

British Universities Life Saving Clubs' Association

Championships Rules 2024





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1. Organisation

- 1.1. The 2024 BULSCA Championships (hereafter the Championships) will take place over two days, and will consist of two separate competitions.
 - 1.1.1. The Student Speed Lifesaving Nationals (hereafter the Speeds).
 - 1.1.2. The Student Nationals (hereafter the Nationals).
- 1.2. The Championships will be run according to the BULSCA and ILS rules that are current at the time of the Championships. These will be the current BULSCA Competition Manual and the most recent International Lifesaving Federation (ILS) Competition Rulebook for the Saturday speeds.
- 1.3. By entering the Championships, participating Clubs confirm that all competitors will be wearing FINA approved swimsuits.
- 1.4. The RNLI may be invited to hold a standalone competition within the framework of the Championships. Results for this competition will have no bearing on the results of the Championships, or on the results of its component competitions.
- 1.5. Championships Management (hereafter Management) has the right to implement alterations/changes/amendments to the Rules in order to deliver safe and fair competition. In such cases Management will inform all parties involved.
- 1.6. These Rules supersede all previously published versions of the BULSCA Championships Rules.

2. Club Entries

- 2.1. Each participating Club (defined as for the BULSCA League) may enter as many Championships squads as they wish into the championships.
 - 2.1.1. A Championships Squad is made up of the following parts
 - 2.1.1.1. One (1) Open Squad consisting of up to six (6) open or female competitors.
 - 2.1.1.2. One (1) Female Squad consisting of up to six (6) female competitors.
 - 2.1.1.3. Up to one (1) male or female Reserve for the Open Squad.
 - 2.1.1.4. Up to one (1) female Reserve for the Female Squad.
 - 2.1.1.5. Additional Individual competitors.
 - 2.1.2. An individual may only belong to one Championships squad in any one season.
- 2.2. Each participating Championship Squad must bring a minimum of 8 competitors, not counting Reserves or Individual Competitors.
 - 2.2.1. Entries from Clubs wishing to bring fewer competitors than this will be considered on a case-by-case basis by Management.
- 2.3. Each participating Championship Squad may bring a maximum of 12 competitors, not counting Reserves or Individual Competitors.

2.4. A female who is entered as part of the Open Squad may not also be entered as part of the Female Squad, and may only contribute to the Open Squad scoring during the Speeds.

2.4.1. Female competitors in the Open Squad for the Speeds count as Female for the purposes of Team composition for the Nationals.

2.5. Each individual member of a participating Championship Squad, described in 2.1, *should*

2.5.1. Hold a current RLSS aquatic qualification from the following list: NPLQ, NBLQ, NVBLQ or the NLA bronze (star or medallion) with at least one strand completed. This qualification should be valid for the entirety of the Championships and shown to the Championships Coordinator before the closing date as noted in the Entry Pack.

2.5.1.1. Qualifications from governing bodies other than the RLSS will be considered on a case-by-case basis by Management.

2.5.2. Be at least 18 years of age, unless given special consent by Management.

2.6. Each participating Championship Squad must provide the services helpers, bodies and timekeepers as per 2.6.1 and 2.6.2

2.6.1. Should a participating Championship Squad be competing in the Speeds, they must provide the services of at least two (2) non-competing helpers for the duration of the Speeds and one (1) Timekeeper for each event at the Speeds

2.6.1.1. Judges/Officials will not be considered as a Squad's non-competing helper

2.6.1.2. The timekeeper provided for each event must not be competing in that event

2.6.1.3. At the discretion of Management, the Timekeeper may be required to undertake other tasks helpful to the smooth running of the day

2.6.1.4. At least one (1) of the non-competing helpers should be prepared to undertake a water-based role, and thus should be a competent swimmer (able to swim at least 50m continuously)

2.6.2. Should a participating Championship Squad be competing in the Nationals, they must provide the services of at least one (1) helper/casualty per four (4) competitors for the duration of the Nationals

2.6.2.1. For Squads providing two (2) helpers or more, at least one (1) of these helpers must be prepared for the possibility of undertaking the role of a casualty in the aquatic SERC, and thus should be a competent swimmer (able to swim at least 50m continuously)

2.6.2.2. For the 4x12m Line Throw Relay and the 4x100m Swim and Tow Relay each Championship Squad must provide the services of at least one (1) Timekeeper

2.6.3. Squads failing to meet this criterion may be allowed to compete at the discretion of Management on a case-by-case basis.

