



**ASA East Midland Region  
Masters Challenge Gala  
Competing for the East Midland Masters Team Trophy**

**Waendel Leisure Centre, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN8 1DZ  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014, 12.45 p.m. warm-up for 1.30 p.m. start**

**CONDITIONS**

1. The Masters Challenge Gala for East Midland counties is managed by the East Midlands Masters Committee; any matter not dealt with in these conditions will be decided by the committee.
2. The gala shall be a team event open to all five East Midland Counties and shall be held under ASA Laws and FINA Technical Rules of Masters swimming. If the venue has six or more lanes, the home county (also Promoter) will have the option of entering a second team.
3. The Competition shall be held at a suitable 25m pool with electronic timing.
4. First place in each event will score points equal to the total number of teams participating in the gala, second place one less, third place two less, etc. Disqualification, no swimmer, or no team shall score nil points.
5. The Events included in the Competition are as the attached programme.
6. For the 60+ age group age adjusted times will be used to determine the winner of each individual event.
7. The programme shall be swum in an order of events approved and published by the East Midlands Masters Committee.
8. All ages shall be calculated with effect from midnight on 31 December in the year of competition. All swimmers must be 18 yrs or over on the day of competition.
9. Each County will receive an invitation to participate from the East Midland Masters Committee no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Counties wishing to participate shall notify the Regional Masters Secretary [masters@asaem.org.uk](mailto:masters@asaem.org.uk) no later than 13<sup>th</sup> April. The County Team Manager should submit a provisional team sheet to the gala organiser Jim Peto at [jimpeto@btinternet.com](mailto:jimpeto@btinternet.com) by 4<sup>th</sup> May. Amendments to the team sheet will be allowed on the day of the gala.

10. To be eligible to swim for a county team, each competitor shall (a) be an affiliated member of the ASA at either Category 1 or Category 2 (b) be a member of a club affiliated to that county, and (c) not have represented any other county in the calendar year, nor competed in any other county's closed championships or competitions in that year in Masters swimming.
11. If a County elects to have two teams taking part a swimmer from that County may only swim in one team throughout the competition (this includes relays).
12. If a County fields two teams their points' totals will figure separately in the final results.

**Further Information:**

1. The gala will be run under the conditions above, which have been approved by the East Midland committee.
2. Each participating County team is required to provide its own (ASA qualified) timekeeper x 2 and a stroke/turning judge.
3. A lane draw will take place before the gala. *(If the home county takes up the offer of an additional team they will be issued an outside lane i.e. 1 or 6 in the case of a six lane pool).*
4. Each participating County team will be allocated a lane for warming up and must provide a marshal to ensure safe swimming during the warm up period.
5. Team sheets are required. A blank copy attached. Your team manager should complete this form as far as individual swimmers are concerned, showing the swimmer's name (preferably the name on his registration card) and date of birth. This information will enable us to submit the gala results to the national rankings and the GB Swim Decathlon. If your County does not provide this information the swimmer's performance may be disregarded.
6. The East Midlands Masters Committee has established this event following the success and feedback received from East Midland counties at the Inter-Counties competition. The Committee views it as a means of encouraging participation around the region. It is not mandatory to field a complete team: this is an event where taking part is much more important than coming first! Please remember that.
7. This gala does **not** replace the annual Inter-Counties Competition which will again take place in November. The gala is an additional event for local swimmers to take part in.
8. Subsequent to the event, the Committee welcomes any constructive feedback via County reps.