

BERKSHIRE & SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASA

A sub region of the Swim England South East



29th MASTERS OPEN MEET

Sunday 8 September 2024

Short Course at

Braywick Leisure Centre - Maidenhead

***Featuring a 10 lane 25m pool and
400m and 800m Freestyle events.***

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 Swim England Club Compete members.

The venue is Braywick Leisure Centre, Braywick Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 1BN. Follow the signs for Braywick Sports Ground.

Braywick Leisure Centre is a new facility with a 10 lane 25 metre competition pool with electronic timing, a large spectator gallery for swimmers use and a small swim down pool. There is a mixed changing village. A secondary strobe for deaf swimmers may be available on request. S15 swimmers wishing to use the secondary strobe should contact the organisers when entering. Backstroke ledges are not available. There is a large pay-and-display car park at the centre, which is free on Sundays. There is also a café serving coffees and specialty teas, a wholesome range of healthy snacks, a patisserie of treats and also serves the finest Barrel & Stone stone baked pizzas. The café has a large indoor and outdoor seating area.

The meet will be run in accordance with Swim England Laws and Technical Rules of Racing.

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

First session:	Registration by 10.45 am	Warm up 10.45 am.	Events start 11.30 am.
Second session:	Registration by 2.30 pm	Warm up 2:30 pm.	Events start 3:00 pm.

Estimated finish time 6:00pm

Covid 19

It is possible that we may need to adopt specific measures to comply with any government or leisure centre restrictions or guidance. These will be notified to entrants before the meet. By entering you are recognising and accepting that such measures may be imposed later.

Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy

In line with the Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy events are held in the following categories:

Female – Swimmers with a birth sex of female and categorised as female in the Swim England on-line membership system.

and

Open/Male – Swimmers with a birth sex of male, Trans or non-binary swimmers and any swimmers not eligible for the female category.

For the avoidance of doubt, swimmers eligible for the Female category may not enter the Open/Male category. Further details on the policy and the definitions can be found at <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/transgender-competition-policy-update/>

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: 18/24, 25/29, 30/34, 35/39, 40/44, 45/49, 50/54, 55/59, 60/64, 65/69, 70/74, 75/79, 80/84, 85/89 and 90 plus.

All ages are at 31st December 2024. Seniors must be 18 or over on 8 September 2024. Heats will be arranged based on the submitted entry times, from slowest to fastest. The fastest heat will be spearhead seeded. 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. The 100m Individual Medley and all events of 200m and over will be swum in mixed open/male and female heats.

Depending on entries and the availability of officials, we may run some or all events using less than 10 lanes.

All events will be decided on a Heat Declared Winner system. Medals will be presented to first, second and third places in each age group for each event. For the mixed open/male and female events, there will be separate awards for each age group in each of the open/male and female categories.

A trophy will be awarded to the BSBASA club with the highest combined team score. A separate trophy will be awarded to the visiting (ie non BSBASA) club with the highest combined team score. Club 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 category and top 3 Open/Male category swimmer of the meet. 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 individual swims (of any distance and stroke combination).

Results will be available on the Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire ASA website <http://bsbasa.org> as soon as possible after the meet, and will be submitted to Masters Rankings and the Masters Decathlon Competition. We will also be posting the results at <https://bsbasa.org/results> (accessible on a smartphone) ASAP after each event finishes.

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 Buckinghamshire ASA. A gold, silver and bronze medal will be awarded to the BSBASA Open/Male category and Female category swimmers placed first, second and third 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 Masters Decathlon Competition.

Entry procedure

Entries open on 1 July 2024. All entries must be made and paid for online. Payment can be made via credit/debit card. The on-line entry system can be found at <https://bsbasa.org/meet/bsbcm24>. Entries made to date can be found at <https://bsbasa.org/entries/bsbcm24>.

The closing date for entries is midnight on 26 August 2024. 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. We may need to close entries before 26 August if the meet reaches capacity before that date. Furthermore, we may need to close entries for the longer distance events whilst still keeping entries open for 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 26 August 2024, or earlier as above) no refunds will be made for entries withdrawn after that time for any reason. Furthermore, no refunds will be made to swimmers who fail to register by the published time, including those who cannot attend due to illness, injury or compliance with any Covid safety measures.

All swimmers must be current Swim England Club Compete members at the time they enter. You can check your membership record at <http://www.swimming.org/swimengland/club-member-check/> We will be checking compliance with the above and any entries that do not comply will be rejected without further correspondence. The entry fees paid will be refunded less an administration fee of £7.

Swimmers who have chosen to hide their Swim England membership data cannot be checked and so will be rejected. Such swimmers must contact the promoter, masters@bsbasa.org, before entering.

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 Club Compete registered swimmers, with their Swim England Registration numbers as provided in the on-line entry process
- They have all read and understood the Promoter's Conditions and accept them,
- They are Club members of the entered clubs
- the dates of birth declared and entry times are correct,
- in the case of swimmers entering in the female category, their birth sex is female.

The entry fees are:

50m & 100m events	£7.00 each
200m events	£9.00 each
400m Freestyle	£12.50 each
800m Freestyle	£16.00

Registration procedure

No cards will be issued. Confirmation of accepted entries will be posted on the Berks & S Bucks website <http://bsbasa.org> as soon as possible after the closing date (this should be no later than 30 August 2024). 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”. That is, swimmers 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 when the warm up starts for the relevant session. 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.

Use of data

Entries for this meet must be made via the on-line entry system. You can see how the data collected will be used at <https://bsbasa.org/WebEntry/dataPolicy.html>. The data collected will be transferred to the BSBASA meet management system (also held on computers). This information (together with the meet results) may be used

- to contact entrants and their clubs regarding entries and the running of the meet
- to publish entry information on the BSBASA website once entries have closed
- to publish results at the meet venue and on the BSBASA websites
- to publish start lists and results on a mobile application see https://bsbasa.org/MeetResults/privacy_policy.html for the privacy policy of the mobile application
- for submitting the results to Swim England Rankings and the Decathlon Competition
- to send results to competing clubs (for their swimmers only)

When entering, entrants will be offered the opportunity to elect to receive information about future similar events. Entrants who do not make this election will only be contacted in relation to this meet.

By entering the meet, entrants are consenting for their data (and that of the swimmers) to be used as above.

Programme of events

The programme of events for the meet is set out in a separate document.

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 matter not covered by the above conditions shall be determined by the BSBASA Performance Swimming Events Committee, and in the case of matters requiring a decision during the meet by as many of its members who are available.

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

In the event of the meet being cancelled for whatever reason event entry fees will be refunded. The promoter accepts no responsibility for any consequential costs. The promoter is not responsible for any swimmer loss or damage occurring during the meet.