

## EVENT CONDITIONS

### 1. General Conditions

- 1.1. The event promoter is Swim Wales, who will appoint a Meet Director for the competition. 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 unless otherwise provided in these Event Conditions, the British Swimming Disciplinary Code and any additional conditions (printed in the respective meet information). These Rules apply to all Masters and Senior age groups. For conditions not covered by FINA Rules (for example, Health and Safety regulations and other guidelines) the host nation's rules and regulations shall apply.
- 1.3. For individual and team events, competitors must either be registered with Swim England as category 2 swimmers, Scottish Swimming, Swim Wales equivalent, or have competitive membership of clubs which belong to swimming federations affiliated to FINA. Temporary Swim England Category 2 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 competition 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, 800m Freestyle  
50m, 100m, and 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Butterfly  
200m, and 400m Individual Medley.
- 2.2. All events are Heat Declared Winner within each individual age classification. In each event with the exception of the 50m events 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. 50m events competitors will be seeded in age groups as far as possible, this is at the discretion of event management. The organisers retain the rights to amend seeding based on entries.
- 2.3. The age groups for individual Masters events shall be for men and women:  
18-24 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  
40-44 years 60-64 years 80-84 years.  
And in five year bands as high as necessary.
- 2.4. 800m Freestyle is a mixed event and will be capped at 140 entries or 3 hrs duration whichever is first.

### 3. Team Events

- 3.1. The team events shall be:  
Men's and Women's 4 x 50 m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays  
Men's and Women's 4 x 100 m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays  
Men's and Women's 4 x 200 m Freestyle Team Relays  
Mixed 4 x 50 m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays  
Mixed 4 x 100 m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays  
Mixed 4 x 200m Freestyle Relays.



**Our Vision**  
A world leading National Governing Body delivering excellence, **inspiring** our nation to **enjoy, participate, learn** and **compete** in Welsh aquatics.

**Ein Gweledigaeth**  
Corff Llywodraethu blaenllaw sy'n cynnig rhagoriaeth, gan **ysbrydoli** cenedi i **fwynhau, cymryd rhan, dysgu** a **chystadlu** mewn campau dŵr yng Nghymru



- 3.2. All team events will be Heat Declared Winner within each age group classification.
  - 3.2.1. 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 yearsAnd in 40-year increments as high as necessary.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. There shall also be team events for teams with the combined ages at midnight on 31st December in the year of competition of 72 years and above with all team members being aged 18 years or over on the day of their swim.
- 3.5. Individual swimmers can only swim in one team in each event.
- 3.6. Clubs must submit their intention to swim (enter the club name) but are not required to confirm and submit their swimmers or age group until the morning of the competition. Relay entry forms must be submitted before the start of warm up of the session in which the event is due to take place.
- 3.7. All swimmers, 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 published closing date for entries to the competition.
- 3.8. Swimmers competing in relays only, shall have until midnight the night before the start of the competition to complete their registration.
- 3.9. 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 relevant closing date accompanied by the appropriate registration and entry fee.
- 4.2. The Promoter reserves the right to close entries before the published closing date should the event or session reach maximum capacity.
- 4.3. Entries will be processed in two stages
  - 4.3.1. Stage 1
    - 4.3.1.1. Entries will be processed online with set qualifying times.
    - 4.3.1.2. These will be open for a 2 week period.
    - 4.3.1.3. Entries are not capped and all entries submitted will be considered.
    - 4.3.1.4. Stage 1 will close for 1 week to allow entries to be seeded and confirmed.
    - 4.3.1.5. A confirmed list will be published, swimmers are asked to check their entries.
  - 4.3.2. Stage 2
    - 4.3.2.1. Stage 2 will be processed online with set consideration standards, lower than stage 1 qualifying times.
    - 4.3.2.2. Additional lanes and/or heats will be accommodated where possible to allow all available lanes to be swum.
    - 4.3.2.3. This will be open for 1 week.
    - 4.3.2.4. These spaces are capped (maximum capacity), and entries are taken first come first served.
    - 4.3.2.5. Once full no further entries will be accepted.
- 4.4. Qualifying times will be used and competitors entering an event will have had to have a time recorded British rankings faster than or equal to the qualifying time set for that event and achieved on or after the 1st June 2 years prior to the closing date of entries to the competition. Competitors from other swimming federations affiliated to FINA must have swum the qualifying times for the events they enter and if requested provide evidence from their national or international rankings within the qualifying period.

- 4.5. Para Competitors with swimming classification which is held on the British Swimming or World Para Swimming Classification Database at the time of entry shall be exempt from qualifying times.
- 4.6. Competitors and teams whose entries have been accepted are expected to swim unless they have formally withdrawn in accordance with withdrawal policy.

## 5. Withdrawals

- 5.1. Information about how to withdraw and the associated time deadlines will be published in the Competitor Information Pack.

## 6. Re-entry

- 6.1. Competitors entered in 400m Individual Medley, 400m, 800m events are required to confirm their intention to swim in these events by re-entering in accordance with the deadlines in the Competitor Information Pack.

## 7. Competitors with a Permanent Disability

- 7.1. A competitor who has a permanent disability shall not be disqualified where the disability prevents them from complying with the rules of a particular stroke, provided that the disability has been notified to the referee by the competitor or their representative before the race takes place, supported by a Certificate of Swimming Disability or similar document issued by their federation or a copy of their entry on the British Swimming database identifying their disability.

## 8. Awards

- 8.1. Medals shall be awarded to the first three placed individual competitors and teams in each age.
- 8.2. The Cupar Trophy shall be awarded to the club, British or overseas, whose swimmers gain the most points as set out below in Masters events in the Championships (i.e. individual age group 25-29 and older, and relay age group 100-119 and older).
  - 1st place individual 3 points team 6 points
  - 2nd place individual 2 points team 4 points
  - 3rd place individual 1 points team 2 pointsPlus for all swims completed without disqualification, including 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places: individual 1 point and team 2 points.

## 9. Safety

- 9.1. All competitors must ensure that they observe all safety announcements and conduct themselves with safety in mind at all times. Swimmers must follow the instructions of the warm up marshals, failure to do so may exclude them from the competition.