2.6.4. Any amendments to the rules as listed 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 will be at the discretion of Management on a case-by-case basis.

2.7. Non-BULSCA affiliated Clubs and Individuals may compete in the Championships at the discretion of Management.

2.8. Participating Championship Squads will be classified as a 'Lead Championship Squad', 'Other Championship Squad', or a 'Non-Eligible Championship Squad'.

2.8.1.A 'Lead Championship Squad' is defined as:

2.8.1.1. From a BULSCA affiliated Club, whose Open and Female Squad competitors (including Reserves) all fulfil the eligibility requirements as set out in the BULSCA Constitution, as current at the advertised entry deadline.

2.8.2. Each BULSCA affiliated Club shall only be allowed one (1) Championship Squad in this category, which shall be declared upon entry.

2.8.3. An 'Other Championships Squad' is defined as:

2.8.3.1. From a BULSCA affiliated Club, whose Open and Female Squad competitors (including Reserves) all fulfil the eligibility requirements as set out in the BULSCA Constitution, who have entered two (2) or more Squads

2.8.3.1.1. All squads other than that declared as the Lead Championship Squad for the Club shall be in this category

2.8.3.2. From a BULSCA affiliated Club, whose Open and Female Squad competitors (including Reserves in the event they replace a squad member) who do not fulfil the eligibility requirements as set out in the BULSCA Constitution, as current at the advertised Club entry deadline.

2.8.4. A 'Non-Eligible Championship Squad' is defined as

2.8.4.1. From a non-BULSCA affiliated Club.

3. Squad and Team Alterations

- 3.1. The ability of a Championship Squad to make alterations to its Open and Female Squads for the Speeds, and to its Teams for the Nationals, is governed according to the following dates.
 - 3.1.1. The deadline for entry times to be submitted, as specified in the Entry Pack.
 - 3.1.2. Registration at the Speeds, as specified in the Entry Pack.
 - 3.1.3. Registration at the Nationals, as specified in the Entry Pack.
- 3.2. Prior to the date specified in 3.1.1
 - 3.2.1. Championship Squads may freely make changes to the competitors and entry times of both their Open and Female Squads for the Speeds (subject to 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3).
 - 3.2.1.1. Changes made to the Open and/or Female Squads shall have no consequences for scoring.
 - 3.2.2. Reserves for the Open and Female Squads (see 2.1.3 and 2.1.4), if any, must be specified in this timeframe in order to be eligible.
- 3.3. Between the dates specified in 3.1.1 and 3.1.2
 - 3.3.1. If a competitor in a Championship Squad's Open or Female Squad wishes to withdraw from the competition, and the Club has a Reserve for that Squad then
 - 3.3.1.1. The Championship Squad may replace the withdrawing Squad member with the Reserve in all Individual and Relay Events in which the replaced Squad member was entered.
 - 3.3.1.1.1. The Championship Squad may, at the discretion of Management, be allowed to amend the entry times for these Events only. Otherwise the Reserve must compete in the same start position as the replaced Squad member.
 - 3.3.1.2. The Reserve *may* still compete in Individual Events at the Speeds in which they entered as an Individual competitor.
 - 3.3.1.2.1. If this causes a duplicate entry to an Event, the Reserve's original entry time shall be used.
 - 3.3.1.3. The replaced Squad member may *not* compete as part of either the Open or Female Squads for that Club at the Speeds.
 - 3.3.1.4. The replaced Squad member may *not* compete for any of the Club's Teams at the Nationals.
 - 3.3.1.5. The replaced Squad member *may* still compete in Individual Events at the Speeds in which they entered as an Individual competitor.
 - 3.3.1.6. The Championship Squad's scoring at the Speeds and Nationals shall be unaffected.

