

OPEN MEETS - A GUIDE TO LICENSING

Open meets do not have to be licensed, but where they are specific ASA guidelines must be followed. If licensed they are graded level 1-4. Results from these are submitted to the ASA for inclusion on the National Rankings database.

LEVEL ONE MEETS

Are intended for qualifying for National and Regional Championships.

Minimum entry times apply equivalent to the ASA 'A' Grade qualifying times
Pools must be either 25m or 50m long

LEVEL TWO MEETS

Are intended for qualifying for Regional and National Championships, however with effect from 2009, for the Essex Swimming Championships [*formerly the Senior/Junior Championships*] – entry times will also need to be obtained at Level 1 and 2 Licensed Meets

Qualifying Times and Upper Limit times apply. Upper qualifying times for these meets should not be faster than the National qualifying time for the respective age group

Pools must be 25m or 50m long

LEVEL THREE MEETS

Are intended for qualifying for County Championships, and level one and two meets. Although swimmers who achieve a Regional Qualifying Time at a level three meet may use that time for entry into their Regional Championships.

Qualifying Times and Upper Limit times apply.

Pools must be 25m, 33m or 50m long.

These galas are aimed at B/C Grade swimmers

LEVEL FOUR MEETS

Are intended for club swimmers and those beginning to enter individual open competition

Qualifying Times apply. Upper Limit times usually apply.

Pools must be at least 25m long

Further details about licensed meets can be found on the [ASA Website](#) under Swimming Calendar and Competition information.

QUALIFYING TIMES AND UPPER LIMIT TIMES.

Qualifying times – are set as a minimum time that swimmers must have achieved to enter an event.

Upper Limit times – swimmers must not have swum a time faster than the upper limit time to swim at this level of open meet.

If you enter a time **outside** of these times, your entry will be **rejected**.