



MIDLAND SWIMMING 2017 AGE GROUPS & MASTERS OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS



(under ASA Laws and Regulations and FINA Technical Rules of Open Water Swimming)
BOSWORTH WATER LEICESTERSHIRE, SUNDAY 2nd JULY 2017

Referees Statement re recording the race finish of the 1.5k

Sorry about the delay in the publication of the official results for this event. We have reviewed the results for the 1.5K event and have compiled the final results from all the evidence we had. We apologise for any frustration or disappointment the delay and review of the results has caused however we are happy that this is the final, and most accurate, result that we can produce.

The 1.5K Men's race had two results published on the day and the second 'reworked' result is in fact the best correct result. The reason that we had to republish the results is that the first publication had a swimmer placed in two positions, which had caused the initial result to be wrongly declared.

Although results cannot be appealed, as they are a statement of fact, we, as the lead officials, have reviewed the results in light of the enquires that have been received, due to the confusion over the publication of two results on the day. We have reviewed the evidence of the raw observations of the finish judges and have found that they have no discrepancies in their records that do not support the final result declared. Because there was a swimmer placed in two positions the results recording system awarded them the higher position, however it was found that they had in fact finished in the lower position as supported by the placings of all the judges. Because of this clarification of the finishing position of that swimmer the position of another swimmer was rightly altered which caused the result for the 14-Year-Old men to change on the re-publication.

The 1.5K Women's results have had a full review by the referees as there was clearly some difficulty in producing an accurate result initially for several reasons. We are now happy that we have as accurate as possible result as we can produce. We have reviewed the results by looking at the available reliable evidences from the placings, these are the raw recorded observations from the finish judges, as well as the multiple corroborating statements of swimmers giving the names of the swimmers that they cross the finish line with. Some of the enquires we received included times and placements within specific age groups as the cause of the enquiries, however this is something that cannot be, has not and will not be considered as evidence as to the results of an open water race.

We apologise for any disappointment these official results cause.

We welcome any observations from swimmers or spectators as to their experience of the event, and are always looking at ways to improve the event.

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