

MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

WINTER COUNTY QUALIFIER Inclusive of Multi-Classification Events

At Southbury Road Leisure Centre, 3, 10, 16 & 17 October 2021

Under Swim England Laws and Swim England Technical Rules at Level 3 under no: 3LR210717, 3LR201718 & 3LR210719

MCASA will liaise with the pool operators regarding COVID and COVID safety management by the pool operators in addition to any rules and regulations in place by Government at the date of this meet. Whilst plans are in place for MCASA to produce a document indicating necessary protocols this will be published as soon as possible but in the current pandemic maybe subject to change. All participants will be required to agree to this as part of the opt into this meet.

GENERAL:

1. Lead Referee: Jeanette Edmiston; Promoter: Wayne Hirst; Meet Manager: Leah Pullen.
 2. These galas will take place at Southbury Road Leisure Centre and are licensed by Swim England at Level 3 under Licence number 3LR210717, 3LR201718 & 3LR210719. The Meet will run short course (25m) in accordance with Swim England Laws and Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming and the rules and conditions of this competition. This meet will only be open to clubs affiliated with MCASA.
 3. Swimmers can be entered into the competition as Category 1 with Swim England, however for times to go into rankings, Swim England will automatically invoice the clubs for an upgrade to Category 2. Where possible entries must be accompanied with a Swim England ID (registration) number. Where an entry is not accompanied by the Swim England ID, proof must be submitted with the entry that they have applied for registration. Any swimmer who does not provide Swim England ID or proof that they have applied will not be allowed to swim.
 4. We will process personal data submitted by the swimmer or their club in accordance with the current Privacy Notice published by British Swimming. With respect to this meet we will process personal data for the legitimate purpose of running the gala. The items of personal data processed are name, Swim England number, date of birth, gender, and para-swimming classification if applicable. During the gala we will process name, gender and competition age in reports for the legitimate purpose of running the gala efficiently. At the end of the gala, we will process name, gender, Swim England number and date of birth in the electronic submission made to British Rankings. We will also make this information available on request to the club of the swimmer as the data controller.
 5. By submitting and accepting entries to the meet consent is hereby given, as required by the Data Protection Act 1998, to the holding of personal information. The personal information supplied with your entry will be retained securely and will only be used for the legitimate purposes of running the event. This data will be shared by form of results with Swim England (Rankings) and the clubs who have entered the meet. A full copy of the results will be published on the website after the meet. Please be aware that links from our website may take you to external websites that are not covered by our policies. Please ensure that you review their privacy policies before any data is submitted. If any persons want to exercise their right to erasure or processing of their personal data, they will need to make a written request to the promoter. We will only hold competition data for 12 months after which it will be destroyed and erased from our systems.
 6. **Entry to the seating area will be £5.00 per session for spectators. Due to health and safety, spectators will not be able to gain entry to the seating area until 30 minutes prior to the start of racing. Programmes will be available for download from www.middlesexswimming.com a week prior to the actual meet and heat sheets will be available (network permitting) via Meet Mobile on the days of the meet, there will be no printed programmes available on the day.**
 7. Clubs are reminded of their duty of care to their swimmers during a meet and that they should have with them full contact details of parents/guardians for all swimmers attending the meet. They should also hold any details on medical conditions that may be deemed necessary. **Coaches/Team Managers will only be allowed on poolside if visibly wearing a coach's pass. New coach passes must be applied for 2 weeks in advanced of the competition.** To apply for a new Coach Pass: Follow [link: \(https://uk.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=reczzmcauk&_stabilid_=93954\)](https://uk.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=reczzmcauk&_stabilid_=93954). Coaches and Team Managers should be club trained personnel and registered members of SWIM ENGLAND. Untrained parents without a current DBS certificate are not allowed to take charge of swimmers' poolside.
 8. MCASA reminds all those attending these meets (competitors, coaches, team managers, spectators, officials, volunteers, contracted staff etc.) wishing to use cameras, video or digital image capturing devices (including mobile phones) that they should only do so after reference to their obligations and the recommendations laid down in [Wavepower 2020-2023](#), the Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy & Procedures and other Swim England Photography guidance. Your adherence to the guidelines and vigilance during the event will assist in our efforts to avoid the misuse of such equipment and the images/videos produced. Flash photography is prohibited at all times.

