

Seahorse Swim 2017 Entry Conditions

Date: 31/01/2017

Only members of the British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) are covered for personal injury risks for this swim. All other competitors take part entirely at their own risk. Personal accident insurance included with Amateur Swimming Association will not apply as this is not an ASA event. Insurance provided by other parties may or may not cover competitors for this event – competitors relying on insurance from other parties must check with the other insurer if not taking BLDSA day membership. Swimmers should therefore make or review their own arrangements if they require personal insurance cover.

Non BLDSA members can be offered temporary BLDSA membership, for the day, on a payment of £3.00 and paid to EDOWSC with their entry.

There is no personal accident insurance cover for swimmers over 80 years, nor swimmers who are not members of the BLDSA.

Restricted cover for BLDSA members aged between 65 and 80 years of age.

Only UK residents are covered by BLDSA Civil Liability and Personal Accident policies. Any competitors from overseas should obtain cover from their own governing bodies or take out individual insurance for Open Water Swimming. The BLDSA and East Dorset Open Water Swimming Club will assume that any non-UK resident has undertaken to obtain their own insurance and are confirming this by entry to the event.

Swimmers aged 16-17 on day of swim must ensure their responsible parent / guardian signs for them.

The organisation and timing of this event shall be under the direct control of East Dorset Open Water Swim Club organisers, Referee and Safety Officers and their decision will be final in all matters, which may include postponing the Start and changing the course layout / distance if necessary for safety considerations.

Minimum age for participation – 16 years.

The entry fee is non-transferable and non-returnable in the event of bad weather cancellation, swimmer withdrawal or failure to complete secondary registration and attend mandatory safety briefing.

Any change of entry category after the closing date will incur a £5 administration fee.

CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY 31/05/17 or earlier if entry limit is reached in which case reserves will be added to a waiting list. Paid-up reserves will only be accepted if confirmed swimmers withdraw and numbers allow.

Entries will be on a strictly first come first served basis and must be accompanied by the entry fee.

Cut off time for the event is 2 hours. Any swimmers still swimming after this time will do so at the discretion of the Safety Officer and his or her Safety Crew.

The Safety Officer and his/her Safety Crew has the right to remove swimmers from the water at any time from the start of the swim on grounds of safety.

The organisers reserve the right to restrict anyone using swim aids.

Competitor Declaration:

I am aware of the risks inherent with open water swimming. I am able to swim a minimum of 2km (1.24 miles) or 3.8km, (2.36 miles) as appropriate in open water conditions and confident in my ability to complete the sea swim in the given time.

(East Dorset Open Water Swimming Club recommends that competitors undertake open water training in the sea. Should pool based training be used, it is suggested that you are able to comfortably swim a minimum of twice the distance of the open water distance i.e. 4km and 7.6km – this is due to the more arduous nature of sea based open water swimming.)

I undertake to train for and compete in this event at my own risk and hereby waive any and all rights to claim for loss or damages against East Dorset Open Water Swimming Club or any individuals officiating, organising or supervising the Seahorse Swim 2017 arising out of my participation in the event, for any injury (including death), illness, and accident to my person, or loss of property resulting from any cause whatsoever.

I have not been informed by any medical practitioner and I have no knowledge of any medical condition which would make it inadvisable for me to compete in this event. Any medical condition, medication, illness or disability should be noted in the online entry form; failure to do so may disqualify the entrant on the day of the swim (a medical certificate may be required at the discretion of the organisers).

I understand that only UK residents are covered by BLDSA Civil Liability and Personal Accident policies and that any members from overseas should obtain cover from their own governing bodies or take out individual insurance for Open Water Swimming. I will provide evidence of such cover to the BLDSA and East Dorset Open Water Swimming Club with my application to enter if requested.

I will complete a secondary registration at the Registration Desk on 2 July 2017 between 8am and 9am and attend the safety and race briefings prior to the start of the swim and will thoroughly read the safety information given to me prior to / at registration.

I understand that the swim takes place from a public beach and that photographic images and video from the event, start, finishes and presentations may be taken and used in news publications and on edowsc.org.

I understand that entry for either swim distance is non-transferable and competitor times will be recorded accordingly.

I guarantee that the entry information I have provided is correct.