- 3.3.1.7. The Championship Squad may *not* specify a new Reserve for Squads from which the Reserve has been used as a replacement.
- 3.3.2. If a competitor in a Championship Squad's Open or Female Squad wishes to withdraw from the competition, and the Club does *not* have a Reserve for that Squad then
 - 3.3.2.1. No substitution will be permitted in Individual Events including due to injuries sustained by competitors.
 - 3.3.2.2. The Championship Squad may, at the discretion of Management, be permitted to substitute another member of the same Squad (Open or Female) into Relay Event teams that included the withdrawing competitor.
 - 3.3.2.3. The withdrawing Squad member may *not* compete as part of either the Open or Female Squads for that Club at the Speeds.
 - 3.3.2.4. The withdrawing Squad member may *not* compete for any of the Club's Teams at the Nationals.
- 3.4. Between the dates specified in 3.1.2 and 3.1.3
 - 3.4.1. If a competitor in a Championship Squad's Open or Female Squad wishes to withdraw from the competition, and the Club has a Reserve for that Squad then
 - 3.4.1.1. The Championship Squad may replace the withdrawing Squad member with the Reserve in all remaining Individual and Relay Events in which the replaced Squad member was entered.
 - 3.4.1.1.1. The Reserve must compete under the same entry time and in the same start position as the replaced Squad member.
 - 3.4.1.1.2. The Reserve may win awards in these Individual Events.
 - 3.4.1.1.3. The Championship Squad may, at the discretion of Management, be permitted to replace the withdrawing Squad member with another member of the appropriate Squad in Relay Events *only*.
 - 3.4.1.2. The Reserve *may* still compete in Individual Events at the Speeds in which they entered as an Individual competitor.
 - 3.4.1.2.1. If this causes a duplicate entry to an Event, the Reserve's original entry time shall be used.
 - 3.4.1.3. The Reserve will be discounted from the results for the purposes of Squad scoring for the Speeds.
 - 3.4.1.4. Relay Event teams containing the Reserve will score as if no team had been entered.
 - 3.4.1.4.1. If permitted to substitute another Squad member under 3.4.1.1.3, the Relay Event team will score as normal.

- 3.4.1.5. The replaced Squad member may *not* compete as part of either the Open or Female Squads for any Championship Squad in remaining Events at the Speeds.
- 3.4.1.6. The replaced Squad member may *not* compete in any remaining Individual Events at the Speeds in which they entered as an Individual competitor.
- 3.4.1.7. The replaced Squad member may *not* compete for any of the Championship Squad's Teams at the Nationals.
- 3.4.1.8. The Reserve *must* be included in one of the Club's Teams for the Nationals if the total number of remaining competitors from the Championship Squad, including the Reserve, is a multiple of four (4).
- 3.4.1.9. Scoring for the Nationals for Teams containing one (1) or more Reserves will be unaffected, and such Teams will be able to win awards at the Nationals.
 - 3.4.1.9.1. Such Teams will count as ineligible for Championship Squad scoring from the Nationals.
- 3.4.2. If a competitor in a Championship Squad's Open or Female Squad wishes to withdraw from the competition, and the Club does *not* have a Reserve for that Squad then
 - 3.4.2.1. No substitution for the withdrawing Squad member will be permitted in remaining Individual Events under any circumstances. This includes injuries sustained by competitors on the day of the Speeds.
 - 3.4.2.2. Under normal circumstances, no substitution will be permitted in teams for remaining Relay Events.
 - 3.4.2.2.1. The Championship Squad may, in extraordinary circumstances and at the discretion of Management, be permitted to replace the withdrawing Squad member with another member of the appropriate Squad in remaining Relay Events *only*.
 - 3.4.2.3. No substitution will be permitted in Teams for the Nationals, under any circumstances, including due to injuries sustained by competitors on the day of the speeds.
 - 3.4.2.4. The withdrawing Squad member may *not* compete as part of either the Male or Female Squads for that Championship Squad at the Speeds.
 - 3.4.2.5. The withdrawing Squad member may *not* compete for any of the Club's Teams at the Nationals.
- 3.5. After the date specified in 3.1.3
 - 3.5.1. If a competitor in one of a Championship Squad's Teams wishes to withdraw from the competition, and the Club has a Reserve of either sex that is not already competing, then

- 3.5.1.1. The Championship Squad may replace the withdrawing Team member with the Reserve in all remaining Events at the Nationals.
- 3.5.1.2. A Team containing one (1) or more Reserves will score as if disqualified from remaining Events at the Nationals.
- 3.5.1.3. A Team containing one (1) or more Reserves will still be considered eligible for Championship Squad scoring from the Nationals.
- 3.5.1.4. The replaced Team member may *not* compete as part of another Team in the remaining Events at the Nationals.
- 3.5.2. If a competitor in one of a Championship Squad's Teams wishes to withdraw from the competition, and the Club does *not* have a Reserve that is not already competing, then
 - 3.5.2.1. No substitution will be permitted in any of the remaining Events at the Nationals under any circumstances, including due to injuries sustained by competitors on the day.
 - 3.5.2.2. The Team may continue to take part in the remaining Events, but will score as if disqualified from those Events.
 - 3.5.2.3. The Team will still be considered eligible for Championship Squad scoring from the Nationals.
 - 3.5.2.4. The withdrawing Team member may *not* compete as part of another Team in the remaining Events at the Nationals.
- 3.6. All changes made under 3.3.1, 3.4.1 and 3.5.1 must be authorised by Management. If unauthorised changes are made at any point between the date specified in 3.1.1 and the end of the final Event at the Nationals, then
 - 3.6.1. On a Club's first (1st) offence, the Squad or Team in which the changes have been made will be disqualified from all Events in which the changes would have taken effect and the Team Manager informed.
 - 3.6.2. On a Club's second (2nd) offence, then they will be disqualified from the Championships. The Teams' University and Athletic Union, as well as any relevant governing bodies, will also be notified of the offences committed.

