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BRITISH MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

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Entries

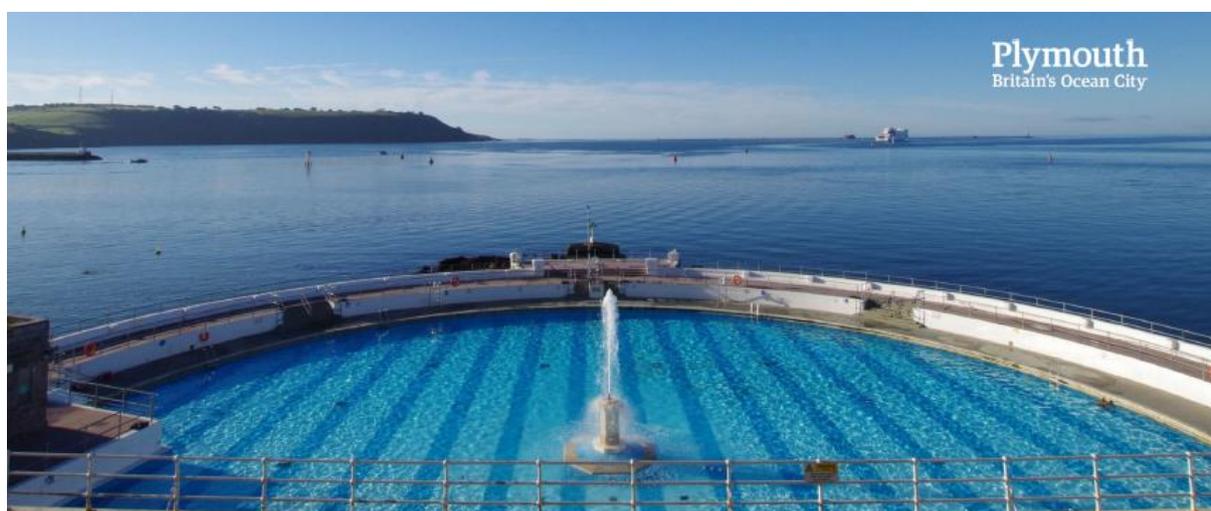
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KEY DATES

Entries Open	Midnight (00.01 am), Wednesday 14 March 2018
Entries Close	12 noon, Friday 18 May 2018
Qualifying Period	1 June 2016 – 12 noon, Friday 18 May 2018

CITY AND VENUE INFORMATION



CITY

Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City, is a vibrant city located by a stunning waterfront and harbour with dazzling views, rich history and fantastic things to see and do. Plymouth is looking forward to welcoming all British Masters competitors to the city in June 2018.

A list of exclusive offers, ranging from Plymouth accommodation to restaurants, has been put together especially for all British Masters competitors to ensure everyone's experience as part of the British Masters Championships 2018 is enjoyable and memorable.

Further details on exclusive offers can be found in the General Information section.

VENUE

Address: [Plymouth Life Centre](#)

40 Mayflower Drive

Plymouth

PL2 3DG

Tel: 0175 260 6900

HOW TO ENTER

Entries for the British Masters Championships 2018 are now open.

Entry Fees

Individual Event Registration Fee	£28.00
Individual Entry Fee	£6.00
Team Entry Fee (no registration fee required)	£15.00
Individual Entry Fee 1500m	£15.00
Individual Relay Fee	£1.25

****Important information – If you are only entering a relay, not individual event, you must submit your name and club using the online entry system.***

Qualifying times

Please refer to the event conditions at the end of the document for further information on qualifying times. Qualifying times can also be viewed on the [British Masters event page online](#).

1500m Entries

Only 40 entries (including male & female) will be permitted into the 1500m. Once 40 is reached, entries for this event will close.

Entering individual events

1. All entries are to be submitted via the [ONLINE ENTRY PAGE](#).
2. On the individual entry page enter your British Swimming registration number or family name, click on 'fetch data' and follow the instructions.
3. If you are a member of more than one club you will be asked to select which club you wish to represent for this entry. **Please note changes to clubs will NOT be allowed under any circumstances, so be sure to select the correct one entry.**

Entering relay events

1. **If you are only swimming relays:** you are required to enter your name on the individual entry page (see above) and the club you wish represent, but do not enter any events. You will be charged £1.25. This will need to be completed by **12 noon Friday 18 May 2018**.
2. **If you are the person responsible for entering your relay team:** complete the relay entry form as normal through the [ONLINE ENTRY PAGE](#). Clubs are permitted to enter up to one team per age group in the same event, this will need to be completed by **12 noon Friday 18 May 2018**.
3. Payment is by debit/credit card or PayPal, please follow the instructions.

Entry confirmations

All entries must be made online and payment must be made in full, online to complete the entry process. Payment is by credit or debit card only, please follow the PayPal instructions.

All entrants will receive two emails at the time of payment: one from PayPal confirming receipt of payment and one from the entry system confirming your entry.

Your entry is not complete until your payment has been processed and you have received a confirmation email from PayPal. Please contact Swim England Events if you have any issues (NationalEvents@swimming.org).

