

**Swim England East Region**  
**2025 Open Masters and Senior Age Group Championships**  
(Under World Aquatics Swimming Rules and World Aquatics Masters Rules)  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2025**  
**Newmarket Leisure Centre**

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. The Swim England East Region Masters Leadership Group 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, Swim Scotland or Swim Wales to include eligible BUCS competitors and registered as Club Compete members, or of any other country affiliated to World Aquatics.
3. The Championships shall be held under World Aquatics Swimming Rules and World Aquatics Masters Rules unless otherwise provided for in these Event Conditions, Swim England Regulations and any additional conditions printed in the Entry Pack or the Competitor Information Pack. These Rules apply to all those taking part in the Championships. For conditions not covered by World Aquatics Rules (for example, Health and Safety regulations and other guidelines), the requirements of Swim England shall apply. Para Swimming events are governed by WPS rules unless otherwise provided for in these Event Conditions.
4. All competitors in Masters events must be aged 25 years or over at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
5. Protests shall be made and dealt with as detailed in Swim England Regulations. The Promoter is **Doug Drake** on behalf of Swim England East Region Masters Leadership Group.
6. In line with Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy, eligibility categories are as follows: 1) Female 2) Open/Male
7. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with the Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
8. The Open/Male category is for athletes with a birth sex of male, Trans or Non-Binary competitors and any competitor not eligible for the Female category. The term 'Open/Male' used throughout these conditions is in reference to the 'Open/Male' eligibility category
9. Depending on the number of entries the Promoter reserves the right to reject entries by the method they deem appropriate.

**EVENTS**

10. The Masters Leadership Group shall determine the programme of events. The programme currently includes the following events for both female and open/male: 50, 100, 200, 400 and 800 metres freestyle; 50, 100, and 200 metres breaststroke, butterfly, and backstroke; 100 and 200 metres individual medley; Mixed (2 female and 2 open/male) 4 x 50 metres freestyle and medley relays.
11. Age groups for individual Masters events shall be 25-29 years, 30-34 years, and upwards in 5-year bands as required.
12. Entry standards or restrictions on numbers may be applied at the discretion of the Promoter.
13. All events will be Heat Declared Winner.
14. Age groups for team events shall be 72yrs+, 100-119yrs, 120-159yrs, 160-199yrs, 200-239yrs, 240-279yrs and 280+. 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 18-24 will be swum concurrently.
15. Team events shall be open to teams from any affiliated clubs as set out above (Item 2). A club may enter more than one team in any age category. A swimmer may swim for only one team in any team event.
16. A competitor may represent only one club in individual events.

**ENTRY PROCEDURE**

17. Entries must be made online via the link above. The link to the entry system will also be published on the Swim England East Region website here:  
<https://www.eastswimming.org/masters/masters-competitions/>
18. Individual entry fees are **£8.00** per event for any distance from 50m to 800m. Relay events are **£15** 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, will not be accepted. Qualifying age groups and ages of swimmers are as shown above (Items **11 & 14**).

20. 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. No refunds will be given for incorrect entries or no shows on the day.

21. Acknowledgement and acceptance of a correctly submitted entry can be found on the Competitions page <https://www.eastswimming.org/masters/masters-competitions/>. Swimmers have 7 days from the date that entries are posted on the website to check the received entries and notify the entries manager of any errors ([mastersentries@eastswimming.org](mailto:mastersentries@eastswimming.org)) after which a final entries list will be published and no further corrections allowed.

22. ***The 800m Freestyle will be capped. Please note that a time limit to the 800m session will be applied. Where necessary, entry to this event will be closed if the session time is reached before the closing date.*** This limit is necessary to ensure the smooth running of the event and to comply with official/volunteer session lengths.

23. Competitors will be allocated lanes in graduated time order, slowest to fastest spearheaded.

24. There are new Certificates of Exception, please see this link

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/updated-resources-swimming-inclusion/>

Certificates must be presented to the Referee prior to competing. Swimmers with a disability classification recognised by British Swimming are recommended to bring a printed copy of their exception code.

25. The Data Protection Act 2018 requires us to provide you with certain information and to obtain your consent before processing data about you. Processing includes obtaining, recording, holding, disclosing, destruction or retaining information. We require certain personal data for the purposes of making entries to competitions, managing the meet and the submission of results to Masters Rankings. The information provided by you will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Consent to process such personal data is deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry.

## **WITHDRAWALS**

26. Once an entry is accepted a competitor shall swim or give notice of withdrawal. Withdrawals should be notified [mastersentries@eastswimming.org](mailto:mastersentries@eastswimming.org) before 6pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## **REFUNDS**

27. Refunds will only be issued where the competition is cancelled, or where there is a significant change to the schedule that results in a change of session for the event entered, meaning that the competitor cannot swim. Refunds will be made where there are withdrawals on medical grounds and supported by a Doctor or Medical Professional note / certificate.

## **TOP TEAM AWARD & TOP INDIVIDUAL AWARD**

***Points will be awarded as follows:***

***INDIVIDUAL – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 3pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 2pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 1pt***

***TEAM – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 6pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 4pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 2pts***

***All swims completed without disqualification, including 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive 1 point for an individual swim and 2 points for a team swim.***

## **OTHER ISSUES**

28. Secondary strobe lights will be available at this competition.

29. Any matter arising which is not covered by these conditions shall be determined by the Promoter.

30. Any information included in the entry pack, including information published separately on the Swim England East Region Swimming website, shall be regarded as part of the General Conditions.

31. Medals or other awards shall be presented as determined by the Promoter.

## **Para-Swimming SEER Masters Championships Conditions**

***Please note that these supplementary conditions are to be adhered to together with the general conditions for the Swim England East Region Masters Championships.***

### **1. EVENTS:**

- 1.1. 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly***
- 1.2. 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly***
- 1.3. 100m Individual Medley***

### **2. ELIGIBILITY**

***S1-S10 – All competitors must have an authorised classification held on the British Rankings Database at the time of entry.***

***S11-S13 - All competitors must have an authorised classification held on the British Rankings Database at the time of entry.***

***S14 – All competitors must have an authorised (S14 or S64) classification held on the British Rankings Database***

### **3. SUPPORT STAFF**

***A competitor may have support staff in attendance at the starting end of the pool only if their code of exception has A, Y OR T.***

### **4. MEDALS**

***Medals shall be awarded on a multi-class timed final basis to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed competitors based on the age adjusted time and British Para-Swimming Points System.***

***For information, Medals – WPS Rule 10.15.2 does not apply to this competition.***