



Devon County Amateur Swimming Association

Present

The 2026
OPEN MASTERS
SWIMMING COMPETITION
Incorporating the Devon County ASA
Masters Championships

PLYMOUTH LIFE CENTRE

40 Mayflower Drive, PLYMOUTH PL3 2DG

Sunday September 6th 2026

WARM UP 1230 – START 1300

***SCHEDULE OF EVENTS,
ENTRY DETAILS & CONDITIONS.***



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Session 1

1	400m Freestyle (Mixed)
2	4 x 50m Medley Relay (Mixed)
3 & 4	100m Backstroke
5 & 6	50m Butterfly
7 & 8	100m Freestyle
9	200m Individual Medley (Mixed)
10	200m Breaststroke (Mixed)
11 & 12	50m Backstroke
13	200m Butterfly (Mixed)
14 & 15	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay

Session 2

16	400m Individual Medley (Mixed)
17	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (Mixed)
18 & 19	50m Breaststroke
20	200m Freestyle (Mixed)
21 & 22	100m Butterfly
23	200m Backstroke (Mixed)
24	100m Individual Medley (Mixed)
25 & 26	100m Breaststroke
27 & 28	50m Freestyle
29 & 30	4 x 50m Medley Relay

**ENTRIES WILL OPEN AT MIDDAY ON
FRIDAY 12th May 2026**

AND CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST

PLEASE NOTE: Payments are accepted via STRIPE using a Debit or Credit Card.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE VIA THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

<https://bsbasa.org/meet/devondm26>

Click the link below to see the **List of Entries** to date.

<https://bsbasa.org/entries/devondm26>



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Devon County ASA specific Masters conditions

1. Entries will be accepted from registered club and individual competitive members from Swim England and other home nations (Scottish Swimming/Swim Wales) and competitors registered with a country affiliated to World Aquatics.
2. Any matters concerning the Competition not covered in these Conditions will be dealt with according to the laws of the sport and at the discretion of the Referee. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at the Pool. Neither the Promotor nor the Pool will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet.
3. The promoter for the Devon County Championship and Age Group Competitions is the Masters Secretary, acting on behalf of the Management Committee of Devon County A.S.A. and a member of this committee will be present on the day to act as their representative
4. All participants are required, at all times, to abide by the rules set out by the pool safety operating procedures and/or the normal operating procedures and emergency action plan for this facility hard for the meet. As well as complying with the relevant Swim England codes of practice.
5. Neither the promoter nor Plymouth Active will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during the meet. Swimmers wearing rings or earrings do so at their own risk.
6. Any decisions made by the lead referee during each session is final.
7. Competitive Start Award - Swimmers must have attained the standard of the Swim England Competitive Start Award in order to start from the blocks; (this is the responsibility of the club coach). Swimmers who have not attained the standard of the Competitive Start Award must lower themselves over the side into the water, on the long whistle of the Referee before starting at an appropriate place.
8. Video and Photography – Devon County ASA will comply with the current guidelines as published by Swim England in its Wavepower document. These guidelines will be displayed and announcements made of these guidelines at all events.
9. With reference to 8 above any person who wishes not to be photographed must contact the Masters secretary at the earliest opportunity.
10. All are also reminded following the changes in WavePower “Safeguarding in changing rooms” on page 82 prohibits all use of a mobile phone or device at any time in changing rooms or changing area.



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11.0 Swimming Competition Conditions

11.1 The competition will be swum as a short-course event over 25m with anti-turbulence lane ropes and automatic electronic timing. The promoter reserves the right to run the event in eight lanes or fewer depending on entries and available officials

11.2 There will be continuous warmup and swim down facilities throughout the meet.

11.3 A secondary strobe will be provided for all races by use of integrated lights in the starting platforms.

11.4 At the promoters discretion, starts may be 'over the top' except for backstroke.

11.5 Entries must reach the receiving officer, by midnight on **Friday 28th August 2026**. All entries will be accepted on a 'first come – first served' basis, based on day of receipt.

11.6 The promoters reserve the right to refuse entries at their discretion, but they will only normally be restricted to ensure the completion of the events within the time allotted.

NB the promoter may close entries earlier should timing capacities for each session be reached prior to the closing date.

