Invitation Skins Event

Conditions

1. This 'Skins Event' will be a continuous contest. It will commence with 8 competitors and will be a continuous series of races over a distance of 50m.
2. One or more competitors will be eliminated in each round until a winner is determined.
3. Races in each competition will take place following an interval of 3 minutes from the start of the previous race. With the exception of the first start per gender in the competition, which will be the full starting process, thereafter competitors will only receive a warning signal. This will be given 10 seconds prior to the start of the next round.
4. The Event shall take place at Macclesfield Leisure Centre on Sunday 31 January 2027 after the conclusion of Gala 11 of the County Swimming Championships.
5. Skins competitions will be held (Ages as at 31st December 2027) for:
   A. Female (14yrs and under)
   B. Open/Male (14yrs and under)
   C. Female (15yrs and over)
   D. Open/Male (15yrs and over)

   Events (A) and (B) will swim concurrently with a separation of 90 seconds between Female and Open/Male race starts. The Female competition starts first.

   Events (C) and (D) will swim concurrently with a separation of 90 seconds between Female and Open/Male race starts. The Female competition starts first.

   Entry will be by way of invitation only. This invitation will be extended to the fastest 8 Open/Male and 8 Female swimmers in each age group as determined from the results of the 200m Individual Medley event held at the 2027 County Championships.

   Should a qualifying top 8 swimmer(s) not wish to participate then the next fastest swimmer(s) from the results will be invited until 8 swimmers in each event have accepted an invitation.
6. The Prizes for each event will be:

   1st £35, 2nd £25, 3rd £20, 4th £15, 5th £10, 6th £8, 7th £5 ,8th £3

   In addition, there will be a £5 race win bonus for the fastest swimmer in each round contested, plus a further £5 bonus which will be awarded to any competitor who wins consecutive races.
7. Lanes will be allocated based on 'spearheading' in accordance with World Aquatics swimming rules, – the fastest swimmer occupying lane 4. Swimmers are required to swim in their allocated lane whilst they remain in the competition until the final race. The remaining two swimmers will then occupy the centre lanes, should they wish to – the fastest swimmer from the preceding round occupying Lane 4 the second swimmer in Lane 5.

8. The stroke for each individual race will be by random draw from a choice of Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly, and Backstroke. The draw for the stroke to be contested in the first round of each contest will be made by the County President or a nominated representative. Draws for subsequent rounds will be made by the swimmer eliminated from the previous round. If more than one swimmer is eliminated in a round, the draw will be made by the last swimmer eliminated, or by a swimmer nominated by the Referee if two or more competitors were eliminated at the same time.
9. The first race in each contest will commence in accordance with World Aquatics Swimming Rules governing the Start for the selected stroke. Each race shall be over a distance of 50m. At the end of each round competitors must leave the pool prior to the start of the next race for the opposite gender or age group.
10. Subsequent rounds will start at the starting end of the pool, following an interval of 3 minutes from the previous Start. A warning whistle will be blown 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. The starting end shall be the end which was used as the starting end for the 50m events during the 2027 County Championships.
11. In all races swimmers are required to comply with the World Aquatics Swimming Rules regarding Stroke and Finish conditions – failure to do so will lead to elimination by disqualification – any competitor so eliminated will receive any bonus prize monies earned prior to their disqualification and the requisite amount for their position at the time of their elimination.
12. Should there be a dead heat for the fastest swimmer then the race prize money and any bonus money will be shared between all affected swimmers. Except in the event of the final race where Rule 17 will take effect.
13. The slowest competitor in each round shall be eliminated – unless a competitor has been eliminated by disqualification, in which case the slowest competitor remains in the competition and the disqualified swimmer is eliminated.
14. Times achieved by swimmers are not to be used for any other purpose. Determination of the fastest and slowest swimmer will be undertaken by the Referee utilising either Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) or manual Finish Judges, this will be in accordance with World AquaticsSwimming Rules governing placing. Should AOE be used the Referee shall determine whether it operated correctly.
15. 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.
16. Should for any reason the competition have to be halted before its conclusion, it shall restart with a re-swim of the round aborted or continue with the 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 World Aquatics Swimming Rules of the relevant stroke after which all subsequent starts will be in accordance with rules 3 and 10.

17. In the case of a dead heat in the final race, it will be re-swum as an additional round of the same stroke in accordance with the Event conditions. This process will continue within the three-minute cycle until a clear winner has been identified. No additional bonus prize money will be awarded in the event of a dead heat in either the final race or any subsequent races required to determine the overall winner. Only when the winner has been identified will any applicable bonus prize monies be added.
18. Any event or occurrence not covered in these conditions to be determined by the Promoter or Contest Referee.