



## SWIM WALES POLICY STATEMENT

### COMPETITION FOR 8 YEAR OLDS

	Minimum Age
Events restricted to members of one club	none
Swim Wales Regional Development Meet	8
Inter Club events limited to not more than 8 clubs which do not form part of a series of events as in a league	8

Swim Wales wish to clarify the position with regard to 8 year old swimmers with regard to competition opportunities.

The table above states clearly the type of meet in which 8 year old swimmers can compete.

For events restricted to members of one club, such as Club Championships, Time Trials etc, there is no minimum age.

Swim Wales Regional Development Meet, the minimum age is 8 years of age. This event is run in the form of a pentathlon, at 8 years the swimmers compete over 25 metres on Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle and a 100 metres Individual Medley. Clubs running Open Meets can also run this meet at Level 4, or run just the 8 year olds as an addition at Level 4.

Inter Club Meets. These meets, where a club invites several clubs to compete in a one off gala, also allow swimmers of 8 years of age to compete. These meets **DO NOT** require a license.

We would therefore encourage clubs to include these meets as part of their competition programme, in order to ensure that swimmers can gain early appropriate experience in the competitive environment.