

## Notes on Skins for Surreys 2005

- There will be a Freestyle Skins competition at the end of gala 14, 4<sup>th</sup> March 06.
- Swimmers will be selected from the **eight** fastest times in the 400m Free swum in the previous session on the same day, plus **four** reserves.
- The names of the invited swimmers will be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the qualifying event. Swimmers should then go to the Stewards' table to confirm that they are available to swim. Swimmers will also be requested to complete a short biography to be used during the event itself.
- All 12 swimmers for the event must confirm with the Stewards' Table by the start of the warm up for session 14 on 4<sup>th</sup> March that they intend to take part in the Skins events.
- If any swimmer in the top 8 does not wish to swim, the place will be offered to the fastest reserve, up to 4 reserves. Any remaining empty lanes will not be filled.
- The competition will not take place if less than **four** swimmers elect to swim.
- The list of swimmers selected will be announced at the start of the session.
- Swimmers should report to the stewards by the end of warm-up, when the Skins procedure will be explained in more detail.
- There will be awards for the first **five** swimmers. The fifth placed swimmer will receive £5 with prizes increasing by £5 for each place, up to £25 for first place.

## Skins Events Briefing Note

We have a 50m freestyle skins event at the beginning of the second session on 4<sup>th</sup> March. The competitors are drawn from the 400 free which has been swum the previous session.

The events will be swum concurrently i.e. Round 1 of the girls event followed by round 1 of the boys; then round 2 of the girls followed by round 2 of the boys; and so on.

The heats for each event will be three minutes apart. The gap between the girls' and the boys' event will be 90 seconds.

The start for the first round will be "Take your marks" followed by the Starting Tone. Thereafter swimmers will receive a warning with 10 seconds to go and then the starting tone on three minutes.

At least one swimmer is eliminated each round in the order of precedence:

- Disqualification
- Finishing last
- Tie for last place  
(in this event all swimmers involved in the tie are eliminated)

Swimmers remain in the same lane until there are only two remaining at which time they will race in lanes 4 and 5.

Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 (i.e. £5 for 5<sup>th</sup>, £10 for 4<sup>th</sup>, up to £25 for first.)

### Officials required

We will not record times for the skins. This is a fun event with the results dependent on not coming last. So we don't need timekeepers.

The AOE will be used for places.

We need:

- A referee for each event (= 2)
- A Chief Time Keeper for each event (=2)
- 1 Starter
- 2 Place Judges
- 2 Stroke Judges
- 2 Turn Judges

The role of the Chief Timekeeper is to ensure the result is recorded and the swimmer to be eliminated is informed. The result should be recorded on the master spreadsheet. Focus is on who came first in the round and who came last.

### Miscellaneous Points

Skins do not count towards trophies or BAGCAT awards.

We will not record Skins times. They may be available from the AOE for general interest.

If the AOE fails we will proceed with manual placing.

The referee's decision is final.

If we are not ready to start a round after 3 minutes we will do so as soon as is possible. Once the race resumes we will revert to a 3 minute interval.

If the delay is less than 15 seconds the other event can continue. If the delay is 16-30 seconds the other event will be put back 30 seconds. If the delay is over 30 seconds the round waits for a full 3 minutes and other event continues normally.

### Swimmers

At the end of each round the swimmer should clear the pool as quickly as possible and go behind the starting block of their lane. If they are informed that they are eliminated they should sit down.

The first round will start normally. For subsequent rounds the starter will warn at 10 seconds and give the start signal. He will not say "take your marks".