M1. Qualification

M.1.1 Masters Swimming Championships shall be conducted annually upon date(s) designated for county championships by the ASA, if applicable. Date(s) shall be agreed by the KCASA Swimming Committee.

M.1.2 Masters Swimming championships shall be conducted in accordance with ASA laws and FINA technical rules of swimming.

M.2 Eligibility for Entry

M.2.1 The championships shall be open to eligible swimmers as defined by the ASA, who on the date of submission of entry are members of clubs affiliated to the county and who shall not have competed in the championships of another county in the same calendar year.

M.2.2 A swimmer must have been an ASA registered member of the club in whose name they are entered at least 30 days prior to the first day of championships and remain so continuously until the championships in which the competitor is taking part have been completed.

M.2.3 A competitor who is a member of more than one club affiliated to the South East Region and/or ASA London Region and allocated by the Region to Kent County ASA may compete in the KCASA Swimming Championships under the name of only one club in any calendar year.

M.3 Ages

M.3.1 The age brackets shall be in accordance with the ASA Masters Championship conditions.

M.3.2 The year of competition shall be the calendar year.

M.4 Entries

M4.1 All entries shall be made on the appropriate official forms of the Association, and shall reach the appointed Officer of the Association, accompanied by the entry fees, not later than 21 days before the dates fixed for the particular Championships. The member's ASA Category and Registration number shall be clearly shown on the form. Forms with the registration number not correctly inserted shall be rejected.

M4.2 The Swimming Committee may refuse any entry.

M.5 Entry fees

Entry fees shall be determined by the Swimming Committee at its June meeting and recommended to the Management Committee for approval at its July meeting each year, to take effect in the following calendar year.

M.6 Disqualification

Any competitor or team failing to comply with any of the Championships or promoter's conditions or bye laws or with ASA Laws shall be disqualified and forfeit the entry fee. Incorrect entries will not be refunded.

M.7 Cardless System

Competitors shall report to the clerks of the course before entering the changing rooms and will be required to sign in for each event in which they intend to compete. Failure to sign in by the stated time may forfeit the swimmer's right to compete.

M.8 Officials

All technical officials appointed for the Masters Championships shall have qualified under the ASA Examination system and be on a County list.

M.9 Awards

Prizes shall be awarded to the first, second and third placed competitors in each Championship, subject to the promoters' conditions. The club achieving the highest aggregate points total in the individual swimming events shall be awarded the trophy available for this purpose.

M.10 Events Promoted

M.10.1 The following Masters Swimming Championships shall be promoted for men and women in all age groups: 50m/100m Freestyle, 50m/100m Backstroke, 50m/100m Breaststroke, 50m/100m Butterfly, 100m Individual Medley

M.10.2 The following age groups shall be promoted for both sexes: AA 18-24 yrs, A 25-29yrs, B 30-34yrs, C 35-39yrs, D 40-44yrs, E 45-49yrs, F5 0-54yrs, G 55-59yrs, H 60-64yrs, J 65-69yrs, K 70-74yrs, L 75-79yrs, M 80yrs+. Ages are as at 31st December in the year of the Championship **except** for the AA age group where age will be as at the first day of the Championships.

M.10.3 All events shall be decided on heat times. Finals will not be swum.

M.10.4 In the individual Championships listed in condition M10.1 the entries shall be seeded in the programme from best times submitted by entrants on their entry forms by listing them in time order, slowest first, irrespective of age.

M.10.5 When the reporting time for an event is reached, those competitors who have reported shall be divided, if necessary, into the smallest possible number of heats, of as near equal size as possible.

M.11 Courses and distances

All Championships shall be swum in still water, the length of the course being either 25 metres or 50 metres.

M.12 Restriction of entries

Initially, all competitors may enter up to 5 events, but should the competition be over-subscribed then Kent County ASA reserves the right to restrict entries as follows:

M.12.1 All competitors must indicate, in the special column provided, their order of preference for the events entered, ie: if their favourite event is no.103 then '1' is to be put opposite this in the order of preference column, and conversely if their least favourite event is no.105 then '5' is to be placed in the aforementioned column.

M.12.2 Should the number of entries be too great then competitors will be restricted to 4 events per person and then to 3, if necessary, with the least preferred entry being returned. If no preferences are shown the Masters Manager shall have power to decide the events which a competitor may enter.

M.13 The Masters Swimming Committee shall have power to decide on any matter not covered by these conditions.

Additional Conditions

1. Freestyle and Medley team competitions shall be promoted for men and women in the following age groups: 120+, 160+, 200+. AA age groups shall be mixed, 2 of each gender.
2. Only team members in the A-M age groups may form part of 120+, 160+, 200+ relay teams. AA swimmers may not be part of these relay teams.
3. Only one team per club may be entered for each age group team event.
4. The team may consist of a maximum of five nominated swimmers four of whom will compete in each event. The names and dates of birth of team members shall be entered on the reverse of the entry card and handed over at the same time that the teams are signed in. All swimmers in the team must be present at the pool when the card is handed in. No changes may be made after handing in. Cards are non-returnable.