4. Student Speed Lifesaving Nationals

4.1. The Speeds will consist of both Individual and Relay Events:

4.1.1. The Individual Events shall be

- 4.1.1.1. 12.5m Line Throw
- 4.1.1.2. 50m Manikin Carry
- 4.1.1.3. 100m Manikin Carry with Fins
- 4.1.1.4. 100m Manikin Tow with Fins
- 4.1.1.5. 100m Rescue Medley
- 4.1.1.6. 200m Super Lifesaver
- 4.1.1.7. 200m Obstacles

4.1.2. The Relay Events shall be

- 4.1.2.1. 4x10m Line Throw Relay
- 4.1.2.2. 4x50m Obstacles Relay
- 4.1.2.3. 4x50m Pool Lifesaver Relay
- 4.1.2.4. 4x25m Manikin Carry Relay
- 4.1.2.5. 4x50m Rescue Medley Relay

4.1.3. The Individual and Relay events shall be run in the following order:

- 4.1.3.1. 4x10m Line Throw Relay
- 4.1.3.2. 12.5m Line Throw
- 4.1.3.3. 200m Obstacles
- 4.1.3.4. 4x50m Obstacles Relay
- 4.1.3.5. 50m Manikin Carry
- 4.1.3.6. 4x25m Manikin Carry Relay
- 4.1.3.7. 100m Manikin Carry with Fins
- 4.1.3.8. 100m Rescue Medley
- 4.1.3.9. 4x50m Pool Lifesaver Relay
- 4.1.3.10. 200m Super Lifesaver
- 4.1.3.11. 100m Manikin Tow with Fins
- 4.1.3.12. 4x50m Rescue Medley Relay
- 4.1.3.13. The above order can be altered in line with 4.14

4.2. All Events shall be run in accordance with the ILS Competition Rules that are current at the time that the Championships are held.

- 4.3. All Individual and Relay Events will be contested separately by the Open and Female Squads.
 - 4.3.1. Teams for Relay Events will consist of 4 members of the appropriate Squad. All members must be from the same Squad.
 - 4.3.2. Mixed teams from the Male Squad may be entered for the Relay Events, and will compete in the Male Squad event.
- 4.4. A competitor may not compete in both Open and Female denominations of any Event.
- 4.5. A competitor may not duplicate an entry to any Event.
- 4.6. A competitor can only enter the Individual 12.5m Line Throw as either a rescuer or a catcher.
 - 4.6.1. Taking the role of catcher fulfils the requirement of 4.9 for Squad members.
- 4.7. For each of the Individual Events, a Championship Squad may enter up to two (2) competitors from the appropriate Squad into each of the Male and Female categories and only 2 will be counting.
 - 4.7.1. For the 12.5m Line Throw a club may enter two pairs of rescuers and catchers
- 4.8. For each of the Relay Events, a Championship Squad may enter only one (1) scoring team from the appropriate Squad into each of the Male and Female categories.
 - 4.8.1. The Championship Squad may also enter additional teams into Relay Events, in both the Open and Female categories.
 - 4.8.1.1. These teams can be made up of members of the appropriate Squad, and/or Individual Competitors, from that Club, of the appropriate sex.
 - 4.8.1.2. These teams will not count towards Club Scoring for the Speeds, but may win awards.
 - 4.8.1.3. If the Championship Squad chooses to enter additional teams into a Relay Event, the Club must designate the scoring team (if more than one team is eligible) for the Relay Event by the deadline for submission of entry times. The designated scoring team must consist entirely of Squad members.
- 4.9. Each Squad member *must* participate in an individual event. Squad members that do not meet this requirement will be counted as non-participating with regards to Championships scoring (see section 8).
- 4.10. Squad members may enter as Individual speed entrants in additional Individual Events where the Squad's two (2) places have already been allocated.
 - 4.10.1. These entries must be made and confirmed by the entry deadline.
 - 4.10.2. These entries are subject to rules 4.2 and 4.3
 - 4.10.3. Female competitors entered as part of an open squad may enter as individual speed entrants into female events, subject to rules 4.4 and 4.5.

