

MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024 Inclusive of Multi-Classification Events

27 & 28 January 2024 @ London Aquatic Centre; 03 & 04 February @ Hillingdon Leisure Centre
Under Swim England Laws and Swim England Technical Rules at Level 1 under no: 1LR24 & 1LR24

GENERAL MEET CONDITIONS

1. MEET ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1. The Promoter for this meet is Jeanette Edmiston (mcasa_president@middlesexswimming.com)
- 1.2. The Meet Administrator for this meet is Leah Pullen (competitionsecretary@middlesexswimming.com)
- 1.3. The Lead Referee is Gillian Neal. secretary@middlesexswimming.com
- 1.4. Closing deadline for entries and full payment is 10pm on 24th December 2023.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 2.1. This Meet shall be conducted Long Course under Swim England Laws, Regulations and Technical Rules of Swimming, the relevant World Para Swimming Rules and these Promoter's Conditions.
- 2.2. There shall be separate events for open/males and females. 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.
- 2.3. In the interest of safety, to keep the event within the available time booked at the hosting facility and to ensure the smooth running of the Meet, Middx Swimming Committee reserve the right to restrict the number of entries in any given event. In all cases, competitors with the fastest times, after converting to the meet course, by age group will take preference.
- 2.4. Time Trials will not be permitted during this Meet.
- 2.5. With the specific exception of official photographers appointed by MCASA, photography & videoing is prohibited at all times during the Meet, this is a condition of hire by the pool operators.
- 2.6. There will be a secondary strobe available at the venues.
- 2.7. Entry for spectators will be £10.00 per day regardless of number of sessions.

3. DATA PROTECTION.

- 3.1. We will process personal data submitted by the swimmer or their club in accordance with the current Privacy Notice published by Middx County. With respect to this meet we will process personal data for the legitimate purpose of running the gala. The items of personal data processed are name, Swim England number, date of birth, gender and para-swimming classification if applicable. During the gala we will process name, gender and competition age in reports for the legitimate purpose of running the gala efficiently. At the end of the gala we will process name, gender, Swim England number and date of birth in the electronic submission made to British Rankings. We will also share the full results of the meet, excluding the dates of birth of swimmers, with the competition secretaries of those clubs taking part.
- 3.2. After the gala the personal data processed will be stored securely in both document and electronic formats for 12 months and then erased. This period of storage permits the accurate response to enquiries about the gala and provides statistical information for the purpose of designing the following year's gala. No personal data will remain on any electronic timing systems used to run the gala. You have the right to have your personal data erased from our systems if you have withdrawn from the gala. You also have the right to object to the processing of your personal data. In both cases, please make your request in writing to the promoter.

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- 4.1. The Meet is open to eligible competitors, as defined by Swim England, who are members of clubs affiliated to Middlesex County.
- 4.2. A competitor must be a registered member of the club in whose name they are entered at the closing date. The appropriate registration form must have been received by the relevant governing body at least 60 days prior to the first day of the Competition.
- 4.3. A swimmer may only compete in the name of one club at the Competition.
- 4.4. All para swimming competitors must have an authorised IPC Swimming, British Swimming, INAS-FID or British Blind Sport classification, which is held on the British Swimming or IPC Swimming classification database at the time of entry.
- 4.5. A competitor may not take part in this Meet if they are competing in another County's equivalent meet.
- 4.6. All events have short course and long course entry qualifying times.
- 4.7. Competitors must have equalled or bettered the published entry consideration times on or after 1st January 2023 at an event licensed at levels 1, 2, 3 or 4 by Swim England or WASA, or Levels 1, 2 or 3 by SASA. The entry time must be registered on one of the Swim England rankings databases. Converted times are not permitted for entry. There is a Qualifying Time and a Consideration Time for entry into this competition. The achievement of the Qualifying Time **will guarantee entry** into the competition subject to the Promoter's Conditions. The achievement of the Consideration Time will make the swimmer eligible for consideration as an entry into the competition subject to the Promoter's Conditions. The achievement of the Consideration Time **does not guarantee entry** into the competition. Consideration entries will be managed to achieve an optimal number of competitors for the meet.
- 4.8. There will be no qualifying standard needed for Para swimming competitors but times achieved must be since 1 January 2023.
- 4.9. By submitting an entry to this Meet, a competitor - or in the case of a competitor being under 18 years of age during the meet, the competitor's legal guardians - attest to the fitness and ability of the competitor to complete the event without foreseeable injury or incident and without causing delay to the event schedule.

