

Swim England West Midlands – Masters Championships 2025

8th March 2025

Short Course (25m)

The Alan Higgs Centre, Allard Way, Coventry, CV3 1HW

Information will be available on the website, [here](#).

CONDITIONS

1 General Conditions

- 1.1 The Championships Promoter is Swim England West Midland Region- also referred to in these terms as 'the Region'. The Region reserves full powers over the Swim England West Midland Masters Championships including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the Championships venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control. Anything not covered by these Conditions will be decided by the Meet Director.
- 1.2 The Championships shall be held annually under World Aquatics Swimming Rules and World Aquatics Masters Rules (and WPS Rules where applicable) unless otherwise provided in these Event Conditions, the Swim England Judicial Regulations and any additional conditions. 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 the Committee or Promotor shall apply.
- 1.3 For individual and team events, competitors must be registered with Swim England as Category 2 swimmers, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales equivalent. Temporary Swim England members are not eligible to enter these Championships.
- 1.4 The age of competitors shall be determined as at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition. All competitors must be 18 years or over on the first day of the Championships.
- 1.5 A competitor can only compete for one club in the Championships 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 male/open and female):
 - 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m & 1500m Freestyle
 - 50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Butterfly
 - 100m, 200m, and 400m Individual Medley
- 2.2 All events are Heat Declared Winner within each individual age classification. Winners of each event will be awarded as follows:
 - West Midland Club members: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd medal by age group
 - Non- West Midland Club members: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ribbon by age group
- 2.3 Competitors will be seeded according to their entry time and will compete against those with similar times from various age groups entered the event. The last heat in each event will be spearhead seeded.
- 2.4 The age groups for individual events shall be for open/male and female:

18-24 years	40-44 years	60-64 years	80-84 years
25-29 years	45-49 years	65-69 years	85-89 years

30-34 years 50-54 years 70-74 years 90years +
35-39 years 55-59 years 75-79 years

- 2.5** 1. 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.
2. 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.

3 Team Events (Relays)

3.1 The team events will be:

- Mixed 4 x 50 m Freestyle Team Relay
- Mixed 4 x 50m Medley Team Relay

3.2 All team events will be Heat Declared Winner within each team age group classification. Winners of relay events will be awarded a prize.

3.3 The age groups for Masters team events shall be:

**Please note Sports Systems (entry form) will only show 3 x age group for relays but we will split them on the day to allow for more groupings. Please let us know what age group you are entering.

(Senior Age Group, 72-119)

120 - 159

160 - 199

200 – 239

240 – 279

280+

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 31 December in the year of competition of 72 years and above with all team members being aged 18 years or over on the first day of the Championships.

3.6 Individual competitors can only swim in one team in each event.

3.7 All relay competitors must be entered into at least one individual event at the competition, so they are registered under the meet database in advance of relay declarations.

3.8 The mixed teams shall consist of two competitors from each category (open/male and female) swimming in any order.

3.9 If space allows, we may permit teams of members from different clubs to swim a relay for enjoyment only, as long as they meet all other requirements above, no records will be permitted.

3.10 Swimmers must declare their team before the end of warm-up in the session the event is due to take place. They will be asked to create a team name, unless they are all part of one club, in which case they can use their club's name.

4 Entries

- 4.1 All entries shall be received by the appointed Championships Administrator by the relevant closing date, 12 noon Saturday 22nd February 2025, accompanied by the appropriate fees, £8.00 per individual event and £16.00 per team event. No refunds will be made after the closing date.
- 4.2 The Promoter reserves the right to close entries before the published closing date should the event reach maximum capacity.
- 4.3 There are no qualifying times however those competitors with times recorded on the ranking database shall use their fastest time(s) posted since 1st January 2024.
- 4.4 Competitors and teams whose entries have been accepted are expected to swim unless they have formally withdrawn in accordance with withdrawal policy.
- 4.5 Entries are to be done via an Orderwhizz link which will be promoted on the [website](#).

Please ensure your SE number and club name are correctly entered.

For team events, please ensure only 1 of your team member's purchases the entry.

- 4.6 The 800m and 1500m Freestyle will be swam as mixed gender heats. The 1500m will be capped at 2 heats, and the 800m 3 heats. These events will be first come, first served. In the case of withdrawals from these events, remaining spaces will be opened on the entry system at 4:30pm each Thursday until the 6th March.

5 Withdrawals

- 5.1 Withdrawals need to be made by 6pm on the evening before Competition. There will be no refund of fees after the closing date.

6 Programme of Events

Session 1 – 11:30		Session 2 – TBC	
101	800m Freestyle	201	200m Individual Medley
102	100 IM	202	50m Butterfly
103	50m Backstroke	203	100m Backstroke
104	100m Butterfly	204	200m Freestyle
105	200m Breaststroke	205	100m Breaststroke
106	100m Freestyle	206	200m Butterfly
107	200m Backstroke	207	50m Freestyle
108	50m Breaststroke	208	400m Individual Medley
109	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle	209	Mixed 4x50m Medley
110	400m Freestyle	210	1500m Freestyle

- 6.1 Warm-up times will be published on the [website](#).

7. Disclaimer

- 7.1 All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at Alan Higgs Centre. No member of Swim England West Midlands, its officers, or the promoter of this event, will be liable for any loss, damage or injury occurring during this meet.
- 7.2 By entering this competition you are declaring yourself fit and healthy to compete in these championships.

8. Volunteers

- 8.1 This event is reliant on volunteers to run. All volunteers should be treated with respect and failure to do so may result in the swimmers being removed from the competition. We are always looking for officials, and event volunteers. Clubs could ask their members if they would be able to support this competition. Sign-up links will be shared on the website in due course, thank you.