- 4.11.A Championship Squad's Reserves may compete in Individual Events by entering separately (see Entry Pack).
- 4.11.1. These entries may be made at any time before the entry deadline specified in the Entry Pack, but will be dealt with on a first-come first-served basis.
- 4.12.Individual competitors (both affiliated with a specific Club, and non-affiliated), who are not part of a Squad (including Reserves), may compete in Individual Events by entering separately (see Entry Pack).
- 4.12.1. These entries may be made at any time before the entry deadline specified in the Entry Pack, but will be dealt with on a first-come first-served basis.
- 4.12.2. Individual competitors must understand that Management may not be able to accommodate them in all the speed events.
- 4.12.3. These competitors may, if demonstrably affiliated with a participating Championship Squad at the time of Entry, be included in non-scoring Relay Event teams under 4.8.1.
- 4.13.All eligible competitors may obtain a Student Record. However this has no effect on the Championships results, and will add no points to the Club's score if achieved by a Squad member.
- 4.13.1. To be eligible to set a Student Record, the competitor must fulfil the eligibility requirements set out in the BULSCA Constitution, as current at the advertised Club entry deadline.
- 4.14.If, owing to delays caused by faulty equipment or emergency situations, there is insufficient time to hold all of the Events detailed in 4.1, then Management may
- 4.14.1. Postpone one (1) or more Events until the date of the National.
- 4.14.2. Cancel one (1) or more Events.
- 4.14.3. Alter the order in 4.1.3
- 4.15.If a competitor is judged, by the Head Referee, to be breaking the Code of Conduct as described in Section 1.1.3 of the BULSCA Competitions Manual, then
- 4.15.1. If it is the competitors first (1st) offence, then
- 4.15.1.1. If during an Individual Event, the competitor will be disqualified from that Event.
- 4.15.1.2. If during a Relay Event, the competitor and their Relay team will be disqualified from that Event.
- 4.15.2. If it is the competitor's second (2nd) offence, then
- 4.15.2.1. The competitor will be disqualified from all Events in the Speeds. No substitution by a Reserve will be permitted if the Events have yet to take place.



4.15.2.2. Any Relay Event teams containing the disqualified competitor will be disqualified. The competitor's club may, at the discretion of Management, be permitted to substitute another member of the appropriate Squad for the disqualified competitor in Relay Events subsequent to the Event in which 4.15 was applied.

4.16. If more than one competitor from a single Club becomes subject to 4.15, then all Club members will be disqualified from all Events at the Speeds. The Teams' University and Athletic Union, as well as any relevant governing bodies, will also be notified of the offences committed.

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5. Student Nationals

- 5.1. The Nationals will consist of the following Events, held in the following order:
 - 5.1.1.A Dry Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC)
 - 5.1.2.An Aquatic Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC)
 - 5.1.3.A 4x12m Line Throw Relay
 - 5.1.4.A 4x100m Swim and Tow Relay
- 5.2. These events will be run in accordance with the BULSCA Competitions Manual that is current at the time that the Championships are held.
- 5.3. Each Championship Squad shall create up to three (3) Teams of four (4) from its Male and Female Squads according to the rules and requirements in the BULSCA Competitions Manual.
 - 5.3.1.Any Team meeting the entry requirements detailed in the BULSCA Competitions Manual may count towards scoring for the Nationals.
- 5.4. To count towards the overall Championships scoring a team must:
 - 5.4.1.Be formed from members of the Male and Female Squads from the Speeds.
 - 5.4.1.1. These can be members of the Squads entered at Registration, or Reserves if those Reserves were substituted for Squad members using the rules outlined in section 3.
 - 5.4.2.Be formed from competitors who have fulfilled rule 4.9
- 5.5. The naming of teams A, B, C is arbitrary, and any Team can score points for the Championships.
- 5.6. All Teams must register on the morning of the Nationals.
- 5.7. Whilst Teams are not required to state their members until registration at the Nationals, any Team wishing to be seeded must enter a time in advance of the deadline.
- 5.8. Events postponed from the Speeds (see 4.14) will be held after *all* of the Events detailed in 5.1 have been held.
 - 5.8.1.If there is insufficient time to hold the postponed Speeds Events, then they will be cancelled.
- 5.9. If a competitor is judged, by the Head Referee or designate, to be breaking the Code of Conduct as described in Section 1.2 of the BULSCA Competition Manual – Part 1, then
 - 5.9.1.If it is the competitor's first offence, then the competitor and their Team will be disqualified from that Event.
 - 5.9.1.1. If the Team is already disqualified from the Event owing to the withdrawal of a Team member, then the Team will not be permitted to compete in the 4x12m Line Throw Relay and 4x100m Swim and Tow Relay if they have yet to take place.

