries from Federations affiliated to FINA – only one solo, duet, team and combo may compete in the finals.
- 2.3 Minimum age for entry for all competitors is 15 years.
- 2.4 Male and female competitors may only enter the Solo Championship providing there is a minimum number of six (6) entries of the same sex.
- 2.5 No mixed sex duet or team entries will be allowed.
- 2.6 No club may enter more than one combination. A combination shall consist of not less than four (4) nor more than ten (10) members. The total number of competitors entered for a team shall not exceed twelve (12), including two reserves.
- 2/7 The total number of competitors entered for a duet shall not exceed three (3).

3 Method of Entry

- 3.1 Entry forms may be obtained from the National Events Department, Harold Fern House, Derby Square, Loughborough LE11 5AL.
- 3.2 Completed entry forms, one per routine, shall be submitted to the National Events Department together with the appropriate entry fees, not later than 28 days prior to the first day of the Championships. A passport photograph of the competitor should be attached to the entry form.
- 3.3 All music information must be registered with British Swimming at Harold Fern House, Derby Square, Loughborough LE11 5AL
- 3.4 All music shall be recorded on a CD – one routine per CD with a 'lead in' of 4 seconds.
- 3.5 Competitors shall report to the Clerk of the Course not less than 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.

4 Championship Events

- 4.1 Solo Championship - Technical and Free Routine
- 4.2 Duet Championship - Technical and Free Routine

- 4.3 Team Championship - Technical and Free Routine
- 4.4 Combination
- 4.5 The final scores in solo, duet and team championships shall be calculated by adding 50% of the score for the technical routine and 50% of the score for the free routines. The Combination shall be 100% score.

5 Routines

- 5.1.1 Time limits for Technical routines and Free routines, including ten (10) seconds for deck movements shall be:
- 5.1.2 Solo

Technical Routine	2 mins	00 secs
Free Routine	3 mins	00 secs
- 5.1.3 Duet

Technical Routine	2 mins	20 secs
Free Routine	3 mins	30 secs
- 5.1.4 Team

Technical Routine	2 mins	50 secs
Free Routine	4 mins	00 secs
- 5.1.5 Combination

	4 mins	30 secs
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- 5.1.6 There shall be an allowance of fifteen (15) seconds less or plus the allotted time limits for Technical and Free Routines and Combination
- 5.2 In routine events, the walk-on of the athletes from the designated starting point to achievement of a stationary position(s) may not exceed 30 seconds. Timing shall commence when the first competitor passes the starting point and end when the last competitor becomes stationary.
- 5.3 The timing of the routine shall start and finish with the accompaniment. The timing of deck movements shall end as the last competitor leaves the deck. Routines may start on the deck or in the water, but shall finish in the water.
- 5.4 The accompaniment and judging shall begin upon a signal from the referee. After the signal, the performance shall continue without interruption.
- 5.5 The names of the competitors in the Free Duets must be submitted to the Referee in writing within two hours of the technical routine results being available, and also the competitors in the Free Team and Free Combination Team or at such times as stated in advance by the Promoter. Changes after this time may only be made in the case of sudden illness or accident of a member of a duet or team, and if the reserve is ready to compete without delaying the event. If a reserve is not ready to compete without delay the duet or free combination shall be disqualified.
- 5.6 If the lack of a reserve reduces the team or combination size to less than four (4) the team shall be disqualified.
- 5.7 Failure to notify the referee of substitution and/or deletion shall result in disqualification.

6 Qualifications

- 6.1 For the Technical Solo competition:
 - 6.1.1 The twelve (12) competitors with the highest total scores from the solo technical routine shall qualify to swim their free solo routine.
 - 6.1.2 If there are less than three (3) Great Britain competitors qualifying for the final then a maximum of three (3) GB athletes will be added. These competitors will draw for swim order 1, 2 and 3.
 - 6.1.3 Should any of the qualifying competitors not wish to swim their routines, the competitor(s) with the next highest qualifying score may be included.
- 6.2 For the Free Duet competition
 - 6.2.1 All duets from the technical duet competition will swim their free duet routine.
- 6.3 For the Free Team and Combination competitions:
 - 6.3.1 If more than twelve (12) entries in the Free Routine or Combination events are received, preliminaries will be held.
 - 6.3.2 The twelve (12) highest placed teams in the free routine and combination events shall qualify to swim in the final.
 - 6.3.3 If there are less than three (3) teams in the Free Routine or Combination events, then a maximum of three (3) GB teams/combinations will be added. They will draw for swim order 1, 2, and 3.

7. Order of Appearance

- 7.1 Order of appearance for Technical Solo, Technical Duet and Technical Championship Team and Combination shall be selected by a random draw.
- 7.2 Order of appearance for Free Routine Events (Solo, Duet, Championship Team) and the Combination shall be drawn by lots in groups of six (6). The lowest placed group shall swim first, the next lowest group second and so on. If there are not sufficient swimmers to form a group of six (6) the smallest group shall start first.
- 7.3 Conditions 6.1.2 and 6.3.3 should be adhered too.

8. Officials

Technical Officials for all events shall be selected by the Committee or its delegated agent from lists approved by FINA, LEN, the ASA, SASA or WASA. The Referee shall be approved by the Committee.

9 Victory Ceremonies

Finalists must proceed to the marshalling area for the parade when requested to do so. Appropriate clothing, e.g. full tracksuit and training shoes must be worn for the presentation.

10 Competitors' Accreditation

Accreditation cards, which will afford admission to the event, will be issued to competitors on arrival at the venue,

11 Safety

All competitors are required to ensure that they observe all safety announcements and conduct themselves with safety in mind at all times.

12 TV, Video or Close Range Photography

When the competition involves young persons under the age of 18 years it shall be a requirement that staff shall be appointed at the entrance control to register details of any persons wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography.

13 Doping Control

Competitors taking part in the Championships may be subject to random doping control. Accreditation cards with photograph identification will be accepted.

14 Trophies and Medals

- 14.1 Medals will be awarded to British competitors who are placed first, second or third in Solo, Duet, Team Championship events and Combination event (Medals will be presented to those reserves who swim in duet, team and combination events).
- 14.2 A commemorative medal shall be awarded to competitors referred to in 1.3.2, who are placed first, second or third in Solo, Duet, Team Championship and the Combination events. (Such medals will also be presented to those reserves who swim in duet and team and combination events and achieve these places).
- 14.3 The Holland Trophy shall be awarded annually to the swimmer with the highest total of routine scores in the solo, duet, team and combination events at the British Championships.

FINA SS 4.4 COMBINATION – Preliminaries/Finals

Combination has a maximum of ten(10) competitors who make a combination of routines.

FINA SS 13.2 COMBINATION

At least two (2) parts must have fewer than three (3) competitors and at least (2) parts must have

Four (4) to ten (10) competitors.

Start of the first part of the routines may be on the deck or in the water.

All of the following parts must start in the water.

A new part begins where the previous part ends.