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5. AGE CRITERIA

- 5.1. Age Groups swum in the meet will be 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17+
- 5.2. A swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on 31st December 2024.

6. EVENTS

- 6.1.1. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m Freestyle
- 6.1.2. 50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
- 6.1.3. 200m, 400m Individual Medley
- 6.1.4. Finals will be swum for 50, 100 all strokes and 200IM
- 6.2. Para-Swimming competitors may swim in the following events:

| Stroke/Distance | Range of Classifications |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Freestyle – 50m & 100m | S1 - S14 (inclusive) |
| Freestyle – 200m | S1 - S5 (inclusive) & S14 |
| Freestyle – 400m | S6 – S14 (inclusive) |
| Backstroke – 50m | S1 – S5 (inclusive) |
| Backstroke – 100m | S1, S2 & S6 – S14 (inclusive) |
| Breaststroke – 50m | SB1 – SB3 (inclusive) |
| Breaststroke – 100m | SB4 – SB9 & SB11 – SB14 (inclusive) |
| Butterfly – 50m | S1 – S7 (inclusive) |
| Butterfly – 100m | S8 – S14 (inclusive) |

7. ENTRY FEES

- 7.1. The entry fee for each individual event (with the specific exception of the 800m & 1500m Freestyle events) shall be £10.00.
- 7.2. The entry fee for the 800m & 1500m Freestyle events shall be £16.00.
- 7.3. Full payment for entries submitted must be received by the Meet Manager on or before the stated entry deadline.
- 7.4. Entries will not be accepted from clubs with an outstanding debt to Middlesex County.
- 7.5. Refunds will not be considered with the specific exception where Clause 2.3 has been exercised or where a medical condition has arisen after the closing date but before the start of the meet. **In this event a letter or email must be provided before the meet start date**
- 7.6. Coach Meals are £25.00 p/person at the LAC and £18.00 p/person at Hillingdon. This must be ordered in advanced using the [ONLINE Summary Form https://mcasa.wufoo.com/forms/qyeeq3i0dgswwgs/](https://mcasa.wufoo.com/forms/qyeeq3i0dgswwgs/) in conjunction with entering the meet file.

8. ENTRY PROCEDURE

- 8.1. An Events file containing the full schedule of events is available for download from Middlesex County website. This file should be used in conjunction with the “Hy-Tek Team Manager” software or another compatible team management application.
- 8.2. All eligible entries must be made by clubs in the standard electronic format produced by HyTek's Team Manager or an equivalent compatible application.
- 8.3. **Entries must be submitted by completing the Entry file and via the ONLINE Summary form on the following link: <https://mcasa.wufoo.com/forms/qyeeq3i0dgswwgs/>**
- 8.4. Individual Entries where your club is not entering a club entry must be submitting using this [form: https://mcasa.wufoo.com/forms/qmssc7cy00ruawi/](https://mcasa.wufoo.com/forms/qmssc7cy00ruawi/)

9. MEET PROCEDURE

- 9.1. All events of 200m, 400m or more (with the exception of 200IM) shall be heat declared winner and will be seeded in accordance with FINA rules.
- 9.2. Finals will be 50m, 100m all strokes & 200m IM and will be seeded in accordance with FINA rules.
- 9.3. All finals will be 8 lanes.
- 9.4. Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedures.
- 9.5. 800m and 1500m competitors must sign in before the appropriate warm up. No other signing in is necessary.
- 9.6. Any Para-Swimming competitor who qualifies for a final may swim in that final.
- 9.7. There will be no separate finals for para swimmers swimming in multi-classification events.
- 9.8. Start sheets for the heats will be posted on-line and will not be provided at the meet. Start sheets for the finals will also be available on-line and one copy will be posted for coaches and swimmers to view.

