



## Masters Swimming Championships 2026



(Swim England Technical Rules)

### Incorporating Kent County ASA Masters' Team Gala

#### Day 1 Distance Events (200m+) - 17 May 2026 at Crook Log Leisure Centre

Entries open on 1 February and close on 2 May. The event is promoted by Erith & District SC as part of their Masters and Seniors Meet. The Day 1 entry link is [here](#)

#### Day 2 Sprint Events and Team Relays (50/100m) – 21 June 2026 at Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre

Entries open on 1 February and close on 15 June. The Day 2 entry link is [here](#)

### Conditions:

#### M1. Qualification

- M.1.1 The Masters' Swimming Championships shall be conducted annually.
- M.1.2 The Masters' Swimming Championships shall be conducted in accordance with Swim England Laws and Technical Rules of Swimming.

#### M.2 Eligibility for Entry

- M.2.1 The championships shall be open to eligible swimmers as defined by Swim England, who on the date of submission of entry are members of a club 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 a Swim England-registered member of the club in whose name they are entered prior to the closing date of each day of the championships and remain so continuously until the championships in which the competitor is taking part have been completed. Cat 1 (Swim Train) swimmers are encouraged to enter this event.
- M.2.3 A competitor who is a member of more than one club affiliated to the South East Region and/or 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.2.4 If any Kent swimmer changes clubs between the Day 1 and Day 2 of the Championships, they must continue to represent the club selected on Day 1 of the championship.
- M.2.5 The 2026 championships will offer swims to competitors other than those in Kent Clubs. However, the championship points and medals are restricted to swimmers of Kent Clubs.

#### M.3 Ages

- M.3.1 The age groups shall be in accordance with Swim England's Masters Championship Conditions. Competitors must be at least 18 years old on the day of the event.
- M.3.2 Competitor's ages shall be calculated as of 31 December in the year the Championships take place.



#### M.4 Entries

- M.4.1 All entries for Day 1 must be made according to the conditions published by Erith & District Swimming Club.
- M.4.2 All entries for Day 2 shall be made online, accompanied by the entry fees, which must be paid prior to the event closing entry date.
- M.4.3 The Swimming Committee or promotor may refuse any entry. Competitors are reminded of the limits on the number of individual events entered, as per Condition M.12.
- M.4.4 In line with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy, swimmers will be required to swim in one of two groups: either Female or Open/Male swimmers. The female category is for birth sex females. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.

#### M.5 Entry fees

- M.5.1 Entry fees are £6.50 for individual events, and £14 for relay events. Fees are payable through the online entry system at the time of submitting your entry.
- M.5.2 Entry fees are non-refundable, except where a swimmer has to withdraw due to injuries unrelated to the meet.
- M.5.3 Refund eligibility will be determined by the Promoter as defined in Condition M.14.

#### M.6 Disqualification

Any competitor or team failing to comply with any of the Championship conditions or byelaws or with Swim England Laws shall be disqualified and forfeit the entry fee. Incorrect entries will not be refunded.

#### M.7 Cardless System

- M.7.1 This event will operate as a 'sign out' event. Competitors are asked to email the promoter 24 hours prior to the event date to withdraw and to prevent empty lanes from being presented to our officials. Failure to do so may prevent you from taking part in future events.
- M.7.2 If you would like to withdraw on the day of the event, please notify the control desk on the poolside prior to the warmup starting.

#### M.8 Officials

Technical officials appointed for the Master's Championships shall have qualified under Swim England's examination system (including Timekeepers and J1s in Training) and be on the County official database. County competitions cannot proceed without the support of officials and volunteers, so clubs entering are asked to provide a proportionate number of officials to the number of entries. As a minimum, we would like to see clubs providing one or more officials for this meet.

#### M.9 Awards

Medals shall be awarded to the first, second and third-placed competitors on each Championship Day, subject to the promoter's conditions. Kent Championship medals are only awarded to swimmers of Kent-based clubs.

