

Swim England South West Region Masters Open Meet 2023

Millfield Pool Street Somerset BA16 0ST – 25 metre SC

Sunday 8th October 2023

(12:50 – 17:00; Warm up at 12:00M & 12:25W)

Promoters Conditions

1. The meet will be held under Swim England Laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of Racing.
2. In the interests of the sport in cases of extenuating circumstances the Region's Officers shall decide if the swimmer is eligible to compete. Their decision will be final.
3. All athletes must be registered as Club Compete members of their governing body.
4. If you are taking Temporary Membership with Swim England to compete please send a paper copy of your entry to Swim England South West Castle Road Chelston Business Park WELLINGTON Somerset TA21 9JQ
5. Entries may be held on a computer solely for the purposes of this competition and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Personal data will be available for inspection during the meet on application to the promoters.
6. Age groups are based on ages at 31st December 2023. All competitors must be aged 25 years or over by midnight on 31 December in the year of competition save for competitors in Senior Group who must be aged 18 years or over on the date of competing
7. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female. Further details are given in the Appendix
8. A competitor may compete under the name of one club only.
9. Applications for entry must be correctly submitted by the specified date, 22nd September 2023 midday. Late entries or additions will not be accepted.
10. The promoter will limit the number of entries should the event be oversubscribed; the slowest entries in each of the relevant events and levels may be refused.
11. Age groups Senior 18-24 years, then in 5 year age bands from 25-29 as required to accommodate all.
12. The age-bandings for results, shall be those of the SWIM ENGLAND National Masters Championships.
13. All events shall be swum in combined age groups and seeded heats, starting with the slowest, and shall be heat declared winners.
14. Longer distance events (200m and above) will be swum as mixed races to facilitate smooth running of the meet.
15. A secondary strobe will be available at this meet.
16. Participation medals shall be available for all entrants to collect on the day at the event.
17. Warm up times may change after entries have been accepted. Warm up procedures will be listed and shared prior to the start of the meet.
18. The promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any competitor or coach who displays or has previously displayed rude, aggressive or abusive behaviour.
19. There will be no changing of swim wear on poolside, the balcony or in the toilets outside of the changing areas. All swimmers must use the designated changing areas and arrive in the marshalling area swim ready.
20. The meet promoter will make every effort to run the event. In any situation that the meet must be cancelled competitors are not automatically eligible to a full refund of their entry fees. Proportionate refunds may be made but only after the promoter has covered all incurred costs.
21. Start lists and results sheets will be posted on the regional website and on Meet Mobile

22. Anything not covered in the above conditions and associated literatures will be at the discretion of the promoter but in agreement with the lead referee. The meet organisers will amend the rules where necessary following the advice of the lead referee, but only in the event of a situation out of our control and to ensure the meet runs smoothly.
23. The referee's decision is final, subject to Swim England laws. The electronic timing is provisional and may be overruled by the referee. Disabilities must be reported to the referee before the session of their event. A copy of the British Swimming certificate of disability or Certificate of Exemption must be produced if requested. Failure to comply could result in disqualification of the event
24. The promoter will endeavour to recruit sufficient officials but swimmers may be asked to assist with this.
25. ENTRY FEES @ £9.50 per event
26. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SWIMS per COMPETITOR IS 6
27. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 22.09.23

Programme of Events

Start 1:00	Warm-up: M 12:00, W 12:25
Event 1	<i>Mixed 400 Freestyle</i>
Event 2	<i>Open 100 IM</i>
Event 3	<i>Female 100m IM</i>
Event 4	<i>Open 100m Breaststroke</i>
Event 5	<i>Female 100m Breaststroke</i>
Event 6	<i>Open 50m Backstroke</i>
Event 7	<i>Female 50m Backstroke</i>
Event 8	<i>Mixed 200 Fly</i>
Event 9	<i>Mixed 200 Breast</i>
Event 10	<i>Open 50m Freestyle</i>
Event 11	<i>Female 50m Freestyle</i>
Event 12	<i>Open 100m Backstroke</i>
Event 13	<i>Female 100m Backstroke</i>
<i>15 minute interval if time permits</i>	
Event 14	<i>Mixed 200 IM</i>
Event 15	<i>Female 100m Freestyle</i>
Event 16	<i>Open 100m Freestyle</i>
Event 17	<i>Female 50m Butterfly</i>
Event 18	<i>Open 50m Butterfly</i>
Event 19	<i>Mixed 200 Back</i>
Event 20	<i>Female 100m Butterfly</i>
Event 21	<i>Open 100m Butterfly</i>
Event 22	<i>Mixed 200 Free</i>
Event 23	<i>Open 50m Breaststroke</i>
Event 24	<i>Female 50m Breaststroke</i>

Online entry and payment through the following link: <https://bsbasa.org/meet/swrsc23> and current entries can be viewed at <https://bsbasa.org/entries/swrsc23>

An entry list will be published on the regional website: www.swimwest.org.uk once entries have closed.

Officials will be required for this event – please follow the link to sign up: <https://swim-meet.com/Availability/?m=1938>

Appendix - Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy

Swim England has updated its Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy and this becomes effective on 1st September 2023. All Swim England affiliated bodies are required to implement this policy and this Meet is being held in line with this new policy. Under the policy competitions where the results will be submitted to Rankings (as is the case for this meet) must be held with the following categories:

Female – Swimmers with a birth sex of female and categorised as female in the Swim England on-line membership system.

or

Open – Swimmers with a birth sex of male, Trans or non-binary swimmers and any swimmers not eligible for the female category.

For the avoidance of doubt, swimmers eligible for the new Female category may not enter the Open category. The word “Mixed” used in the Schedule of Events above means that Female and Open category swimmers will swim together in the event.

Further details on the policy and the definitions can be found at

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/transgendercompetition-policy-update/>

Currently, our meet management software is not capable of using the new categories, nor is the entry system, the timing and scoreboard software, the start lists and results smartphone apps, or any of the software tools used to run the meet. It is not clear when all such applications will have the new categories enabled. It is inevitable, and this is recognised by Swim England, that there will be a period of transition and that the terms male (and other legacy terms) will continue to appear on scoreboards, webpages and documents. However, where this happens, the terms “Ladies” and “Women” should be taken as referring to the new Female category and all other terms as the new Open category