

BERKSHIRE & SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

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23rd MASTERS OPEN MEET

Sunday 11 September 2016

Short Course at

Magnet Leisure Centre

ENTRY AND INFORMATION PACK

Promoter:

Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire ASA

Meet organiser:

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INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS AND PROMOTER'S CONDITIONS

General information

The event is promoted by the Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire ASA, but is open to all ASA category 2 members (or other swimmers who are members of organisation affiliated to FINA).

The venue is Magnet Leisure Centre, Holmanleaze, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 8AW. Magnet Leisure Centre offers a 25 metre competition pool, with 8 lanes and electronic timing. There is a large pay-and-display car park at the centre but on Sundays free parking is available on the opposite side of the road in the upper storeys of Hines Meadow Car Park.

The meet will be run in accordance with ASA Laws and the ASA Technical Rules of Racing. The One Start Rule will apply to this meet.

Events will be swum in two sessions, as follows (NB session times are provisional and will be confirmed once entries have closed)

First session:	Warm up 11.00 pm.	Events start 11.45 pm.	Registration by 11.00 pm
Second session:	Warm up 3:15 pm.	Events start 4:00 pm.	Registration by 3.15 pm

Teams for the relay events must comprise two male and two female swimmers who may swim in any order. Seniors and Masters may swim in all relay teams.

Awards and age groups

With the exception of the BSBASA special awards (see below), the awards are open to all swimmers eligible to enter.

Age groups are: Seniors= 18/24; A=25/29; B=30/34; C=35/39; D=40/44; E=45/49; F=50/54; G=55/59; H=60/64; J=65/69; K=70/74; L=75/79; M=80 plus.

Age groups for relays are 120 Yrs+, 160Yrs +, and 200Yrs+.

All ages are at 31st December 2016. Seniors must be 18 or over on 11 September 2016. Heats will be arranged based on the submitted entry times, from slowest to fastest. Swimmers should enter an estimate of the time they expect to be able to swim. Over the top starts may be used, except for backstroke. All 200m events will be swum in mixed heats.

All events will be decided on a Heat Declared Winner system. Medals will be presented to first, second and third places in each individual event, and to the first placed relay team. In addition, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for relays provided there are at least 4 & 5 entries respectively.

A trophy will be awarded to the visiting team with the highest combined team score. Team points will be awarded for the top six places, six points for first place, five for second place, and so on with one point for sixth place.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 female and top 3 male swimmer of the meet (masters only). The winners will be decided using a points based method with age adjusted points calculated using a similar method to the British Swimming Master Decathlon Competition. The awards will be made based on the points for the best five swims (of any distance and stroke combination).

Results will be available on the Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire ASA website www.bsbasa.org as soon as possible after the meet, and will be submitted to Masters Rankings.

In addition to the above awards there will be additional awards open only to swimmers who are competing for clubs affiliated to the Berkshire & South Buckingham ASA. A gold, silver and bronze medal will be awarded to the BSBASA male and female swimmers placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall in each individual event. Placing will be determined using a points based method with age adjusted points calculated using a similar method to the British Swimming Master Decathlon Competition.

Entry procedure

All entries must be made and paid for online. Payment can be made via PayPal or credit/debit card, Please visit www.bsbasas.org for further details and the web entry link.

The closing date for individual entries is midnight on 17 August 2016. The closing date for team entries is midnight on 24 August 2016. Any entries made but not paid at the closing date will be deemed to be invalid and may not be accepted. Entries received after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the promoter.

Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Depending on the volume of entries we may need to reject entries for the 200m events in order to keep to the time available, whilst still accepting entries to the other events. Where we close entries early, any entries made but not paid for at that time may not be accepted.

Once the meet has closed for entries (midnight on 17 August 2016, or earlier as above) no refunds will be made for entries withdrawn after that time.

All swimmers must be current ASA Category 2 members, or must take out ASA Temporary Category 2 Membership (this can be done via the online entry system). Entries are made using your ASA number and will be processed using the name, club and DOB information held by the ASA. A swimmer may only swim for one club at the meet and must be a registered member of that club.

