

MT Lanes in Finals

Only Accepted times are guaranteed entry .

We are restricted to a certain number of swimmers on pool side and we stretch that to the limit each year to allow the absolute maximum entries.

A strict criteria is applied to all ages and genders so we are unable and unwilling to manipulate certain ages and strokes (e.g. 9/10 yr old Fly swims).

The criteria this year (2014) was:-

Times are based on 2009 A grade ASA tables. Accepted Times were 2009 A grade minus 6% and the Considered times were the Accepted Times plus 8%.

1500/800 - as per the Promoters Conditions

400's - as per entry times

200's - 2009 A Grade Times

100IM - 2009 A Grade Times minus 3%

50 Free - 2009 A Grade Times minus 3%

All remaining events in the main champs are 2009 A grade times minus 2%

So the cut for most of the Events in the Main Champs was at half way between Accepted and Considered .

We place the 100IM and 50 Free together in the same session for the same gender so we have the maximum overlap of the same swimmers. Even so we have to cut the 100IM & 50 Free slightly more otherwise we could not run the gala.

Even after that the numbers are probably 20 - 30 too many on the 2 Saturday mornings.

As I said above we will not massage the times to give an advantage to certain ages or strokes.

You could well argue that the ASA A Grade times are distorted in certain strokes at the younger ages (e.g 9yrs Fly ?) but that is what the ASA produces based on their gathering of statistics from all swim events and it is the only standard we have to work to.

Two other things to bear in mind:-

Firstly it is a Championships not an Open Meet

and secondly we get complaints every year from coaches and parents that there are too many people in the warm ups or there is not enough space in the Spectators Gallery. The only answer I give to the latter is that we could reduce entries by 25% and there would be no problems like that again!

I hope the above helps.

kind regards

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