

A brief explanation of the Championship & Age Groups competitions for Sussex County galas. All ages are as at 31st December.

There are a number of different competitions which are run alongside each other within the County Calendar.

All competitors at County Galas are automatically included in any event they are eligible for.

The current county calendar has provision for the following competitions.

1/ Individual Championships competition for Juniors (U/16) & Senior(16+). *(County Championships only)*

2/ Top Club competition. *(County Championships)*

3/ Relay top club competition. *(County Relay gala)*

4/ Age group Top Club Competition. *(County Championships only)*

5/ Individual age group points competitions. *(All county events except Development gala)*

Individual County Championships

Senior Champions are the winners of any 16+ Final held or the fastest overall swimmer in 16+ category of HDW events.

Junior Champions are the fastest overall Junior (Under 16 in any age group final or in HDW events.

*A Junior swimmer is Under 16 on the **gala qualifying day**, (ie 31st December)*

Championship Top Club Competition

Champion Club competition points are awarded to the clubs represented by the top 8 swimmers in every Championship event as 8pts 1st - 1pt 8th.

All of these points are awarded from Championship finals and then by countback through heats if necessary.

In HDW events the points are awarded on the results as published as 8pts 1st - 1pt 8th.

If held in a 6 lane pool then the points will be 6pts for 1st down to 1pt for 6th

Relay Top Club Competition

Relay competition points are awarded to the clubs whose teams make a final in the competition as 8pts for 1st down to 1pt for 8th. If held in a 6 lane pool then the points will be 6pts for 1st down to 1pt for 6th

All relays on the day, both Championship & age group are included.

The club with the highest overall points total will be declared the winner.

Age Group top Club Competition

Age group Top Club competition points are awarded to the club's represented by the top 8 swimmers in all events.

These will be from all individual age groups 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16+.

All of these points are awarded from age group heats only

In HDW events the points are awarded on the results as published as 8pts for 1st down to 1pt for 8th.

Individual Age Group Points competition.

Final points are awarded to every swim in all events (except finals if held).

These points are totalled up and the swimmer with the highest accumulated number of points in their age group will be declared the winner.

This is an age group competition for individual swimmers in age groups 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 Years.

The results from the County Championships in Feb/March are also used to help select the County Development Squad.