



## **YORKSHIRE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016** **INCREASED LEVEL OF ENTRY**

There were 5632 entries submitted for the Yorkshire Swimming Championships in 2015. This year the figure has increased to 7423, an increase of 32%.

It was always known that the change from age at the last day of the Championships to age at 31<sup>st</sup> December would cause some difficulties but not the dramatic effect we have seen.

Some changes have had to be made to the Schedule for the 2016 Championships in order to mitigate some of the issues caused by the increased level of entry.

- All 200m events for swimmers in the age groups 10/11, 12 & 13 will be Heat Declared Winner and will not have a Final.
- On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February the Boys 10/13 Years 200m Breaststroke has been moved from late morning to be the first event in the afternoon session followed by the Girls 800m Freestyle and the Boys 1500m Freestyle.

As a result of these changes we have managed to accommodate a further 676 more entries than in 2015. We have to plan sessions to be a reasonable length and conform to set standards for a Level 1 Meet.

It will be realised that the increase in entries is more than we have accommodated so unfortunately a considerable number of the submitted entries have had to be rejected. (Albeit the power has always existed in the Championship Conditions to take this action, this is the first time for many years that entries have had to be rejected.)

It is fully appreciated that this is not an ideal situation and I can only apologise for the disappointment that will be felt by many of our swimmers. Nobody is happy with the situation we find ourselves in.

A full list of rejections will be published with the Draft Programme.

We will take steps to ensure that we, and you, are not put in this position again.

Arrangements will be made to refund the entry fees of the rejected swimmers.

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