2026 CCASA (Cornwall County) Masters Open Gala

Rules and Procedures

General conditions:

A1. **Swim England (SE) conditions**: The competition will be swum under Swim England Laws and Technical Rules of Racing.

A2. **Swimmer eligibility**: The competition is open to all (Cat 1 club train and Cat 2 Club compete) SE affiliated swimmers. Swimmers who are not SE members may purchase a temporary SE membership for this event Swim England Temporary Membership - Swim England Membership (swimming.org).Priority will be given to entries from CCASA swimmers, and thereafter on a 'first come –first served' basis. CCASA swimmers fulfilling the CCASA eligibility rules (see below) will be entered in the CCASA interclub masters competition

A3. **Gender:** The term "Open/Male" used throughout these conditions is in reference to the "Open" category detailed within Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy.

A4. **Disabled swimmers**: CCASA will make every reasonable attempt to accommodate disabled swimmers. Please notify us of any special requirements.

A5. **Licensing**: This gala is not licensed. However, results will be sent SE masters rankings and forwarded for inclusion in the National Masters decathlon competition.

Relevant dates for the 2024 competition and entry fees

B1. **Competition date**: Sunday 29th March 2026 – Venue Bodmin Leisure Centre, Lostwithiel Road, Bodmin, PL31 1DE

B2. Entries will open on Jan 2026 and will be taken using this link https://bsbasa.org/meet/cornwallcm26 and will be accepted only when payment has been received. Entries received so far on https://bsbasa.org/entries/cornwallcm26

B3. Entries should be received by **Friday 13th March 2026**. However late entries **may** be accepted (see below for details) at the discretion of the organiser *.

B4. **The entry fees** are £7.50 per individual event and £8 for each relay team.

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Individual events in the Masters Gala:

C1. **Qualifying times**: There will be no qualifying times.

C2. **Age group** of Seniors': Swimmers must be in the age group 18 - 24 years and must be 18 years old or over on the date of the gala.

C3. **Age groups for the Masters' Competition** swimmers must be aged 25 years or over as on the 31 December in the year of the gala, and will be allocated to the FINA 5-year age groups.

C4. **Entry times and heats**: Events will be swum in heats based on submitted entry times and spearheaded. The entry times may be swimmers' own estimates. Swimmers with no entry times will be placed in the early heats. The events and order of events will be as listed in the Programme of Events. All ages will swim together according to seeding by

entry times. The slower heats in each event will be swum before the faster heats in that event. Events with few swimmers may be swum as mixed male and female swimmers.

Relay events in the Masters Gala:

C5. **Qualifying times**: There will be no qualifying times.

C6. **Age groups**: The age groups will be 72-99 years followed by the standard FINA age groups (100-119 and upwards) for Masters relays.

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.

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.**

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 with all team members being aged **18 years or over on the first day of the Championships.**

C7. **Entry times and heats**: Events will be swum in heats based on submitted entry times. These times may be the relay teams' own estimates. Teams with no entry times will be placed in the early heats. The events and order of events will be as listed in the Programme of Events. All ages will swim together according to seeding by entry times. The slower heats in each event will be swum before the faster heats in that event.

C8. **Results**: Results will be decided on a heat declared basis without finals.

Awards:

D1. **Individual awards**: As this gala is the CCASA Masters Championship only swimmers who meet the full CCASA eligibility rules will be entitled to individual county awards. Medals will be awarded to the fastest 3 swimmers in each age group, in each event.

D2. **The Clemett Trophy** (**Best CCASA club trophy) (**donated by Mr & Mrs Ernest Clemett. Ernest was CCASA President in 1987): This is a perpetual trophy (held until the next competition only). Points will be awarded for all age groups (18 years and over) and all individual events in the Masters Competition. (Relay results will **not** be included). Scoring will be: 1st place, 6 points; 2nd, 5 points; 3rd, 4 points; 4th, 3 points; 5th, 2 points; 6th, 1 point. In the event of a dead heat the available points will be averaged. The CCASA club achieving the highest number of points will be awarded the trophy. In the event of a tie, the club achieving the highest number of first places will be the winner. **Only fully eligible CCASA swimmers will be included in the calculation for this trophy.**

D3 **Best visiting club.** This will be announced at the gala. Points will be awarded for all age groups (18 years and over) and all individual events in the Masters Competition. (Relay results will not be included). Scoring will be: 1st place, 6 points; 2nd, 5 points; 3rd, 4 points; 4th, 3 points; 5th, 2 points; 6th, 1 point. In the event of a dead heat the available points will be averaged. The non-CCASA club achieving the highest number of points will be awarded the best visiting club. In the event of a tie, the club achieving the highest number of first places will be the winner.

Organisational rules for the Masters Gala:

E1. **Programme**: A draft programme showing the competition dates and time of the first session will be distributed to swimmers in advance of the closing dates for entries. The final programme of estimated session times will be decided after all entries have been received. Start times for the second session will be flexible depending on the actual time taken for earlier session.