- M.9.1 The club achieving the highest aggregate points over the two Championship Days shall be awarded the 'Top Team Trophy' and will be presented at the Annual Council Meeting.
- M.9.2 The club achieving the highest medals total, ranked by Golds, then Silver, then Bronze over the two Championship Days shall be awarded the 'Top Team Medals Trophy' and will be presented at the Annual Council Meeting.
- M.9.3 The club achieving the highest aggregate points total on Championship Day 1 (17 May 2026) shall be awarded the 'Distance Team Trophy' which will be presented at the end of Day 1.
- M.9.4 The club winning the medals table, ranked by Gold, then Silver, then Bronze medals, on Championship Day 1 (17 May 2026) shall be awarded the 'Distance Team Medals Trophy' which will be presented at the end of Day 1.
- M.9.5 The club achieving the highest aggregate points total on Championship Day 2 (22 June 2026) shall be awarded the 'Sprint Team Trophy' which will be presented at the end of Day 2.
- M.9.6 The club winning the medals table, ranked by Gold, then Silver, then Bronze on Championship Day 2 (22 June 2026) shall be awarded the 'Sprint Team Medals Trophy' which will be presented at the end of Day 2.
- M.9.7 Championship tables of the competing clubs will be produced both by medals won and by points awarded. Points values will be 1<sup>st</sup>/Gold 12 points, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Silver 8 points, 3<sup>rd</sup>/Bronze 4 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place 3 points, 5<sup>th</sup> place 2 points and 6<sup>th</sup> place 1 point.



### M.10 Events Promoted

- M.10.1 The following Masters Swimming Championship individual events shall be promoted for Open/Male and Female in all age groups:  
**Day 1 Events:** 200m Freestyle/Butterfly/Backstroke/Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley, 400m Freestyle, 400m Individual Medley, 800m Freestyle, 1500m Freestyle. Additional events promoted by EDSC for the meet do **not** count for the Kent County Championships.  
**Day 2 Events:** 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 genders in individual events: X 18-24 yrs, A 25-29yrs, B 30-34yrs, C 35-39yrs, D 40-44yrs, E 45-49yrs, F50-54yrs, G 55-59yrs, H 60-64yrs, J 65-69yrs, K 70-74yrs, L 75-79yrs, M 80yrs+.
- M.10.3 All events shall be 'heat declared winner'. The fastest heat in each event will be 'spearheaded'.
- M.10.4 In the individual Championships listed in condition M10.1 the entries shall be seeded in the programme from the best times submitted by entrants on their entry forms by listing them in time order, slowest first, irrespective of age.

### M.11 Courses and distances

- M.11. 1 All Championships shall be swum in still water, the length of the course being either 25 metres or 50 metres. The Championships shall be held in a venue where there is a Pool Length Certificate for either 25 metres or 50 metres for the competition pool.

### M.12 Restriction of entries

- M12.1 There is a known capacity for the Day 2 events where all competitors may enter up to 6 events, but should the competition be over-subscribed, then Kent County ASA reserves the right to restrict entries. Should an entry submission contain over 6 events for a given swimmer, the Promoter reserves the right to reject all entries submitted by that swimmer for Day 2 events.
- M.12.2 Should the number of entries be over-subscribed, then competitors will be restricted to 5 events per person and then to 4, if necessary, with the least preferred entry being returned.

### M.13 Rankings

- M.13.1 Individual swims from this event will be submitted to the Swim England Masters Rankings Database once all swims are recorded and the event has concluded. Should there be unforeseen delays or issues with the submission to Rankings, the Promoter will liaise with competitors and teams as necessary.
- M.13.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the first legs of relays will not be eligible for submission to Rankings.

### M.14 Promoter

- M.14.1 The Promoter is Nathan Friend, acting on behalf of Kent County ASA. Queries should be directed to [events.manager@kentswimming.org](mailto:events.manager@kentswimming.org)
- M.14.2 The promoter as outlined in Condition M.14.1 shall have the power to decide on any matter not covered by the Conditions of this event. In situations where the Promoter is not available and a decision is needed in a short timeframe, the Promoter shall appoint an individual to make such decisions.

## Additional Conditions – Relays

### MR.1 Relays

- MR.1.1 Freestyle and Medley team competitions shall be promoted for Open/Male and Female in the following age groups: 120+, 160+, 200+. The 072+, and 240+ age group teams shall be mixed, 2 of each gender.
- MR1.2 Only team members in the A-M age groups may form part of 120+, 160+, 200+, 240+ relay teams. X swimmers may not be part of these relay teams.
- MR.1.3 Only one team per club may be entered for each age group team event.
- MR.1.4 'Mixed' relay teams are defined as two swimmers of each gender Female and Open/Male.
- MR.1.5 The team may consist of a maximum of five nominated swimmers four of whom will compete in each event (up to six for a mixed team with one member of each gender nominated as a reserve).
- MR.1.6 The names, Swim England numbers, and dates of birth of team members shall be entered on the declaration form and handed to the promotor prior to the event starting.
- MR.1.7 All swimmers in the team must be present at the pool when the form is submitted. No changes may be made after handing in. The form may not be returned.