

Event Conditions

1 General Conditions

- 1.1 The event promoter is the British Swimming Masters Committee which 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 Seniors 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 the Amateur Swimming Association (the ASA) as category 2 swimmers, Scottish ASA, Swim Wales equivalent, or have competitive membership of clubs which belong to swimming federations affiliated to FINA. Temporary ASA Category 2 members are not eligible to enter these Championships.
- 1.4 All competitors in the Masters Championships must be aged 25 years or over at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition.
- 1.5 Competitors in the Senior Age Group Championships must be aged 18 years or over on the day of their first swim in the Championships and under 25 years at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition.
- 1.6 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 and 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. The last heat in each event will be spear head seeded. For 50m events competitors will be seeded in age groups as far as possible.
- 2.3 The age groups for individual Masters events shall be for men and women:
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 There shall also be Senior Age Groups 18-24 for both men and women.
- 2.5 Individuals are limited to entering a maximum of six individual events throughout the competition.





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- 2.6 800m Freestyle is a mixed event and will be capped at 140 entries or 3 hrs whichever triggers 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.
- 3.2 All team events will be Heat Declared Winner within each 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 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.
- 3.6 Clubs are limited to a maximum of one team in any one age group in each event and individual swimmers can only swim in one team in each event.
- 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 individual entries to the competition.
- 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 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 Competitors and teams whose entries have been accepted are expected to swim unless they have formally withdrawn in accordance with withdrawal policy.
- 4.4 Limited Entries and Rejections**
It is anticipated that there will be a high number of entries this year. To address this there is a limit of six individual events per competitor. Should the meet or session still be oversubscribed, entries will be on a "First Come First Served"



basis. In such cases a refund will be given for those events the swimmer has been rejected.

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 and 400m and 800m Freestyle events are required to confirm their intention to swim in these events by re-entering at least 60 minutes before the start of the sessions in which the events will be swum. The deadlines for re-entry will be published 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 group in both the Masters Championships and the Senior Age Group Championships.

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 points

plus 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.

