



**Cheshire County Masters  
Sprint & 400m Freestyle & IM Championships 2022  
(Including Senior Age Group Male & Female 17-24 Age Group)**

**Saturday 16th July 2022**

**Stockport Grand Central Pool SK1 3TA  
Warm up 17:30 for 18:00 start**

**Closing Date: Strictly 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**HOW TO ENTER**

Entries **MUST** be made using the online entry system which will be available on the Cheshire County Website and via this link: <https://bsbasa.org/meet/cheshirecm22>

Para Swimmers must indicate their disability classification or provide a valid Certificate of Swimming Disability issued by Swim England (or ASA) at the time of entry.

**PAYMENT OF ENTRIES**

Payment of entries via the electronic system will be made via Paypal

**ENTRY FEE:**

£5.00 per individual event. Relays £6 per team.

**Medical Declaration**

Please read the following information carefully:

- a. I am aware of the need to seek appropriate medical advice if I have any concerns as to the state of my health. I have not been informed by any medical practitioner and I do not have knowledge of any medical condition which would make it inadvisable for me to participate in the Masters Championships. Accordingly, I declare that I am physically fit and well to participate in the Championships
- b. I undertake at all times during the Championships to use my best endeavours 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
- c. I acknowledge that Cheshire County Water Polo & Swimming Association, or anybody associated with the organisation of the Championships cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to my personal belongings and that I must take all reasonable steps against any such loss or damage.

- d. I hereby agree to abide by the governed by the rules and regulations of the Championships as set out in the Event Conditions.

Submission of an entry will confirm that you have read and understood the above provisions and agree to abide by them.

### **Withdrawals**

The withdrawal process relies up swimmer's co-operation and courtesy to fellow competitors. Swimmers who fail to arrive for their heat create empty lanes which, if they had been used by others, could reduce the length of sessions.

To ensure that the meet runs efficiently it is essential that those not intending to compete notify the Championship Secretary ([bobbolton1960@gmail.com](mailto:bobbolton1960@gmail.com)) up to and including Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022. On the day withdrawals need to be made in person or by a swimmer's representative to the timing suite 1 hour prior to the commencement of the session. (Both individuals and relays).

### **Event Programme**

- Ev101/102. Men's/Women's 400m Freestyle
- Ev103. Women's 50m Backstroke
- Ev104. Men's 50m Backstroke
- Ev105. Women's 50m Breaststroke
- Ev106. Men's 50m Breaststroke
- EV107/108. Men's/Women's 400m Individual Medley
- Ev109. Women's 4 x 25m Individual Medley
- Ev110. Men's 4 x 25m Individual Medley
- EV111. Women's 50m Butterfly
- EV112. Men's 50m Butterfly
- EV113. Women's 50m Freestyle
- EV114. Men's 50m Freestyle
- EV115. 4 X 50m Women's Medley Team
- Ev116. 4 X 50m Men's Medley Team
- Ev117. 4 X 50m Women's Freestyle Team
- Ev118. 4 X 50m Men's Freestyle Team
- Ev119. Mixed 4 X 50m Freestyle Team
- Ev120. Mixed 4 X 50m Medley Team

## **WARM UP**

The competition pool will be available for warm up ahead of session. Warm up is scheduled to start at 5:30pm and finish in the competition pool at 5:55pm. There will be an additional 25m pool available for warm up and cool down throughout the event from 5:30 onwards.

## **SWIMWEAR**

Swimmers are reminded that to qualify for a British, European or World Masters record their swimwear must be compliant with FINA requirements.

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

The draft programme will be posted on the Cheshire County website as soon as possible after the closing date for the competition. This will confirm session start time. Please advise of any inaccuracies or withdrawals by 5pm 15<sup>th</sup> July by email to [bobbolton1960@gmail.com](mailto:bobbolton1960@gmail.com) or by telephone to Bob Bolton 07976 432595.

## **CONDITIONS**

### **1. General Conditions**

- a. The Swim England Cheshire County Executive reserves full powers over all County Swimming Championships. Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the County Swimming Committee and their nominated representative at the event.
- b. The Event shall be held under Swim England Rules and the relevant FINA/Swim England/World Para Swimming rules
- c. For individual and team events, competitors must be registered with Swim England as Category 2 swimmers, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales equivalent. Overseas competitors may be accepted upon provision of their home country registration equivalent to the Swim England Category 2.
- d. The age of competitors shall be determined as at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition. All competitors must be 17 years or over on the day of the Championships. However only swimmers 18 years and over will be eligible to compete in relay team events.
- e. A competitor can only compete for one club in the Championships and must be a registered member of that club on the day they enter.
- f. All participants are advised to adhere to any COVID-19 guidelines which may be in operation at the time of the competition.

### **2. Events**

- a. The individual events shall be (for both men and women)
  - 50m Freestyle, Butterfly, Backstroke & Backstroke
  - 100m & 400m Individual Medley & 400m Freestyle

- b. All events are Heat Declared Winner within each individual age classification. In each event competitors will be seeded according to their entry time and will compete against those with similar times from the various age groups taking part in the event.
- c. The age groups for individual events shall be for men and women:
 

18-24 years	40-44 years	60-64 years	80+ years
25-29 years	45-49 years	65-69 years	
30-34 years	50-54 years	70-74 years	
35-39 years	55-59 years	75-79 years	

In five-year bands as high as necessary

### 3. Team Events

- a. The team events shall be:
  - Men's and Women's 4 x 50m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays
  - Mixed 4x50m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays
- b. All team events will be Heat Declared Winner within each team age group classification.
- c. The age group for Masters team events shall be:
 

100-119 years	200-239 years	320+ years
120-159 years	240-279 years	
160-199 years	280-319 years	

In 40-year increments as high as necessary
- d. The combined ages of the team members at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition must fall within the age band given above with the proviso that all team members must be 25 years of age or older on the 31 December in the year of competition.
- e. There shall also be team events for teams with the combined ages at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition of 72 years and above will all team members being aged 18 years or over on the day of the championships.
- f. The mixed team shall consist of two competitors of each gender (2 males & 2 females) swimming in any order.

#### 4. Entries & Withdrawals

- a. All entries shall be received by the Championships Administrator by the closing date, accompanied by payment.
- b. The Promoter reserves the right to close entries before the published closing date should the event reach maximum capacity.
- c. Competitors and teams whose entries have been accepted are expected to swim unless they have formally withdrawn in accordance with the withdrawal policy.
- d. **Awards:** Medals will only be awarded to winners in all individual events in each age category. Medals will not be awarded for relays. The Tom Walker Top Team Trophy is awarded to the team with the most aggregate points for individual and relay swims. Points are awarded as follows: 1st = 6pts, 2nd = 5pts, 3rd = 4pts, 4th = 3 pts, 5th = 2 pts, 6th = 1pt.  
\*\*Relays earn double points.\*\*  
1<sup>st</sup> place 50 points, 2nd place 25 points, 3rd place 10 points The Claire Dickinson Salvers are awarded to the best female and best male swimmer.
- e. Swimmers registered under condition 1c above but who are outside the NW region and beyond an adjacent county to Cheshire may apply to enter but are ineligible to break county records or win medals.

**WARNING – THERE IS NO DIVING ALLOWED AT THE SHALLOW END OF THE POOL.**

Any questions contact Bob Bolton by email: [bobbolton1960@gmail.com](mailto:bobbolton1960@gmail.com)  
or 07976 432595.

**NB: Anything not covered in these conditions will be at the discretion of the Promoter.**