By entering, all swimmers are confirming that they

- are Category 2 registered swimmers, with their ASA numbers as provided in the on line entry process
- have all read and understood the Promoter's Conditions and accept them,
- are Club members of the entered clubs
- the dates of birth declared and entry times are correct,

In the case of relay entries, by entering a relay team the person entering is confirming the above (with necessary adaptation) is correct in relation to the swimmers who will swim in that team and will be declared on the relay declaration forms (see below).

The entry fees are £5.00 per individual event and £8.00 per relay team. In addition, there is a £1 per swimmer administration charge.

Entries for this meet will be held on a computer. As required by the Data Protection Act, consent to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Personal data will be available for inspection during the meet if advance application has been made to the promoter.

Registration procedure

No cards will be issued, but see below regarding relays. Confirmation of accepted entries will be posted on the Berkshire & S Buckinghamshire website www.bsbasa.org as soon as possible after the closing date (this should be no later than 21 August 2016). Competitors should check the confirmation of accepted entries carefully. Most errors can be corrected prior to the meet. It is most unlikely that errors can be corrected on the day. An Information for Competitors document will also be published. This will contain important information about the meet and it is important that competitors refer to this.

The meet will be run on a “registration basis” for individual events. That is, individual competitors will need to sign in for each event that they have entered to signify that they are present and intend to swim in that event. Registration will close 45 minutes prior to the start of the session concerned. Swimmers who have not registered prior to this time may be able to swim in any empty lanes in the first heat, but otherwise will not be able to swim. Full details of the registration process will be posted on the BSBASA website.

Relay team declaration forms will be sent by email before the meet. The names of the swimmers in each team must be “declared” on the forms and then posted in the box provided on poolside no later than 45 minutes prior to the start of the relevant session. Teams who do not complete and return relay declaration forms in time will not be eligible to swim.

Programme of events

The programme of events for the meet follows below.

The Promoter reserves the right to amend the Programme of Events to ensure the smooth running of the Meet.

Warm-up facilities

The Pool will be available for warm-up before the start of each session; see the summary programme for warm up timings.

Other conditions

Competitors are responsible for arriving at the start in good time to swim in their designated heat. Heat start list will be posted as soon as possible after registration has closed, bearing in mind that it does take some time to process registered swimmers in the meet management system.

Any dispute related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall be determined by the Promoter.

The Promoter reserves the right to amend any of the conditions in this document to ensure the smooth running of the Meet.

The promoter will not be responsible for loss or damage occurring during the meet.

SUMMARY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday 11 September 2016

Session 1 *

Warm-up 11:00pm Start 11:45pm Registration by 11:00pm

Event 1	Mixed 200m Freestyle
Event 2	Men's 100m Breaststroke
Event 3	Ladies 100m Breaststroke
Event 4	Men's 50m Backstroke
Event 5	Ladies 50m Backstroke
Event 6	Mixed 200mFly
Event 7	Men's 100m Freestyle
Event 8	Ladies 100m Freestyle
Event 9	Men's 50m Breaststroke
Event 10	Ladies 50m Breaststroke
Event 11	Mixed 100m Individual Medley
Event 12	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Team

Session 2 *

Warm-up 3:15pm Start 4:00pm Registration by 3:15pm

Event 13	Mixed 200m Backstroke
Event 14	Men's 100m Fly
Event 15	Ladies 100m Fly
Event 16	Men's 50m Freestyle
Event 17	Ladies 50m Freestyle
Event 18	Mixed 200m Breaststroke
Event 19	Men's 100m Backstroke
Event 20	Ladies 100m Backstroke
Event 21	Men's 50m Fly
Event 22	Ladies 50m Fly
Event 23	Mixed 200m Individual Medley
Event 24	Mixed 4x50m Medley Team

Presentation of Top Male, Top Female, and Top Club awards.

* Please note times are tentative and will be confirmed once all of the entries for the meet have been processed.
Full details will be included in the information for competitors document.