In the circumstance that an infringement of the above clause is identified by MCASA officials and/or volunteers, the MCASA Meet Administrator and or Promoter will report the matter to the MCASA Discipline and Disputes Committee who may apply an appropriate sanction adjudged to be proportionate. This may include, but not be restricted to, the reporting of the person to their Club Welfare Officer for breach of applicable code of conduct.

In the circumstance that an infringement of the above clause is identified by or reported to the facility management, the Normal Operating Procedure of the facility will be applicable and will be fully supported by MCASA.
9. A Secondary strobe will not be available at the pool.
 10. The pool will be cleared 10 minutes before the start of the session.

COVID

11. Under current Government guidelines, everyone are expected and recommended to continue wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you come into contact with people you don't usually meet. In particular where the risk of transmission is likely to be greater.
12. All Meet participants must observe the safety and COVID precautions in operation at Southbury Leisure Centres. **Participants must have footwear when leaving the poolside.** Please note that there will be no diving allowed during warm up periods, apart from sprint lanes.
13. Clubs are asked to remain within their designated zone/area and should not mix with other clubs where possible.

Participants are reminded that they should not attend if they have a high temperature, cold like symptoms, a new, continuous cough, and a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

14. A time standard table is attached. This meet is being run as a Level 3 Gala. Swimmers entering this Meet must enter their **current Short Course best times.** Swimmers must **NOT** enter faster times than the upper limit as shown in the time standard table. **Swimmers entering with No Time (NT) will not be accepted.** The Meets is designed for swimmers whose entry times did not meet the qualifying standards for the County Championships. There shall be separate 1500m and 800m events for males and females, 1500m Freestyle will be limited to 4 heats, 800m

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Freestyle will be limited to 6 heats.

We are all aware that, with access to pools having only recently been restored, accuracy of entry times will be more difficult than previously. We also recognise that athletes often perform differently in competition than in time trials. However, we trust that our coaches will make every effort to ensure that the times used for entering their swimmers are as accurate a reflection of the swimmer's ability as possible. We may monitor times achieved against entry times and will investigate any club where this comparison might indicate that entry times were unachievable or far too slow for their swimmers.

15. Middx welcomes entries from Para Swimmers, but these entries would need to comply with the age groups and ULT. **Please send para swimming entries directly to the competition secretary for manual entering.** For clarification, para swimmers must advise the competition secretary if they are entering the event as a para-athlete or an abled bodied athlete.

Para swimmers must hold a classification awarded by one of the four identified Classification awarding bodies. (IPC Classification, British Swimming Classification, UKSA or INAS classification (accompanied by relevant number) or British Blind Sport Classification.)

All coaches and personal care attendants must have accreditation. Personal care attendants will only be permitted for swimmers where assistance is permitted on their code of exceptions. Such attendants will be excluded from any restrictions and will be given the same accreditation as the swimmer for whom they have personal care responsibilities. A swimmer who has assistance as specified above may have both a coach and a personal care attendant present.

16. The events will be:

50m, 100m, 200m, all strokes; 400m freestyle, 100m IM & 200m IM for boys and girls aged 10/o,
400m IM, 800m freestyle and 1500m freestyle for boys and girls aged 11/o.

