

Nelson Mandela Bay Aquatics

NMBA Championships 10-12 December 2021

RULES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

1 .GENERAL RULES:

- Only swimmers registered with SSA may take part in the Nelson Mandela Bay Championships.
- The gala will be swum in accordance to FINA rules.
- Due to limited opportunities to register official times on the data base, NT's will be allowed for the 10&U age group. Coaches are, however, to ensure that all swimmers who enter are of a standard to be entering a Championship gala. Older age groups are required to have a time on the data base no older than 1 May 2020
- Covid rules limit us to 300 athletes per session. Whilst trying to accommodate everyone, preference will be given to local athletes.
- Swimmers will be seeded in accordance to times available on the data base from 1 May 2020.
- The swimmer's age is taken on the first day of the Championships.
- The **ONE START** rule will apply.
- Protests must be submitted in writing with the R500 deposit to the Meet Referee within 30 minutes of the posting of results. The Meet Referee's decision will be final.
- To be eligible for selection for the Inter District Prestige Gala, swimmers must participate at the NMBA Championship gala. A doctor's certificate is required should the swimmer not be able to participate at the NMBA Championship Gala.
- **SPECIAL COVID RULES APPLY AS PER ADDENDUM 1.**

2. EVENTS:

Individual Events:

Age Groups 10 & Under; 11-12; 13-14; 15 & over, Masters and Multi Disability

A swimmer may **ONLY** swim in his/her own age group

Masters will swim in their own event if 4 or more entries are received per event, otherwise they will be seeded in the 15 & over age group

100m Butterfly will start from 10 years of age

200m Butterfly & 400m IM will start at 11 years of age

3. ENTRIES:

All entries are to be done on Team Manager. No faxed or individual entries will be accepted. Gala Secretaries must ensure that all entries reach the PDO, Mrs Megan Canter, (pdo@nmb-aquatics.co.za) by no later than 20.00 on Friday, 26 November 2021.

Fees:

The relevant fees must be deposited into the Nelson Mandela Bay Aquatic' banking account by no later than 1 December 2021 and the proof of payment to be emailed to the Administrator at administrator@nmb-aquatics.co.za. Entries will be returned should payment not be received.

Individual Events: R45.00 per event.

A list of available qualified Officials must accompany all entries. A League quotas apply.

4. **SCRATCHING RULE**

- All confirmed scratchings must be sent to the PDO, Mrs. Megan Canter, by midday Thursday, 10 December 2020.
- General scratchings during the gala must be submitted to the PDO by the end of the previous session.
- Scratchings, due to COVID-19 or other illness, must be relayed to the PDO immediately
- Scratchings are to be submitted by the Gala Secretary or Team Manager.
- COVID-19 related scratchings prior to the start of the gala will be refunded, less a 15% administration fee, on receipt of a written request from the swimmer/parent/guardian.
- No Show (N/S): A fine of **R200** will be imposed and the swimmer will not be allowed to swim any further events until the fine has been paid.

6. **REPORTING:** Events will be announced, and swimmers will be called by heat to report for an event.

7. **MEDALS:**

- Medals will be awarded to the following age groups: 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17 & Over, Multi-disability and Masters
- Due to Covid rules, there will be no medal presentations, but medals will be handed out to the team managers after each event.

8. **RECORDS:** Swimmers/Managers/Coaches are urged to notify the Chief Timekeeper and the Referee if they feel that a record may be swum, so that the necessary arrangements can be made.