Confirmed entries can be viewed on the entry page. If after you have submitted your entry you find you have missed an event, you may go back and make additional entries. If you wish to withdraw from an event, please follow the withdrawal procedure. Please note refunds will not be made. All entries are bound by the Conditions of Entry.

A Competitors Information Pack with further details about the competition will be distributed to competitors shortly after the entries have closed.

Medical declaration

Please read the following information carefully:

1. 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 any knowledge of any medical condition which would make it inadvisable for me to participate in the British Masters Championships (“the Championships”). Accordingly I declare that I am physically fit and well to participate in the Championships.
2. 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.
3. I acknowledge that Swim England, 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.
4. I hereby agree to abide by and be 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.



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COMPETITOR INFORMATION

Schedule of events

Friday 8 th June	Saturday 9 th June	Sunday 10 th June
Session 1 – 9.00am	Session 4 – 9.00am	Session 7 – 9.00am
101 Mixed 800m Freestyle	401 Women 400m Freestyle 402 Men 400m Freestyle 403 Women 50m Breaststroke 404 Men 50m Breaststroke 405 Mixed 4x100 Freestyle Relays	701 Men 50m Backstroke 702 Women 50m Backstroke 703 Men 400m Individual Medley 704 Women 400m Individual Medley 705 Men 200m Freestyle 706 Women 200m Freestyle 707 Men 4x100m Medley Relays 708 Women 4x100m Medley Relays
Session 2 – 2.50pm*	Session 5 – 1.15pm*	Session 8 – 12.40pm*
201 Mixed 4x100m Medley Relays 202 Men 200m Butterfly 203 Women 200m Butterfly 204 Men 100m Breaststroke 205 Women 100m Breaststroke 206 Men 4x200m Freestyle Relays 207 Women 4x200m Freestyle Relays	501 Women 100m Backstroke 502 Men 100m Backstroke 503 Women 50m Butterfly 504 Men 50m Butterfly 505 Women 200m Individual Medley 506 Men 200m Individual Medley 507 Women 4x50m Freestyle Relays 508 Men 4 x50m Freestyle Relays	801 Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relays 802 Mixed 4x200m Freestyle Relays 803 Women 100m Butterfly 804 Men 100m Butterfly 805 Mixed 1500m Freestyle**
Session 3 – 5.15pm*	Session 6 – 5.15pm*	
301 Mixed 4x50m Medley Relays 302 Men 50m Freestyle 303 Women 50m Freestyle 304 Men 200m Backstroke 305 Women 200m Backstroke 306 Men 4x100m Freestyle Relays 307 Women 4x100m Freestyle Relays	601 Women 200m Breaststroke 602 Men 200m Breaststroke 603 Women 100m Freestyle 604 Men 100m Freestyle 605 Women 4x50m Medley Relays 606 Men 4x50m Medley Relays	

*Session start times are estimates, session times will be confirmed after the closing date when all entries have been received.

** Limited entries

Withdrawals

The withdrawal process relies upon swimmers' 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 the sessions. To ensure that the meet runs efficiently it is essential that those not intending to swim inform the recorders as soon as possible.

Withdrawals before Friday 8 June should be sent by email to bernie.buck22@gmail.com. Withdrawals after the start of the competition, should be reported to the recorders in the timing suite.

Re-entry

Competitors entered in 400m Individual Medley and 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle events are required to confirm their intention to swim in these events by re-entering before the start of the session in which the events will be swum. The deadlines for re-entry will be published in the Competitor Information Pack.

Warm up and swim down

Warm up will take place in the competition pool prior to each session. Warm up and swim down facilities will be available in the Diving pit throughout the competition. Further information will be included in the Competitor Information Pack.

Warm up marshals

We need your help to make this event a success. We need warm up marshals at the start of each session to create a safe and pleasant warm up. Please offer your time for one or more sessions to help supervise the warm up. For those new to this role a description of the duties is available.

If you are able to lend your time during the warm up ahead of all eight sessions you will receive an event staff polo shirt.

If you can help out, please contact nationalevents@swimming.org

Swimwear

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



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Championships Web Page

All event updates and additional information will be published on the [British Masters Championships web page](#).

Plymouth Exclusive Offers and Local Guide

Plymouth has a lot on offer from the finest food and drink, a range of high quality and varied accommodation, to plenty to explore and discover across the city and nearby.

Exclusive discounts and promotions are on offer for all British Masters 2018 competitors across the city.

[Exclusive Offers and Plymouth Local Area Guide](#) has all the bespoke offers, travel directions, where to stay, where to eat and what to explore whilst in Plymouth for the British Championships 2018.

Data Protection

For further information and guidance, please read the [Data Protection Notice and Policy](#).

Photography Policy

For further information and guidance, please read the [Photography Policy](#).

