

Swim England North-West Region Artistic Swimming Combination Team and Novice/Non-Regional Standard Figures and Routines Competition 2023

LICENCE NUMBER:

11th June 2023

Irlam & Cadishead Leisure Centre, Liverpool Road, Irlam, Manchester, M44 6BR

COMPETITIONS CONDITIONS

A competitor must have been a registered member of a club in whose name they have entered at least 30 days prior to the first day of competition. The Club must be affiliated to Swim England and Swim England North-West Region.

The regional combination team competition shall be held annually, under Swim England Laws and Regulations and World Aquatics Technical Rules of Artistic Swimming.

The promotion of the Competition shall be the responsibility of the NWR Management Group (The Promoters). The Promoters shall decide any matter that is not covered by these conditions.

Competitors in teams must be members of the same club and may only represent one club.

Closing date will be 28 days prior to the first day of competition. **(Event Date 11th June 2023)**

The age of all competitors is the age on the 31st December in the year of competition.

Events

COMBINATION TEAM - No grade levels required; 100% Routine Score.

SWIMMERS MAY ONLY ENTER ONE COMBINATION TEAM

A Free Combination Team has a minimum of four (4) and maximum of ten (10) competitors who make a combination of routines.

Time Limits and content for routines, including ten (10) seconds for deck work shall be:

(Timing of the deck movements shall end as the last competitor enters the water)

Age Group	Time Limit	Allowance	Figure Grade required	Total Hybrids	Hybrid Summary				
					Acrobatics	Free Transitions	Solo	Duet	All Team (4+ Swimmers)
9 – 12	3 mins 00 secs	+/- 5 seconds	No Grade required	7	2	Yes	1	1	3
9 – 15 (16 for males)	3 mins 00 secs	+/- 5 seconds	No Grade required	7	2	Yes	1	1	3
13 – 15 (16 for males)	3 mins 00 secs	+/- 5 seconds	No Grade required	8	3	Yes	1	1	3
13 – 18 (19 for males)	3 mins 00 secs	+/- 5 seconds	No Grade required	8	3	Yes	1	1	3
15 – 18 (19 for males)	3 mins 00 secs	+/- 5 seconds	No Grade required	9	4	Yes	1	1	3

Whilst it is recognised that at National level, combination Team competitions will split each age group into divisions within the region all combinations teams in each age group will compete together due to the limited numbers of participants.

Teams may be mixed.

Swim England/World Aquatics Penalties will apply.

Team declarations are to be completed and given to the Registration Team at the start of the event. Changes after this time may only be made in the case of sudden illness or accident of a member of a Team, and if the reserve is ready to compete without delaying the event. If a reserve is not ready to compete without delay to the event the Combination shall be disqualified.

If the lack of a reserve reduces the Combination Team to less than four (4) swimmers then the team shall be disqualified.

NOVICE/NON-REGIONAL STANDARD FIGURES

Competition entries will be based on the figure grade attained by the swimmer on the date of entry rather than the age of the swimmer although grades 0/1 and 2 will be split into 2 age categories who will all compete at the same time. There are no routine grade requirements for this event.

Figure Grade	Age Group	Figures
0/1	8-12 13-19 (20 for males)	1. Back tuck somersault (Fig 310 – DD 1.1) 2. Fishtail position held for 5 seconds (DD 1.0) 3. Back layout to bent knee position returning to back layout (DD 1.0)
2	8-12 13-19 (20 for males)	1. Ballet leg (Fig 101 DD 1.6) 2. Blossom (Fig 302 DD 1.4) 3. Somersault back pike (Fig 303 DD 1.4)
3	13-19 (20 for males)	1. Front Ariana (Fig 359 DD 2.2) 2. Tower (Fig 348 DD 1.9) 3. Kip (Fig 311 DD 1.6)
4	16-19 (20 for males)	1. Rio Straight Leg (Fig 144 DD 3.1) 2. Venus (Fig 352 DD 3.0) 3. Flamingo Bent Knee Twist Spin (Fig 140g DD 2.9)

NOVICE/NON-REGIONAL STANDARD ROUTINES

Swimmers must take part in the novice/non-regional standard figure competition to compete in the routine section however the figure score will NOT be carried forward to be part of the routine score.

The results of the figure competition will be used to qualify for entry into the routine competition. The highest placed eight (8) solo swimmers will swim their solo routines for each grade/age category. The eight (8) duets with the highest placed combined figure score in each grade/age category will qualify to swim their routines.

The swimmer may only swim in one Duet in the Duet competition, both swimmers must be registered and competing for the same club in the same grade category.

Solos

Figure Grade	Age Group	Time (+/- 5 sec)	Content
0/1	8-12	1:15	Must include 4 free hybrids
0/1	13-19 (20 for males)	1:15	Must include 4 free hybrids
2	8-12	1:15	Must include 4 free hybrids
2	13-19 (20 for males)	1:15	Must include 4 free hybrids
3	13-19 (20 for males)	1:45	Must include 5 free hybrids

4	16-19 (20 for males)	1:45	Must include 5 free hybrids
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For the ease of the Officials, all grade 0-1's and 2's will compete in the same event and all grade 3's and 4's will compete in the same event.