11.7 Individual Entry fees will be £8.50 per event and team events £17.

11.8 All entry times must be Short Course entry times and may be converted from 50m Long Course times.

11.9 In the event of the meet being cancelled for whatever reason event entry fees will be refunded on a proportional basis once committed costs have been covered.

11.10 Results will be uploaded to the Devon County website. and forwarded to the National Masters rankings for inclusion in the National Masters Decathlon competition.

11.11 Ages as on 31st December 2026 with the exception of 18-year-olds who must be 18 on the day of the competition – September 6th 2026.

11.12 The age groups for individual events are

18yrs - 24yrs, 25yrs - 29yrs, 30yrs - 34yrs, 35yrs - 39yrs, 40yrs - 44yrs,
45yrs - 49yrs, 50yrs - 54yrs, 55yrs – 59yrs, 60yrs - 64yrs, 65yrs - 69yrs,
70yrs - 74yrs, 75yrs - 79yrs, 80yrs - 84yrs, 85yrs - 89yrs, 90yrs - 94yrs,
95yrs - 99yrs



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11.13 Individual events shall be 50m, 100m & 200m of all strokes, 100m, 200m & 400m Individual Medley and a 400m Freestyle. All distances over 100m will be swum as mixed events.

11.14 All events shall be held in seeded heats with heat declared winners and will cover all age groups and competitors. Results to be separated. Events will be seeded slowest to fastest, based on entry time submitted. Each heat will be spearheaded. The Promoter reserves the right to modify the seeding arrangements should conditions demand

11.15 In addition to meeting the general entry criteria, Para competitors must have an authorised S1-S14 World Para Swimming (WPS), British Para Swimming, Virtus (INAS-FID), Sport Excel (S64 UK Level Classification) or British Blind Sport (British Paralympic Association) classification held on the Home Nation Membership, Virtus master list or WPS Classification database at the time of entry.

11.16 The age groups for the Relay events are:

- 72+
- 100 - 119yrs (total age)
- 120 - 159yrs (total age)
- 160 - 199yrs (total age)
- 200 - 239yrs (total age)
- 240 - 279yrs (total age)
- 280 - 319yrs (total age)
- 320 - 359yrs (total age)

Relay events shall be 4 x 50m freestyle and 4 x 50m medley for both open/male and female, plus 4 x 50 mixed freestyle and medley relays.

11.17 A competitor may only represent one club in the event.

11.18 Total age of team as at end of year.

11.19 Swimmers entered into the 400m freestyle and the 400m individual medley will be asked to re-register on the day at the announcers table on poolside to confirm they still wish to compete.

11.20 Re Registration will close at 12.30 for the 400m Freestyle and 1400 for the Individual medley. These times will be reconfirmed once accepted entries are confirmed.

11.21 All events will be Heat Declared Winners and will cover all age group and competitors.

11.22 Events will be seeded based on entry times from slowest to fastest.



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11.23 In line with Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy, eligibility categories are as follows:

Female
Open/Male

The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with the Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.

The Open/Male category is for athletes of the birth of sex of male, trans-or non-binary competitors and any competitor not eligible for the female category.

The term 'Open/Male' used throughout these conditions is in reference to the 'Open' category detailed within the Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. For clarity, 'Open/Male' will be used whilst we await the updates to third party policy and software following the implementation of the Policy on the 1st September 2023.

12. Health and Safety

12.1 The Health, Safety and Wellbeing of all swimmers, officials, volunteers, spectators and visitors is paramount – all Health and Safety rules/regulations/requirements must be complied with at all times.

12.2 Changing on poolside is forbidden and the Changing Village must be used. Team Managers and Coaches are expected to enforce this rule. Any swimmer found changing poolside or in any area other than the Changing Village may be disqualified from further events and the club reported to Swim England under Safeguarding.

12.2 NO LARGE BAGS ARE PERMITTED POOLSIDE. Lockers must be used for all swim bags – only small food bags will be permitted on poolside – together with swimmers' poolside footwear, club shirt, towel and water bottles. It is the responsibility of clubs to enforce this as a new requirement by the Life Centre. Failure to comply may result in the non-complying swimmer / club being removed from the event.

12.3 The use of flippers, snorkels or paddles in the swimdown pool is not permitted.

12.4 All swimmers, officials, volunteers, spectators, and visitors are required, at all times, to abide by the rules set out in the Pool Safety Operating Procedures and/or the Normal Operating Procedures & Emergency Action Plan for the facility hired for the meet. As well as comply with the relevant Swim England Codes of practice.

