

Open Masters & Senior Age Group Championships 2026
Moorways Sports Village, Sunday 6th December 2026

1. General

1. The promoter is Matthew McNicholas on behalf of Swim England East Midland Region.
2. For the purpose of these conditions reference to 'the website' means www.emswimchamps.org.uk
3. The Championship shall be swum long course (50m pool), with anti-turbulence lane ropes and electronic timing.
4. The Championship will be held under the relevant Swim England Regulations & Technical Rules.
5. The Championship shall be open to:
 - a. Any Club Compete member of a club affiliated to Swim England, or equivalent members with Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales, swimmers must enter via the entry link on <https://www.swimmingresults.org/>.
 - b. Swimmers with competitive membership of a club which belongs to a swimming federation affiliated to World Aquatics, swimmers must complete and return the entry form given on the Championship webpage.
 - c. Temporary Swim England membership may be used at this event, please contact entries@emswimchamps.org.uk for the relevant form.
6. A competitor can only compete for one club in the Championships and must be a registered member of the club on the day that they enter.
7. A secondary strobe will be provided where it is requested by the athlete at the time of entry. Requests can be made via: entries@emswimchamps.org.uk
8. Swimmers are reminded that changing must not be carried out on poolside or within public areas such as the café. Swimmers must be dry when entering the café or spectator gallery.
9. Any question arising, for which these conditions do not provide, shall be determined by the Promoter.
10. All warm-up and start times will be available once entries have been closed and processed, the first warm up will be no earlier than 8.00am. Confirmation of timings and the programme will be posted on the Championship website as soon as possible following the closing date.
11. Heat sheets will be available online and posted on the wall as soon as possible following the processing of withdrawals.
12. In accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy the gender categories are Open/Male and Female. By entering the 'Female' category a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
13. Individual events will be mixed gender/age and will be seeded based on entry time, with the final heat of each event spearheaded.

14. Relays will be seeded by age group.
15. Starts for 50m individual events will take places from the score board/changing room end, starts for all other events will take place from the window end.
16. There will be no continuous swim down facility during the event.

2. Entry

1. Swimmers age is at 31st December in the year of the Championships, all swimmers must be 18 or over on the day of the Championships.
2. Entry for individuals and teams must be completed by the closing date via the entry link available on www.swimmingresults.org with payment completed using the method indicated.
3. Times do not need to be on rankings for entry, times can be edited or added for entry. Times submitted should be based on long course to ensure swimmers are seeded appropriately.
4. A swimmer's club cannot be changed once the entry has been submitted, should there be an issue with an entry time the entry manager should be contacted ASAP via: entries@emswimchamps.org.uk
5. Entry fee: £8.50 per individual event
£1 for relay only swimmers
£12 for relays
6. Entries close: **Midnight Wednesday 18th November 2026** or earlier if events/sessions become full.
7. Entries following the close may be accepted at discretion of the promoter should space allow at the entry fee + £4, late entry requests should be sent to: entries@emswimchamps.org.uk
8. Entries may be restricted based on session length, entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Should time require the 800m and 1500m events may be restricted to 2 heats (16 swimmers), in the event of this the Region may run a reserves list.
9. Acceptance of entries will be available on www.emswimchamps.org.uk following the close of the event.

3. Team Events

1. All swimmers must be members of the entering club at the time of the swim, all swimmers must be registered on the entry system, relay only swimmers can be entered via the form on swimmingresults.org by selecting no swims and proceeding to payment.
2. Mixed teams will be made up of two open/male and two female competitors swimming in any order.
3. For the 72+ teams all swimmers must be 18 years and over, all other team age groups swimmers must be 25 years and over, with the requirement to meet the

entered age category. Age banding of relays may be changed up to 1 hour before the start of warm up that the event is being swum in.

4. Team declarations must be submitted to the results team 1 hour before the start of warm up that the event is being swum in.

4. Medals

1. Individual medals will be awarded to the first, second and third placed swimmer swimming under an East Midland Region affiliated club (Regional Championship medal) and to the first, second and third placed swimmer from any club (Open Championship medal) in the following categories:
 - a. **Senior age group (18-24)** open/male and female swimmer in each event based on time.
 - b. **Masters (25/over)** open/male and female swimmer in each event based on age adjusted masters points.
 - c. **Para-Swimming (18/over)** open/male and female classified S1-S14 swimmers in the 50m and 100m events and the 200m Individual Medley based on age adjusted BPS points. Swimmers must have the classification on their membership at the time of entry.
Classified swimmers may also achieve awards under 4.1a and 4.1b in any event subject to achieving a placing under the given conditions.
2. Team medals will be awarded first second and third in the following age groups: 72+, 120+, 160+, 200+, 240+, 280+, 320+
3. Medals must be collected on the day of the event.

5. Withdrawals

1. All withdrawals must be submitted online via the website by 6pm the night before the competition.
2. Late withdrawals will be accepted for the 800m and 1500m Freestyle events up to the beginning of the relevant warmup for that event.
3. The promoter cannot accept any responsibility for a withdrawal that has not been submitted using the correct procedures.
4. Once a withdrawal form has been submitted a swimmer cannot be reinstated unless this is an error by the Championship administration team.
5. Refunds are not available for any withdrawals after the closing date of the event.

6. Event Cancellation

1. If the event is cancelled by the event Promoter full refunds of entry fees will be offered to all competitors.

2. No refunds will be offered for any other expenses incurred in relation to the Championships.

Event Declaration

1. No member of Swim England East Midlands, its officers or the promoter, will be liable for any loss, damage or injury occurred during the delivery of this meet.
2. By entering this event I am declaring myself fit and healthy to compete in these Championships.
3. I am aware of and appreciate the inherent risks involved in such training and competition, including the possibility of injury and accident. I undertake to always conduct myself in a responsible and professional manner.
4. I endeavour at all times during the Championships to train and compete in a safe and proper manner and not to do anything which would expose myself or fellow swimmers to unnecessary risk of injury.
5. I further endeavour to take all reasonable safety measures for the protection of myself and fellow swimmers and to inform the Referee of any concerns I may have with regards to safety.
6. By entering the event I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules and regulations of Swim England and the Event Conditions.