

## Eligibility for Events

The grouping of swimmers List is based on the following levels.

### **Under 9's, Novice, and Main, Masters.**

(These will NOT match your training squad assignments or sessions and depends on a swimmers ability)

There are 5 types of event grouping (see Club Championship Squad List): **[Age as of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018]**

- **U9s** – the swimmers who are under 9 years of age – will only be invited to swim in their own U9 25m Heat Declared Winner [HDW] events in all four strokes in the age group:
  - U9
- **Novices** – the swimmers who are between 9 and 14 and have not yet won a medal in the Club Champs in the past (once promoted to Main you remain in Main) other than as an U9 - will be invited to enter for their own Novices 25m HDW events in all four strokes in 2 age groups:
  - 9/10 years
  - 11+ years
  - **And** will be invited to enter any of the “Main” events that they wish, which are **open** to their age as below
- **Main** - the remaining swimmers - will be invited to enter for all events longer than 25m which are open to their age/gender:
  - 9 year olds - 50m all 4 strokes; 100m IM; 200m all 4 strokes & IM;
  - 10 year olds - 50m all 4 strokes; 100m IM; 200m all 4 strokes & IM; 400m freestyle
  - 11 year olds - 50m all 4 strokes; 100m all 4 strokes & IM; 200m all 4 strokes & IM; 400m freestyle & IM; 800m freestyle
  - 12 year olds - 50m all 4 strokes; 100m all 4 strokes & IM; 200m all 4 strokes & IM; 400m freestyle & IM; 800m freestyle
  - 13 year olds and above - 50m all 4 strokes; 100m all 4 strokes & IM; 200m all 4 strokes & IM; 400m freestyle & IM; 800m freestyle [females] or 1500m [males]

The age groups in which the MAIN events will be competed using HDW for trophies & medals are:

- 9/10 years (9 years (No 400m events), 10 years (400m freestyle))
  - 11/12 years
  - 13/14 years
  - 15/16 years
  - 17+ years
- **Parents** – 25m events only – for Parents of swimmers Registered with the Club or Masters Swimmers who are registered as an ASA Club member (who are involved with Chippenham ASC in some shape or form). If you are swimming in any other Group (U9, Novices or Main) you are not eligible to enter this event.
  - **Masters (18 and Over) may enter all the events as listed in the Main Category** – this is only for Masters Swimmers who are registered as a CASC Club member and a member of the CASC masters squad.). If you are swimming in any other Group (i.e. Parents) you are not eligible to enter as a master. NB Wiltshire Masters has the following definitions, Premasters 18-24 and Masters 25+. In order to be eligible as a master/pre-master you will need to be 18 years of age. [Age as of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018] and a member of the Masters Squad.

All HDW swims in the Main category will count towards the Points & Proficiency [P&P] competition in these Age Groups: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/16, 17+.

Grand Finals will be competed as 50m Freestyle Skins events for Men & Women separately – finalists up to the number of lanes available will be selected as the fastest irrespective of age from that year's 100m Freestyle event.

“B-finals” will also be competed as 50m Random Skins events for Men & Women separately – finalists up to the number of lanes available will be selected as the fastest irrespective of age from that year's 100m IM event, but not open to those who have been selected for the Grand Final.

Swimmers must have been a Club member for at least 90 days prior to the first day of the championships to be eligible to compete, however, more recent joiners are welcome to participate as above, but on a “time trial” basis only.

**Note:** The novice and main categories are not related to 14/U and 15+ age groups, the club championships are by intent designed to heat swimmers by their performance and not their age groups.

Members of the Competitive Development and Performance Squads are expected to swim all events, Novices and Under 9’s should enter events based on the swimmers current abilities (subject to the rules above). Masters are not expected to swim all events.