5.9.2.If it is the competitor's second offence, then the competitor and their Team will be disqualified from the Nationals. The Teams' University and Athletic Union, as well as any relevant governing bodies, will also be notified of the offences committed.

6. RNLI Competition

- 6.1. The RNLI competition will be run as a distinct competition to the Championships, should it occur in the current year
- 6.2. The RNLI competition will consist of either a wet SERC or a dry SERC.
- 6.3. The scoring of the RNLI competition will have no bearing on the scoring of the Championships or its component competitions.
- 6.4. An award will be presented to the highest scoring team in the RNLI competition.
- 6.5. The Teams shall be the same as those that were declared for the National.

7. Seeding

- 7.1. Seeding shall be used at the Championships, for both the Speeds and the Nationals.
 - 7.1.1. Competitors and Teams shall be seeded according to their entry times in both competitions.
- 7.2. Entry times can be submitted for both Individual and Relay Events in the Speeds through the online entry form at www.bulsc.co.uk
- 7.3. Competitors and Relay teams who do not submit an entry time for an Event shall be considered to have the equal slowest times for that Event.
- 7.4. Non-BULSCA affiliated competitors shall be included in the seeding process for Individual Events in the Speeds
- 7.5. Placement of competitors with identical times, and placement of those without times, shall be determined by a draw
- 7.6. Entry times for the 4x100m Swim and Tow Relay in the Nationals should be submitted on the entry form in the relevant section
- 7.7. Seeding for both the 4x12m Line Throw Relay and 4x100m Swim and Tow Relay in the Nationals shall be carried out using the entry times for the 4x100m Swim and Tow Relay.
- 7.8. The order in which Teams compete in the Dry SERC and Wet SERC shall be determined by an independent, random draw, applicable to both SERCs.
- 7.9. Heats in Individual and Relay Events in the Speeds, and heats in the 4x12m Line Throw Relay and 4x100m Swim and Tow Relay in the Nationals, shall be assigned as follows:
 - 7.9.1. If there is only one (1) heat, lanes will be assigned as detailed in 7.10
 - 7.9.2. If there are two (2) or more heats, then Individuals or Teams in that event will be divided by entry time into groups of the same number as the number of available lanes, starting at the Individual or Team with the fastest entry time.
 - 7.9.2.1. The fastest group of Individuals or Teams shall be seeded in the last heat according to assignment of lanes detailed in 8.10.
 - 7.9.2.2. The second fastest group of Individuals or Teams shall be seeded in the second last heat, and so on.
 - 7.9.2.3. This shall continue until all competitors have been allocated a heat and lane according to their submitted entry times.
 - 7.9.3. Management may make minor alterations to the seeding where there are multiple heats in order to balance the number of competitors in each heat.
 - 7.9.4. Under normal practice each heat will have a minimum of half of the number of available lanes being filled.
- 7.10. Lanes in each heat shall be assigned as follows:
 - 7.10.1. The Individual or Team in that heat with the fastest entry time shall be placed in the central lane of the pool.

7.10.1.1. If there is no central lane, the Individual or Team shall be placed in whichever of the lanes next to the center of the pool has the lower lane number.

7.10.2. The Individual or Team in that heat with the second fastest entry time shall be placed in the lane with one higher lane number than the lane selected in 7.10.1

7.10.3. Further Individuals or Teams shall then be placed alternately in lanes with lower and higher lane numbers than the lane selected in 7.10.1.

