



HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

(County Association of the ASA East Region)

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Please pass on this information promptly to
the person in your club who deals with
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Dear Colleague,

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2011 MASTERS COMPETITIONS (Under ASA Laws and Technical Rules)

This year's Masters Competitions will be held at The Venue Borehamwood on Saturday, 25th June 2011. Doors open at 6.00p.m. with the Women's warm-up starting at 6.30 p.m. until 6.50 p.m., followed by the Men's warm-up at 6.50 p.m. until 7.10 p.m. The gala will begin at 7.15 p.m.

Age Groups

The Age Groups for both Men and Women will be as follows:

Group "S" - 18 to 24 years (born 1987-93)	Group "A" - 25 to 29 years (born 1982-86)
Group "B" - 30 to 34 years (born 1977-81)	Group "C" - 35 to 39 years (born 1972-76)
Group "D" - 40 to 44 years (born 1967-71)	Group "E" - 45 to 49 years (born 1962-66)
Group "F" - 50 to 54 years (born 1957-61)	Group "G" - 55 to 59 years (born 1952-56)
Group "H" - 60 to 64 years (born 1947-51)	Group "J" - 65 to 69 years (born 1942-46)
Group "K" - 70 to 74 years (born 1937-41)	Group "L" - 75 to 79 years (born 1932-36)
Group "M" - 80 to 84 years (born 1927-31)	Group "N" - 85 to 89 years (born 1922-26)
Group "P" - 90 to 94 years (born 1917-21)	Group "Q" - 95 to 99 years (born 1912-16)

For all Groups, other than Group "S", ages shall be as at 31st December in the year of the competition. All swimmers in Group "S" shall be between 18 years on the first day of the competition and 24 years of age as at 31st December in the year of the competition. Please be sure that swimmers are aware and comply with the age requirements of Group "S".

Individual Events

The programme order for individual events (all swum as Women then Men) will be:

Events 1 & 2	100 m.	Individual Medley
Events 3 & 4	50 m.	Backstroke
Events 5 & 6	50 m.	Breaststroke
Events 7 & 8	50 m.	Butterfly
Events 9 & 10	50m.	Freestyle

Team Events

The following team events will be swum after the individual events (swum as Women then Men, apart from the Mixed medley) :

- 4 x 25 m. Freestyle Team - minimum aggregate age 165 years.
- 4 x 50 m. Freestyle Team - minimum aggregate age 140 years.
- 4 x 50 m. Freestyle Team - minimum aggregate age 72 years.
- Mixed 4 x 25 m. Medley Team (2 Women & 2 Men) - minimum aggregate age 160 years.
- 4 x 50 m. Medley Team - minimum aggregate age 72 years.

Each team in the Mixed Medley Team event must be made up of two women and two men whose aggregate ages are at least 160 years. The strokes will be swum in the usual order of Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle but it does not matter which sex swims which stroke.

Conditions

A copy of the conditions governing these competitions is included with this information pack and on our website www.hertsasa.org.uk.

Eligibility

It should be noted that these are "closed" competitions and are only open to swimmers who meet the eligibility conditions laid down by the Hertfordshire ASA. This means that competitors must be bona fide members of your club and **ASA Registered competitors in the name of the club** at the time their entry is submitted. Failure to comply with these requirements means that a swimmer is not eligible to enter.

Entry Fees and Forms

The entry fee for each individual event is £4.00 and for each team event is £10.00 per team. Entry forms can be downloaded from our website namely www.hertsasa.org.uk.

Spectator admission to the gala on the day will be £2.00 per adult and £1.00 per concession and children. There will be no charge for programmes.

Team Entries

These should be made on the team entry form and should be entered on the HY-Tek Manager Lite program and should use the age groups suggested on the entry forms for the drop down menu in Hy-Tek.

Payment of Entry Fees

Payment MUST be made via Electronic Funds Transfer. Details of how to do this are shown on a separate sheet headed, 'Paying Hertfordshire ASA Electronically', which is part of this Information pack. A single payment from each club should be made and no payments will be accepted from individual swimmers. All payments must be confirmed by email to the County Finance Officer, Grant Chivers.

Closing Date

The closing date for the receipt of entries is **Friday 3rd June 2011**. However, please remember that this is the **latest** date on which entries can be accepted - earlier ones will be gratefully received! **Late or incorrect entries will not be accepted.**

Sending of entries

Clubs should send their entries electronically using the Hy-Tek Team Manager Lite program to Gary Robb (email: garyrobb60@btinternet.com.) A report will be sent to the club confirming who has entered and which event. A copy of the Hy-Tek Electronic Entry Instructions are part of this Information pack. Only 1 entry file per club will be accepted so do please ensure that it is correct and complete before it is sent to Gary Robb.

Cardless Meet – No competitor cards

After the closing date for entries, all entries will be processed and an acknowledgement sent to all clubs. An Acceptance report will be issued to all clubs showing accepted entries and any rejections. This report will list the accepted swimmers and the details of the event for which they have been entered and accepted. It is the responsibility of Clubs and swimmers to check the report to ensure that their details are correct and to report any errors or omissions **immediately** to Gary Robb.

Reporting in on the day

On the day there will be NO requirement to sign-in. Withdrawals should be emailed to Gary Robb by Friday 24th June. Withdrawals on the day can be given to Gary at the pool by 6.15pm at the latest, however, this will result in races with empty lanes and should be avoided if possible.

Event Results

All events are decided on heat time and placing classification (known as Heat declared Winners HDW) and no finals are swum. In every individual event all swimmers from all groups will be listed on the programme in graduated time order, slowest first, according to their submitted entry times. **If no entry time is submitted the entry will not be accepted.** Competitors will therefore swim against those with similar times, irrespective of their age groups. Subsequently, the winner of each Age Group will be determined from the times actually recorded.

Following the Competitions, the results will be uploaded to the ASA's ranking site. The ASA system will automatically reject any swimmers whose details do not match exactly those on their registration card and so their times will not be included in the rankings.

Medals and Certificates

Following consultation with clubs, gold medals will be awarded to the winners of individual events in each age group. In addition, certificates will also be awarded to those placed first, second or third in each age category but will not be handed out automatically on the day. If you would like a certificate you may request one from the Medal Stewards and it will be sent to you after the gala.

East Region Masters Competitions

The East Region Masters Championships will be held on Saturday October 1st 2011 at Newmarket and the East Region Inter-Counties Masters Competition will be held on Sunday, 20th November 2011, also at Newmarket.

We sincerely hope that you will support our Masters Competitions, which are always most enjoyable occasions.

I hope that all of this is clear, but if you have any queries whatsoever please do get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Sumner