

From Jane Davies



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Reference ASA Law 411.5- Minimum Age of Competition -Racing

ASA Board has agreed to an amendment to ASA Law 411.5 with immediate effect. See below.

It is recognised that there may be a number of clubs and promoters of competitions who have competitions arranged in the very near future or who are currently part way through a series of competitions therefore it has been agreed that implementation will be from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007.

*411.5 Racing*

*For each category the age specified shall be the age of the swimmer at midnight on the day of the event or the final day of a series of events forming part of one competition whichever is later.*

<i>411.5.1 Events restricted to members of one club.</i>	<i>No minimum age</i>
<i>411.5.2 Inter-club events limited to not more than eight clubs which do not form part of a series of events as in a league.</i>	<i>8 years</i>
<i>411.5.3 Open events, other than in Regional and National Competitions</i>	<i>9 years</i>
<i>411.5.4 Relay events in Regional Competitions</i>	<i>9 years</i>
<i>411.5.5 Individual events in Regional Competitions</i>	<i>10 years</i>
<i>411.5.6 Relay events in National Competitions</i>	<i>10 years</i>
<i>411.5.7 Individual events in National Competitions</i>	<i>11 years</i>

The age of a swimmer at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition is no longer used in the determination of a swimmers age with reference to the minimum ages of competition for any swimming competition.

“A series of events forming part of one competition” as in a League competition does not allow different competitions to be linked. The two, three or four rounds of a particular League team competition should calculate the minimum ages as per the date of the last round. Where results lead onto another competition, then this is NOT part of one competition and the minimum date of the second competition cannot be used for the first competition.

Until 1<sup>st</sup> September there are no exemptions to the existing rules as printed in the 2006 handbook.

Please can you ensure that all the events you are offering within your club competitions comply with ASA Law.

Yours sincerely

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