7.11. Management will undertake a draw to determine the male and female legs of the Pool Lifesaver Relay one week prior to the event and communicated to competitors.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. Scoring will be carried out to determine separate rankings for the Speeds and the Nationals. These shall then be combined to produce an overall ranking for the Championships.
- 8.2. In the Speeds, scoring shall proceed as follows
 - 8.2.1. Certificates will be awarded to the individuals or teams with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd fastest times in each of the Individual and Relay Events. All competitors, from all types of Championships Squads are eligible for these certificates.
 - 8.2.2. Open and Female Squads will be scored separately. Each Individual Event and Relay Event in the Speeds will be weighted equally at one (1).
 - 8.2.3. In each Individual Event only the highest placed Open and Female Squad members from each Championships Squad will be considered for the appropriate Male or Female Squad scoring.
 - 8.2.3.1. These competitors are ranked according to their finishing time in the Event.
 - 8.2.3.2. Competitors who do not start the Event are ranked below those competitors who were disqualified.
 - 8.2.3.3. Each Squad scores a number of points equal to the ranking of its competitor.
 - 8.2.3.3.1. Where ties exist, points are awarded equally at the lowest ranking
 - 8.2.3.4. If a Squad declines to enter any competitors into an Individual Event, they will score as if neither of their competitors started the Event.
 - 8.2.3.5. If an Event was cancelled (see 4.14 and 5.8), that event shall be ignored for the purposes of scoring.
 - 8.2.4. In each Relay Event, the Open and Female Squads score a number of points equal to the finishing position of their Relay team.
 - 8.2.4.1. Where ties exist, points are awarded equally at the lowest ranking
 - 8.2.4.2. If a Squad declines to enter a team into a Relay Event, they will score as if their team had not started the Event.
 - 8.2.5. The scores from all the Open Events (both Individual and Relay) in the Speeds are summed to determine a ranking for the Open Squads. Lowest total score wins.
 - 8.2.5.1. Medals shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed Open Squads
 - 8.2.5.2. Squads from all types of Championships Squads are able to win these medals.
 - 8.2.5.2.1. For the purpose of awarding Medals, ties shall be broken according to the number of times each Squad has achieved 1 point in individual events only. Should a tie still exist the number of times each Squad

has achieved 2 points will be considered, then 3 points etc. until all positions have been considered.

8.2.5.2.2. Should a tie still exist after applying 8.2.5.2.1 then 8.2.5.2.1 shall be applied to the results for the relay events only.

8.2.5.3. Where ties exist in the Open Squad ranking, the positions are awarded equally at the lowest for the purpose of the Overall squad result in 8.2.7.2.1

8.2.6. The scores from all of the Female Events (both Individual and Relay) are summed to determine a ranking for the Female Squads. Lowest total score wins.

8.2.6.1. Medals shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed Female Squads.

8.2.6.2. Squads from all types of Championships Squads are able to win these medals.

8.2.6.2.1. For the purpose of awarding Medals, ties shall be broken according to the number of times each Squad has achieved 1 point in individual events only. Should a tie still exist the number of times each Squad has achieved 2 points will be considered, then 3 points etc. until all positions have been considered.

8.2.6.2.2. Should a tie still exist after applying 8.2.6.2.1 then 8.2.6.2.1 shall be applied to the results for the relay events only.

8.2.6.3. Where ties exist in the Female Squad ranking, the positions are awarded equally at the lowest for the purpose of the Overall squad result in 8.2.7.2.1

8.2.7. The scores (not rankings) from a Championships Squad's Open and Female Squads are summed to determine an overall Championships Squad ranking for the Speeds. Lowest total score wins.

8.2.7.1. Only Lead Championships Squad will be considered. The positions in the ranking of other types of Squad will be calculated for their reference.

8.2.7.1.1. Medals and a trophy shall be awarded to the 1st placed Championships Squad, medals shall be presented to 2nd and 3rd Placed Squads.

8.2.7.2.

8.2.7.2.1. For the purpose of awarding Trophies, ties shall be broken through summing the ranking of each of the Championships Squad Open and Female squads.

8.2.7.2.2. Should a tie still exist after applying 8.2.7.2.1. the lowest ranking from either the Open or Female Squads will be compared. The Championships Squad with the lowest ranking will be awarded the trophy.

8.2.7.2.3. Should a tie still exist after applying 8.2.7.2.2. it will be broken according to the number of times each Championships Squad has achieved 1 point in individual events only. Should a tie still exist the number of times each Club has achieved 2 points will be considered, then 3 points etc. until all positions have been considered.

8.2.7.2.4. Should a tie still exist after applying 8.2.7.2.3 then the sum of the Championships Squads' relay results shall be considered, with the Club with the lowest total being awarded the medals

8.2.7.2.5. Should a tie still exist after applying 8.2.5.2.2 then 8.2.7.3 shall be applied to the results for the relay events only.