E2. **Entries**: Entries must be submitted by the deadlines as per rules B1 and B2. Deletions should be notified to the organiser as soon as possible and late deletions must be notified to the recorders by the start of warm-up. Submitted times must be 25 metre times (converted if necessary).

E3. **Data protection**: Swimmers' names, ages and clubs will normally be published in spectator programmes, in published results, on the CCASA Website and in other relevant places.

If, for any reason, a swimmer's name or other particulars should be withheld from publication, this must be notified by swimmers to the competition organiser. CCASA will require certain particulars such as age to enable it to check that such a swimmer is correctly entered and the swimmer may be required to provide evidence of its correctness.

E4. **Photography**: CCASA permits photography in line with SE recommendations and pool operator.

E5. **Entry fees**: The entry fee for individual and relay events will be as stated above. Entries should be made as detailed in document "How to enter". Acceptance of entry is at the discretion of the promoter.

E6. **Warm-up**: There will be one warm-up period before each major session. Swimmers will be expected to organise themselves.

E7. **Presentation of Cornwall club trophy and award for best visiting club**: These will normally be presented at the end of the gala. Presentation may be delayed in the event of queries or technical issues.

E8. **Communications**: Communications with swimmers will normally take place by e-mail.

E9. **Force majeure/Covid 19**: In situations of force majeure/Covid 19 or other unforeseen circumstances leading to the cancellation of galas or parts of galas or other incomplete performance, CCASA's liability will be restricted to a maximum of a refund of the entry fees to those affected for the affected events[1]. CCASA will communicate the circumstances to swimmers as soon as possible and seek to make alternative arrangements when this is reasonably feasible.

E10. **Other issues 1**: CCASA, like most competition organisers, uses public pools. It therefore relies upon the pool operator for safety provision, such as lifeguards. It normally accepts the pool facilities as they are on the day, and this includes pool dimensions and water temperature, which do not confirm to international standards or the ideal standards set by Swim England. It is a condition of entry that this is accepted by swimmers.

[1] Note: The alternative would be for CCASA to take out event insurance. This is expensive, so it has been decided that the swimmers should bear their own costs incurred in such a rare situation.

E11. **Other issues 2**: In the event of any ambiguity in these rules, or if any issues arise that have not been dealt with in these rules, the Promoter will make a decision. If the issue is raised or known sufficiently in advance of the gala, the competition organiser will make the decision in consultation with the chief referee and other CCASA personnel if appropriate. If it becomes apparent on the day, the Promoter's representative will make the decision in consultation with the chief referee and other CCASA personnel if appropriate. This decision will not be subject to appeal except on the grounds that it is contrary to Swim England laws or regulations including the Swim England Code of Conduct.

CCASA Eligibility rules

These eligibility rules apply only to the CCASA interclub competition

1. **Swim England (SE) Laws and Technical Rules of Racing.**

   Competitions shall be open to competitors eligible according to SE Laws and Regulations who meet the other conditions for eligibility set out below.

2. **Residence**: To be eligible swimmers must ordinarily reside in Cornwall or neighbouring Devon. (For the sake of clarification swimmers who spend term time outside the county for educational purposes but otherwise meet this residential condition are eligible. Likewise swimmers at educational institutions in Cornwall during term time are eligible.)

3. **Club membership**: To be eligible a swimmer should be a member of a CCASA affiliated club and registered with the SE as a member of a CCASA affiliated club. The swimmer must compete for one club only for the duration of the competition or series of competitions, which must be the club in whose name he or she entered the competition or series of competitions.

4. **Club membership**: To be eligible a swimmer must be a genuine active member of a CCASA affiliated club and it is expected that their first county loyalty will be to Cornwall swimming. To achieve this it is stipulated that a competitor entering any CCASA Competition must perform the majority of his or her training with a club or clubs affiliated to the CCASA during the qualifying periods of residence in the County or neighbouring county as required by the residence rule (Rule 2) above.

5. **County loyalty**: No competitor competing for any other county in the same discipline in the same year may enter the CCASA interclub competition.

6. **Members of H.M. Forces**: Members of H.M. Forces based in Cornwall who are registered in accordance with Swim England Laws and Technical Rules of Racing may enter CCASA competitions without being a member of a CCASA affiliated club.

7. **Protests & complaints**: Any protest or complaint regarding implementation of the rules may require clubs to provide supporting documentation or other evidence. Such protests or complaints will be dealt with in accordance with Swim England Laws and Regulations.

8. **Extenuating circumstances**: Regardless of the above eligibility rules, in the interests of the sport in cases of extenuating circumstances, the CCASA officers shall decide whether a swimmer will be allowed to compete. Their decision will be final. Their decisions will relate to individual swimmers and will not set binding precedents, but may be taken into consideration in future decisions.