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10. WITHDRAWAL SYSTEM

- 10.1. Competitors (or their representatives) who are not intending to swim must submit official withdrawal forms, either electronically as prescribed on the competition website - up to midday on the Thursday proceeding the start of competition (two day before the start of the competition), or at the Withdrawals table at the pool by completing an official withdrawal form no later than 50 minutes before the advertised starting time of the first event in each session.
- 10.2. An announcement will be made of the finalists and 2 reserves for each event as the meet progresses. The announcement will include a time by which finalists **and** reserves can withdraw from a final.
- 10.3. A fine of £25 per event will be levied on the club under whose name the finalist or reservist is entered if a swimmer does not withdraw from a final in time and does not swim. The swimmer concerned will be scratched from all events entered for the remainder of the meet.

11. MARSHALLING

- 11.1. It is the competitor's responsibility to report to the Competition Stewards in the designated Marshalling area in good time for their event. Heat start lists for each event will be posted on-line before each session starts and it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure their name appears on the list prior to the start time of the session.
- 11.2. Upon entry to the Marshalling area, the athlete must ensure that they report to a Steward and be registered as being present. Competitors must follow the directions of the Competition Stewards at all times.
- 11.3. All competitors must enter the Marshalling area 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Marshalling area they should remain in its confines until led onto the pool deck for their race.
- 11.4. Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the Marshalling area at any time.

12. COACHES, CHAPERONES AND PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS

- 12.1. All coaches, chaperones and personal care attendants who wish to be on deck/poolside during the event must have a valid Pass.
- 12.2. Personal care attendants are only permitted for para swimming competitors where assistance is permitted on their code of exceptions. Such attendants will be excluded from any restrictions and will be given the same accreditation as the competitor for whom they have personal care responsibilities.
- 12.3. Passes must be clearly displayed at all times when on deck/poolside. Failure to display a pass will result in ejection from the pool deck.
- 12.4. Passes are made available to clubs and their coaches to ensure the safety and wellbeing of their swimmers. Clubs must ensure there are enough adults (Coaches and Team Managers with the correct ratios to the number of attending swimmers) on poolside with valid passes to provide adequate supervision.
- 12.5. Pass applications can be made by completing and submitting the application form (available on the Valid Coach pass page on Middlesex County Website). Applications must be received by midnight one week before they are required for entry.
- 12.6. Passes will be available for collection at the entrance to the facility on the days of the meet.
- 12.7. All coaches and chaperones applying for a pass must have a valid DBS disclosure.

13. AWARDS

- 13.1. The first, second and third placed competitors in each age group in the event shall be awarded medals.
- 13.2. There shall be no official presentation of medals.
- 13.3. Medals will be available for personal collection from the Presentation Desk subsequent to the publishing of the official results for each event.
- 13.4. Medals not collected during the meet will not be made available subsequent to the meet.
- 13.5. Medals for para swimmers will be awarded, on a multi-classification basis, to the first three places in each event which will be allocated to the top three BPS points scorers.
- 13.6. If there is only one para-swimming competitor in an event, they will receive a medal only if they swim faster than their entry time.
- 13.7. County Trophies will be awarded by The Middlesex County President or their deputy to the winners after the end of the competition.

14. FINES

- 14.1. Any swimmer who does not swim in a final and who has not withdrawn in accordance with these conditions will be fined £25 and scratched from all events entered for the remainder of the meet.
- 14.2. Such fines will be levied on the swimmer's club and will be issued after the meet.

15. DISPUTES

- 15.1. Any dispute shall be determined by Middlesex Swimming Committee.