

**SWIM ENGLAND EAST REGION
OPEN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS
2018**

(UNDER SWIM ENGLAND LAWS AND SWIM ENGLAND MASTERS TECHNICAL RULES)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The Swim England (SE) East Region Masters Swimming Committee reserves full powers over all East Region Masters Championships.
2. Entries will be accepted from eligible competitors who are registered in the year of competition and are members of clubs affiliated to Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales to include temporary membership, eligible BUCS competitors, or of any other country affiliated to FINA.
3. All competitors in Masters events must be aged 25 years or over at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition and in Senior (18-24) events, must be a minimum of 18 years of age on the day of competition.
4. Protests shall be made and dealt with as detailed in SE Law. The Promoter is the SE East Region Masters TSC.
5. Dependent on the number of entries the Promoter (SE East Region Masters Swimming Committee) reserves the right to reject entries by the method they deem appropriate.

THE EVENTS

6. The Masters SC shall determine the program of events. The program currently includes the following events:
For both men and women: 50, 100, 200, and 400 metres freestyle; 50, 100, and 200 metres breaststroke, butterfly, and backstroke; 100 and 200 metres individual medley; 4 x 50 metres freestyle and medley relays; Mixed (2 women and 2 men) and 4 x 50 metres Male & Female freestyle and medley relays.
7. Age groups for individual Masters events shall be 25-29 years, 30-34 years, and upwards in 5-year bands as required.
8. Entry standards or restrictions on numbers may be applied.
9. All events shall be heat declared winner.
10. Age groups for team events shall be 72yrs+, 100-119yrs, 120-159yrs, 160-199yrs, 200-239yrs, 240-279yrs, 280-319yrs and 320-359yrs. Swimmers in the 72yrs+ relay events must be 18 years of age at the date of competition. Swimmers in Masters team events (100-119yrs etc.) must be 25 years of age or over on 31 December in the year of competition. All age groups in the team events including the Senior (18-24) will be swum concurrently.
11. Team events shall be open to teams from any affiliated clubs. A club may enter more than one team in any age category. A swimmer may swim for only one team in any team event.
12. A competitor may represent only one club in individual events.
13. The Seniors (18-24) individual championships will be swum concurrently and seeded with the corresponding Masters individual events.

PROCEDURE

14. Entries must be made electronically. The electronic entry forms are available on the SE East Region website and payment options are payable via PayPal. This can be done with a normal credit or debit card without a PayPal account
15. Individual entry fees are £6.50 per event and Relay events are £10.00 per event. Acceptance of an entry is at the discretion of the promoter. Incomplete or inaccurate entries, particularly those not accompanied by the entry fee, may not be accepted. Qualifying age groups and ages of swimmers are as shown above (Items 7 & 10).
16. The information provided on the entry form shall be regarded as definitive. Alterations (e.g. to the events entered) will not be accepted after the closing date.
17. The secondary entry system may operate. Competitors must confirm their participation as instructed.
18. Where applicable, failure to make this secondary entry within the stipulated time will cancel the swimmer's right to compete in an event. However, swimmers will be allowed to swim in unallocated lanes of the earlier heats of the same event if available. This will be on a first-come first-served basis.
19. Competitors will be allocated lanes in graduated time order, slowest to fastest spearheaded. Individual male and female events of 200m and over will be swum together.
20. Medals or other awards shall be presented as determined by the SE East Region Masters SC. All INDIVIDUAL EVENTS, 200m PLUS, WILL BE SWUM WITH MEN AND WOMEN SEEDED TOGETHER, BUT THERE WILL BE SEPARATE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RESULTS.
21. Certificates of Disability are obtainable from the Secretary of the SE Medical Committee. Applications require medical evidence of disability. Disability Certificates must be presented to the Referee prior to competing. Swimmers with a disability classification recognized by British Swimming are recommended to bring a printed copy their exception codes.