8.2.7.3. Where ties exist in the overall Championships Squad ranking for the Speeds, the positions are awarded equally at the lowest position for the purpose of the Championships results in 8.4.2

8.2.7.4. As a mixed gender event, the Pool Lifesaver Relay results will only contribute towards Speed Club rankings as per 8.2.7. The Pool Lifesaver Relay will not count towards 8.2.5 and 8.2.6.

8.3. In the Nationals, scoring shall proceed as follows

8.3.1. The Aquatic SERC will carry a weighting of two (2). All other events will be weighted one (1).

8.3.2. Certificates will be awarded to the Teams with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd highest scores in both the Aquatic and Dry SERCs, 4x12m Rope Throw and 4 x 100m Swim and Tow Relay. All Teams, from all types of Championships Squads are eligible for these certificates.

8.3.3. For each Event, Teams shall be awarded points in accordance with the procedure detailed in the BULSCA Competition Manual – Part 1, section 3.1.2

8.3.4. The scores from all Events are summed to determine a ranking for the Nationals. Lowest total score wins.

8.3.4.1. Medals shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placed Teams. All Teams, from all types of Championships Squads, are able to win these Medals.

8.3.4.2. In addition, the highest ranked Team from a Lead Championships Squad as ranked against only Teams from Lead Championships Squads, will be awarded a trophy.

8.3.5. The Club placing in the Nationals is determined as follows.

8.3.5.1. Only Lead Championships Squad (see 2.8.1) will be considered. The position of other types of Championships Squads will be calculated for their reference.

8.3.5.2. If a Championship Squad has three (3) eligible Teams, the Team that placed lowest in the final Nationals results is removed.

8.3.5.3. All remaining Teams are re-ranked.

8.3.5.4. The resulting rank for each Championships Squad's two (2) remaining teams is summed to give a total score (e.g. 3rd & 6th = 9 points).

8.3.5.5. Championship Squads are ranked according to their scores, with lowest score winning.

8.3.5.5.1. Where ties exist in the Championships Squad ranking, the positions are awarded equally at the lowest position.

8.4. For the BULSCA Championships Shield, scoring shall proceed as follows.

8.5. Medals shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placed Squads and a Shield presented to the first (1st) placed Squad.

8.6. Only Lead Championships Squads will be considered. The position in the ranking of other squad types will be calculated for their reference.

8.6.1. Points are awarded to each Squad equal to the rank that they achieved in both the Speeds and the Nationals, and summed.

8.6.1.1. This is the rank when only Lead Championships Squad members are considered

8.6.1.2. Should they not have competed in any section it will be assumed that they have finished last

8.6.2. Clubs are ranked by their total score, with lowest score winning.

8.6.2.1. Ties will be broken for the medal positions only. This will be done by the placement achieved by the Squad in the Nationals.

8.7. A Community Shield, if available, will be presented to the following team:

8.7.1. Only Non-Eligible Championships Squads will be considered.

8.7.2. Points are awarded to each Club equal to the rank that they achieved in both the Speeds and the Nationals, and summed.

8.7.2.1. This is the rank when only Non-Championships members are considered

8.7.2.2. Should they not have competed in any section it will be assumed that they have finished last

8.7.3. Clubs are ranked by their total score, with lowest score winning.

8.7.3.1. Ties will be broken for the medal positions only. This will be done by the placement achieved by the Squad in the Nationals.

9. Protests and Appeals

9.1. Any protests and appeals will be handled as per the BULSCA Competition Manual current at the time that the Championships are held.

10. Accommodation

- 10.1. Accommodation is arranged by Management and is optional as to whether club competitors, club helpers, other helpers and officials stay here
- 10.2. Any persons staying in the accommodation should adhere to the rules as agreed by the accommodation provider and Management:
 - 10.2.1. Smoking is forbidden in or around the building. Any persons wishing to smoke should do so off site
 - 10.2.2. Alcohol and illegal substances cannot be bought onto the premises
 - 10.2.3. The venue will be kept clean and tidy throughout the weekend
 - 10.2.4. Items may be left in the accommodation over the weekend at the owner's risk, Unless specified differently by the accommodation venue. It is recommended by Management that any valuables should be kept in lockers at the competition venue.
 - 10.2.5. All noise should be kept to a minimum past 11.30pm (23:30).
 - 10.2.6. In the event that an individual causes damage to the accommodation, that individual will be liable for any costs related to the repair of the damage.
- 10.3. In the event that an individual (either competitor, helper, or judge) affiliated with a club does not adhere to the rule outlined in 10.2, the affiliate club may risk disqualification at the discretion of Management.