

West Midland Region Masters Championships 2022

8th October 2022

Alan Higgs Centre, Allard Way, Coventry, CV3 1HW

CONDITIONS

1 General Conditions

- 1.1 The Championships Promoter is Swim England West Midland Region (Masters Committee) which will appoint a Meet Director for the Championships. The Committee reserves full powers over the Swim England West Midland Masters Championships including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the Championships venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control. Anything not covered by these Conditions will be decided by the Meet Director.
- 1.2 The Championships shall be held annually under FINA Swimming Rules and FINA Masters Rules (and WPS Rules where applicable) unless otherwise provided in these Event Conditions, the ASA Judicial Regulations and any additional conditions. These Rules apply to all those taking part in the Championships. For conditions not covered by FINA Rules (for example, Health and Safety regulations and other guidelines) the requirements of the Committee shall apply.
- 1.3 For individual and team events, competitors must be registered with Swim England as Category 2 swimmers, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales equivalent. Temporary Swim England members are not eligible to enter these Championships.
- 1.4 The age of competitors shall be determined as at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition. All competitors must be 18 years or over on the first day of the Championships.
- 1.5 A competitor can only compete for one club in the Championships and must be a registered member of that club on the day that they enter.

2 Individual Events

- 2.1 The individual events shall be (for both men and women):
50m, 100m, 200m, 400m Freestyle
50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Butterfly
200m Individual Medley
- 2.2 All events are Heat Declared Winner within each individual age classification. In each event competitors will be seeded according to their entry time and will compete against those with similar times from the various age groups taking part in the event. The last heat in each event will be spear head seeded.
- 2.3 The age groups for individual events shall be for men and women:
18-24 years 40-44 years 60-64 years
25-29 years 45-49 years 65-69 years
30-34 years 50-54 years 70-74 years
35-39 years 55-59 years 75-79 years
And in five year bands as high as necessary.

3 Team Events

- 3.1 The team events shall be:
Mixed 4 x 50 m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays
- 3.2 All team events will be Heat Declared Winner within each team age group classification.

- 3.3** The age groups for Masters team events shall be:
100-119 years 200-239 years
120-159 years 240-279 years
160-199 years 280-319 years
And in 40-year increments as high as necessary.
- 3.4** The combined ages of the team members at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition must fall within the age band given above with the proviso that all team members must be 25 years of age or older on the 31 December in the year of competition.
- 3.5** There shall also be team events for teams with the combined ages at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition of 72 years and above with all team members being aged 18 years or over on the first day of the Championships.
- 3.6** Clubs are limited to a maximum of two teams in any one age group in each event and individual competitors can only swim in one team in each event.
- 3.7** All competitors, including those who are only swimming in relay teams, must be entered on the meet database in the name of the club they wish to represent by the closing date for individual entries.
- 3.8** The mixed teams shall consist of two competitors of each sex swimming in any order.
- 4** **Entries**
- 4.1** All entries shall be received by the appointed Championships Administrator by the relevant closing date, 12 noon Friday 23rd September 2022, accompanied by the appropriate fees, £6.50 per individual event and £15.00 per team event. No refunds will be made.
- 4.2** The Promoter reserves the right to close entries before the published closing date should the event reach maximum capacity.
- 4.3** There are no qualifying times however those competitors with times recorded on the ranking database shall use their fastest time(s) posted since 1st January 2021.
- 4.4** Competitors and teams whose entries have been accepted are expected to swim unless they have formally withdrawn in accordance with withdrawal policy.
- 4.5** To enter go to <https://www.shropshire-asa.com/west-midlands-championship-information>
- 5** **Withdrawals**
- 5.1** Information about how to withdraw and the associated time deadlines will be published in the Competitor Information Pack. There will be no refund of fees after the closing date.
- 6** **Re-entry**
- 6.1** Competitors entered in 400m Freestyle events are required to confirm their intention to swim in these events by re-entering before the start of the sessions warm up. The deadlines for re-entry will be published in the Competitor Information Pack on the web site.

7 Programme of Events

Session 1 – 13:00hrs		Session 2 - TBC	
1	400m Freestyle	9	200m Individual Medley
2	50m Backstroke	10	50m Butterfly
3	100m Butterfly	11	100m Backstroke
4	200m Breaststroke	12	200m Freestyle
5	100m Freestyle	13	100m Breaststroke
6	200m Backstroke	14	200m Butterfly
7	50m Breaststroke	15	50m Freestyle
8	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle	16	Mixed 4x50m Medley

7.1 Warm Up will be 1 hour before the start of the session. Further details will be published in the Information Pack.

8. Disclaimer

8.1 All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at Alan Higgs Centre. No member of West Midlands Swimming, its officers, or the promoter of this event, will be liable for any loss, damage or injury occurring during this meet.

8.2 All participants, coaches and spectators must adhere to the Covid-19 protocols in operation at Alan Higgs Centre and also those in place by Swim England.

8.3 By entering this competition you are declaring yourself fit and healthy to compete in these championships.

9. Volunteers

9.1 If you have any volunteer officials you are able to bring please ask them to make contact by email to Ian Lamb Ian.Lamb@blueyonder.co.uk

9.2 The organisation of this event is reliant on volunteers to assist with Marshalling Warm Up's please contact the Meet Director to offer assistance mandy.garrott@westmidlandswimming.org