12.5 Unacceptable Behaviour - Behaviour becomes "unacceptable" when it is considered "Offensive" to others; this includes, but is not limited to, the following Theft, wilful damage to property and /or equipment, acts of vandalism, abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, bullying, offensive language, aggressive/violent acts,



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threatening behaviour, all breaches of safety practices, failure to comply with instructions/directions, actions that bring the sport of swimming into disrepute. Any swimmer who is found to violate this will be Disqualified from the competition and any times swam will be removed from returns to Rankings. If not a Swimmer then the person will be removed from Poolside for the remainder of the Meet and their Club informed and possible referral to Swim England.

12.6 For safety and security reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not advised while in the water during warm-ups/swim-downs and/or competition. This includes watches, necklaces, chains, bangles, wrist bands, friendship bands, ear-rings (except studs), and rings (except wedding bands). Swimmers do so at their own risk.

12.7 IF participating Competitors or other Club members on poolside suffer injury or damage as a result of any failure by any person to follow the regulations set out then neither the Promoter nor Plymouth Active will accept any liability in respect of any such injury or damage. Neither, Devon County A.S.A., the Promotor nor the Pool will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet and will not be liable if property is lost or damaged.

12.8 To support Safeguarding criteria Devon County ASA reserves the right to designate seating within the viewing balcony for swimmer use, spectators are kindly requested not to occupy designated seating.

12.9 All clubs are responsible in ensuring that sufficient space is given on the pool deck to allow officials to complete their duties safely. Team Managers are responsible for ensuring that sufficient space is available. If this is not complied with then the meet may be stopped until it's safe to continue. Any stoppages may impact the running time of the competition and events may have to be cancelled. Refunds will not be given if events are affected in this way or cancelled due to non-compliance.

13. Protests

13.1 Clubs are reminded that any Complaints or Protests must be made to Devon ASA in the first instance.

13.2 All protests will be dealt with under Swim England Laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of Racing.

13.3 All protests must be submitted in writing and on the correct forms.

14. Officials

14.1 Clubs entering more than 5 swimmers are asked to supply a registered official for each session that they are entering. Clubs with no registered officials shall make every effort to "borrow" Officials from other clubs attending the event



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14.2 To comply with Swim England Insurance requirements all officials must be licensed and registered members of a Swim England, Swim Wales or Devon County Amateur Swimming Association

14.3 Additional trainee officials are welcome but will not count towards the number requested and also must be registered members of a Swim England, Swim Wales or Scottish swimming affiliated club.

14.4 Officials must be up to date on the contemporary issues module as part of their licence, this can be done on line. Officials and trainees, are to be encouraged to have safeguarding training. Whilst we cannot insist on safeguarding training we would hope that you would recognise that all persons being so trained is best practice.

14.5 Officials should indicate their availability by signing up on the Swim Meet website
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<https://swim-meet.com/Availability/?m=9206>

14.6 All Officials shall be appointed by the Lead Referee. In the event of any official not being able to act the Hon. Officials Secretary must be informed as soon as possible so that a substitute may be appointed. Officials should report to the organisers at least 30 minutes before the start of the gala or at the advertised report time.

14.7 Officials are requested to sign up as soon as Confirmed entries are known and no later than 7 days before the competition. This will ensure that the organisers can confirm the number of lanes which can be used.

14.8 Expenses for Officials will be paid as per Devon County ASA expenses policy

[Devon Expenses Policy](#)

[Claim Form](#)

15. Awards

15.1 Devon County medals will be awarded to the fastest 3 Devon swimmers in each age group and each event. In compliance with general condition 2 above.

15.2 Swimmers not competing for a Devon County ASA club will not be eligible to win Devon County Championship Medals. . In compliance with general condition 2 above.

15.3 Meet medals will be awarded to the fastest three 'non county' competitors in each age group and each event.



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The above apply to both Able bodied and Para awards.

15.4 Relay medals will be awarded to the winners of each age category

Any queries should be sent to Masters.secretary@devonswimming.org.uk

15.5 Any European or British record achieved please complete the application form available from the announcers table as soon as possible after your swim and hand it to the meet referee so that the appropriate signatures can be obtained. Claiming a record after the meet may not be possible if the paperwork is not completed at the time.

16. Event order is posted in the sessions details at the front of this meet pack.