CONDITIONS

1 General Conditions

- 1.1** The event promoter is Swim England, who will appoint a Meet Director for the competition. Anything not covered by these conditions will be decided by the Meet Director.
- 1.2** The Championships shall be held annually under FINA Swimming Rules and FINA Masters Rules unless otherwise provided in these Event Conditions, the British Swimming Disciplinary Code and any additional conditions (printed in the respective meet information). These Rules apply to all Masters and Senior age groups. For conditions not covered by FINA Rules (for example, Health and Safety regulations and other guidelines) the host nation's rules and regulations shall apply.
- 1.3** For individual and team events, competitors must either be registered with Swim England as category 2 swimmers, Scottish Swimming, Swim Wales equivalent, or have competitive membership of clubs which belong to swimming federations affiliated to FINA. Temporary ASA Category 2 members are not eligible to enter these Championships.
- 1.4** The age of competitors shall be determined as at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition. All competitors must be 18 years or over on the first day of the Championships.
- 1.5** A competitor can only compete for one club in the competition and must be a registered member of that club on the day that they enter.

2 Individual Events

2.1 The individual events shall be (for both men and women)

50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m Freestyle
 50m, 100m, and 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Butterfly
 200m, and 400m Individual Medley.

2.2 All events are Heat Declared Winner within each individual age classification. In each event with the exception of the 50m events 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. The last heat in each event will be spear head seeded. For 50m events competitors will be seeded in age groups as far as possible.

2.3 The age groups for individual events shall be for men and women:

18-24 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
 40-44 years 60-64 years 80-84 years.
 And in five year bands as high as necessary.

2.5 800m Freestyle is a mixed event and will be capped at 140 entries or 3 hrs duration whichever is first.

2.6. 1500m Freestyle is a mixed event and will be capped at 40 entries - 20 men & 20 women.

3 Team Events

3.1 The team events shall be:

Men's and Women's 4 x 50 m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays
 Men's and Women's 4 x 100 m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays
 Men's and Women's 4 x 200 m Freestyle Team Relays
 Mixed 4 x 50 m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays
 Mixed 4 x 100 m Freestyle and Medley Team Relays
 Mixed 4 x 200m Freestyle Relays.

3.2 All team events will be Heat Declared Winner within each age group classification.

3.3 The age groups for Masters team events shall be:

100-119 years 200-239 years
 120-159 years 240-279 years
 160-199 years 280-319 years
 And in 40-year increments as high as necessary.

3.4 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.

3.5 There shall also be team events for teams with the combined ages at midnight on 31st December in the year of competition of 72 years and above with all team members being aged 18 years or over on the day of their swim.

3.6 Clubs are limited to a maximum of one team in any one age group in each event and individual swimmers can only swim in one team in each event.

3.7 All swimmers, including those who are only swimming in relay teams, must be entered on the meet database in the name of the club they wish to represent by the published closing date for individual entries to the competition.

3.8 The mixed teams shall consist of two competitors of each sex swimming in any order.

4 Entries

4.1 All entries shall be received by the appointed Championships Administrator by the relevant closing date accompanied by the appropriate registration and entry fee.

4.2 The Promoter reserves the right to close entries before the published closing date should the event or session reach maximum capacity.

4.3 Qualifying times will be used and competitors entering an event will have had to have a time recorded British rankings faster than or equal to the qualifying time set for that event and achieved on or after the 1st June 2 years prior to the closing date of entries to the competition.

Competitors from other swimming federations affiliated to FINA must have swum the qualifying times for the events they enter and if requested provide evidence from their national or international rankings within the qualifying period.

4.4 Para Competitors with swimming classification which is held on the British Swimming or World Para Swimming Classification Database at the time of entry shall be exempt from qualifying times.

4.5 Competitors and teams whose entries have been accepted are expected to swim unless they have formally withdrawn in accordance with withdrawal policy.

4.6 There is a limit of six individual events per competitor.

5 Withdrawals

5.1 Information about how to withdraw and the associated time deadlines will be published in the Competitor Information Pack.

6 Re-entry

6.1 Competitors entered in **400m Individual Medley, 400m, 800m and 1500m** events are required to confirm their intention to swim in these events by re-entering in accordance with the deadlines in the Competitor Information Pack.

7 Competitors with a Permanent Disability

7.1 A competitor who has a permanent disability shall not be disqualified where the disability prevents them from complying with the rules of a particular stroke, provided that the disability has been notified to the referee by the competitor or their representative before the race takes place, supported by a Certificate of Swimming Disability or similar document issued by their federation or a copy of their entry on the British Swimming database identifying their disability.

8 Awards

8.1 Medals shall be awarded to the first three placed individual competitors and teams in each age.

8.2 The **Cupar Trophy** shall be awarded to the club, British or overseas, whose swimmers gain the most points as set out below in Masters events in the Championships (i.e. individual age group 25-29 and older, and relay age group 100-119 and older).

1st place individual 3 points team 6 points

2nd place individual 2 points team 4 points

3rd place individual 1 points team 2 points

plus for all swims completed without disqualification, including 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places:
individual 1 point and team 2 points.

9 Safety

9.1 All competitors must ensure that they observe all safety announcements and conduct themselves with safety in mind at all times. Swimmers must follow the instructions of the warm up marshals, failure to do so may exclude them from the competition.