<u>SKINS EVENT</u>

1. This 'Skins Event' will be a continuous **competition commencing with 6 competitors** and over a continuous series of races over a distance of 50m. One or more competitors to be eliminated in each round until a winner is determined. Races in each competition will take place following an interval of 3 minutes from the start of the previous race a warning signal being given 10 seconds prior to the start of each round.

2. Skins competitions will be held for:
   (a) Girls 12yrs/Under
   (b) Girls 13yrs/Over
   - Events (a) and (b) will swim concurrently
   - Under 12 competition starts first, with a separation of approximately 90 seconds

   (c) Open/boys 12yrs/Under
   (d) Open/Boys 13yrs/Over
   - Events (c) and (d) will swim concurrently
   - Under 12 competition starts first, with a separation of approximately 90 seconds

3. The prizes for each event will be:
   1st - £30   **2nd -** £25   **3rd -** £20   **4th -** £15   **5th & 6th -** £10

4. The competitors for each Event shall be the first six swimmers in the relevant age groups in the 200IM determined by the published results from the qualifying events. (Should a withdrawal or non-appearance occur, there will be no replacement of swimmer, swims WILL take place until the required number of swimmers need to be reduced to keep rotation of races correct)

5. Lanes will be allocated based on 'spearheading' in accordance with FINA swimming rule SW312 – the fastest swimmer occupying the centre lane. Swimmers are required to swim in their allocated lane whilst they remain in the competition until the final race.

6. The stroke for each individual race will by random draw from a choice of Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Backstroke. The draw for the stroke to be contested in the first round will be undertaken by a Referee.

7. Draws for subsequent rounds will be by the swimmer eliminated from the previous round. If more than one swimmer is eliminated in a round, the draw will be by the first swimmer eliminated, or by decision of the Referee if eliminated at the same time.

8. The first race in each Event will commence in accordance with ASA Swimming Rules governing the Start of the selected stroke. Each race shall be over a distance of 50m.

9. Subsequent rounds will start at the starting end of the pool, following an interval of 3 minutes from the previous Start. A verbal warning will be given 10 seconds prior to the Starting signal being sounded. No verbal commands will be given. Competitors' feet, or hands in the case of Backstroke must be in contact with the Starting Platform or Grips when the Start Signal is given. For Backstroke rounds competitors will start in the water with both hands holding the starting grips. For forward starts swimmers are required to have at least one foot at the front of the Starting Platform.

10. In all races swimmers are required to comply with the FINA Swimming Rules regarding Stroke and Finish conditions – failure to do so will lead to elimination by disqualification – any competitor so eliminated will receive any prize money won to that time including the round in which eliminated.

11. The slowest competitor in each round shall be eliminated – unless a competitor has been eliminated by disqualification, in which case an eliminated competitor remains in the competition.

12. Apart from the first round, times achieved by swimmers are not to be used for any other purpose. Determination of the slowest swimmer will be by the Referee utilising either Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE), manual timing or Finish Judges, in accordance with FINA Swimming Rules governing placing.
Should AOE be used the Referee shall determine whether it operated correctly.

13. In the case of more than one swimmer being disqualified, or a dead heat for the slowest swimmer all affected swimmers are eliminated and the accumulated prize money for the positions divided equally between the relevant swimmers.

14. Should for any reason the competition has to be halted before its conclusion it shall restart with a re-swim of the round halted, or subsequent round if halted following the correct completion of a round. The Start of the recommencement of the competition will be in accordance with the FINA Swimming Rules of the relevant stroke.

15. In the case of a dead heat in the final race, it will be re-swum as an additional round in accordance with the Event conditions, referee to draw stroke.
Determination of the result following a subsequent dead heat maybe determined by any means agreed by the affected swimmers, e.g. further swim off or dividing prize money.