Ages as at **31st December 2021**

Age Groups will be 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16+

Multi-Classification events will be

Event	Range of classification	Event	Male
50m & 100m Freestyle	S1-S14 (inclusive)	50m Back	S1-S5 (inclusive)
200m Freestyle	S1-S5 (inclusive) & S14	100m Backstroke	S1, S2 & S6-S14 (inclusive)
400m Freestyle	S6-S14 (inclusive)	50m Breaststroke	SB1-SB3 (inclusive)
50m Butterfly	S2-S14 (inclusive)	100m Breaststroke	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14 (inclusive)
100m Butterfly	S8-S14 (inclusive)	200m Individual Medley	SM5-SM14 (inclusive)

17. All events are Heat Declared Winner. Ages will be combined for swimming the events, but results will be declared for each age groups. Awards will be given to the top three swimmers in all age band events with rosettes to those placed 4th to 8th. Swimmers exceeding the relevant qualifying time will not be placed in the event but instead be awarded a speeding ticket.
- Multi Classification Events will be awarded 1st – 3rd places with rosettes to those placed 4th – 8th regardless of classification calculated on British Disability Points. (Points are awarded to each swimmer in relation to how close they are to their classification world record in each event respectively).
18. Clubs entering more than 6 swimmers **MUST** download the Hy-Tek Team Manager file from The Middlesex website: www.middlesexswimming.com and return the entry file to competitionsecretary@middlesexswimming.com. Please note that if a Club enters more than 6 swimmers by means of entry forms rather than Hy-Tek Manager Event File, these entries will incur an administration fee of £5.00 per competitor.
Closing date will be 10PM 23rd September 2021.
19. Entry Summary Form and Hy-Tek entry File needs to be submitted online. Please use [LINK](#).
(<https://mcasa.wufoo.com/forms/p1vge1hr06329nx/>)
20. Entry fees shall be £7.00 for 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m events and £8.00 for 800m and 1500m events
21. Times achieved will not be eligible as qualifying times for Nationals but may be used for County & Region competitions.
22. Time trials will be available for swimmers on the day at the cost of £10 p/event for 50m, 100m, 200m & 400m & £15 p/event for 800m & 1500m. The maximum accepted for any event will not exceed a number that will allow all 8 lanes to be used for each heat needed to accommodate those swimmers whose entries have been accepted. Time Trials will only be offered to those already entered to swim in the competition. Any swimmers not already entered into the competition will not be accepted for time trials.
23. For health and safety reasons, the promoter reserves the right to limit entries; any entry not accepted will be refunded in full. NO OTHER MONIES WILL BE REFUNDED. The only situation where refunds will be given is to swimmers who are denied entry because of restricted space.
24. Entries will not be accepted from clubs with outstanding debts to MCASA. Entries will be accepted on a timed order fastest being first, but with possible consideration to balancing out the numbers in each age category.
25. **Except** for the 800m and 1500m, this meet will operate as a CARDLESS meet. Please use the withdrawal forms enclosed with the pack to withdraw any swimmers. 800m & 1500m swimmers must sign in. **Forms will be left on the Sign in table at the start of warm up in which the 800m & 1500m will be swum, swimmers must sign in for 800m & 1500m events.** On the day any withdrawals must be made at least 40 minutes before the start of each session. **Failure to withdraw in adequate time may result in the club being fined £5 per swimmer per event.** Should a swimmer be withdrawn by mistake by the meet manager, the swimmer shall be reinstated. Should a swimmer be withdrawn by coaches by mistake, MCASA will do its utmost to reinstate the swimmer should empty lanes become available. All fines are to be levied on the swimmer's club. The fine shall be reduced by 50% if paid within 28 days.
26. Full amount plus coach meals must be paid directly into the bank via BACS transfer on or before deadline of the meet.
HSBC Bank, Account name MCASA, Sort code: 40-23-26, Account no: 11170961
(Please give club code as reference followed by CQ21. e.g. EALL_CQ21)
27. Any conditions not covered in the competition rules will be dealt with in accordance with the laws of the sport and at the discretion of the Promoter. Questions can be dealt with by writing to the Promoter or the Meet Administrator.