Duets

Figure Grade	Age Group	Time (+/- 5 sec)	Content
0/1	8-12	1:30	Must include 4 free hybrids & 1 pair acrobatic
0/1	13-19 (20 for males)	1:30	Must include 4 free hybrids & 1 pair acrobatic
2	8-12	1:30	Must include 4 free hybrids & 1 pair acrobatic
2	13-19 (20 for males)	1:30	Must include 4 free hybrids & 1 pair acrobatic
3	13-19 (20 for males)	2:00	Must include 4 free hybrids & 2 pair acrobatic
4	16-19 (20 for males)	2:00	Must include 4 free hybrids & 2 pair acrobatic

For the ease of the Officials, all grade 0-1's and 2's will compete in the same event and all grade 3's and 4's will compete in the same event.

For this event, same sex and mixed duets will be judged in the same category and only be eligible for one set of medals.

Order of appearance

The order of appearance for all events shall be selected by a random draw. All qualified grade 0/1 and grade 2 soloists will swim in the same event respective of age and all qualified grade 3 and grade 4 soloists will swim in the same event, with a maximum of 32 swimmers swimming in these groups. The same will apply for duets.

Judging of events & Coach Cards

Coach cards are not required for this event.

Judging of figures will be completed by three (3) panels of five (5) judges (one for each figure for each grade category).

Judging of all routines will be completed by three (3) sets of five (5) judges:

1. Execution
2. Artistic Impression
3. Difficulty

Medals

Medals will be presented for:

1. Combination Teams – ages 9-12, 9-15 (16 for males), 13-15 (16 for males), 13-18 (19 for males) and 15-18 (19 for males)
2. Novice/non-regional standard figures, solo routines and duet routines – Grade 0/1 age 8-12, grade 0/1 age 13-19 (20 for males); grade 2 age 8-12, grade 2 age 13-19 (20 for males), grade 3 age 13-19 (20 for males) and 16-19 (20 for males).

Music

All music information must be registered with The Limited Manufacturing License, Mechanical Copyright Protection Society (MCPS). A copy of the license certificate should be brought to the competition.

All combination team music must be uploaded to the NextCloud account by mid-night on 3rd June 2023. Email links will be issued to all club coaches within seven (7) days of the final entries being received. Late entries will not be accepted resulting in the routine not being able to be swam.

If the sound level of the competitor's accompaniment is found to be incorrect during the deck work the competitor may stop and, after adjustment of the music, restart without penalty.

The accompaniment and judging shall begin upon a signal from the referee. After the signal, the performance shall continue without interruption.

Competition attire

For the figure competition: A plain black one-piece swimsuit (no logos, coloured piping, etc.) and a plain white swim cap (again no logos) must be worn. Goggles and nose clips are permitted.

For routine swims: Team costumes and headdresses should be in good taste and conform to World Aquatics and Swim England Law. Nose clips are permitted - goggles may only be worn if the competitor provides a doctor's note.

Jewellery: Only small studs are permitted. Remove any dangling jewellery before the start of the event. Nail varnish must be removed for the figures competition only, the referee's decision is final.

Make up: Natural make up that represents the athlete's unique personality and/or theme of their routines may be used.

Swimwear: Swimsuits may represent character or theme of the music. No excessive nudity, swimwear must be dignified and appropriate for athletic competition.

Photography

NO photography is to take place in the changing room. Team Managers must make sure your club is aware of and adheres to this rule.

We are all aware of the wide range of devices including mobile telephones which have photographic and filming capabilities. This enables the capture of both static and moving images. It should also be acknowledged that the majority of images taken in a Swim England setting are appropriate and taken in good faith. However, images of children and adults can be misused, and sharing images widely without consent may betray a confidence or identify of a child or adult, which could present a risk of harm to that individual if common sense procedures are not followed.

Parents and carers of participants under the age of 18 who wish to take images are requested to focus on their own children as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in images, particularly if those images are being shared with family and friends or through social media platforms. Whilst it is acknowledged that parents/carers wish to celebrate the achievements of their own children when taking part in aquatic events, it should be recognised and respected that other parents/carers may not wish for their child's image to be taken and shared in this way.

Swim England encourage all spectators and participants at Swim England events to make themselves familiar with the photography and filming arrangements for the event and be vigilant during that event.

Should individuals have any concerns about photography or filming at the event, this should be brought to the immediate attention of a member of the North West Region Artistic Swimming Committee present.

Swim England is committed to ensuring that all children who participate in Swim England activities are able to take part in an enjoyable, safe environment and be safeguarded from harm. If you have any child safeguarding concerns at the event, please contact a North West Region Artistic Swimming Committee Member immediately to disclose your concerns.

Protests

Protests may be made and dealt with as detailed in Swim England Laws.