



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD SWIMMING CLUB  
Affiliated to Swim England East Region

## **HHSC 1<sup>st</sup> Open Masters Winter Meet**

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Everyone Active, Park Road, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1JS**

#### **MEET INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS**

##### **General Information**

1. The meet will take place at Everyone Active Hemel Hempstead on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
2. The pool is 25m with 6 lanes and anti-wave ropes, starting blocks with track starts and backstroke ledges will be used. It is planned that AOE will be used. A secondary strobe will be available at this meet.
3. The meet will be held under Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules of Masters Swimming.
4. Events will be swum in two sessions, as follows:
  - Session 1: Registration by 1:30 pm. Warm up 1:30 pm. Events start 2:15 pm.
  - Session 2: Registration by 5:15 pm. Warm up 5:15 pm. Events start 6:00 pm.
5. 'No Time' entries will be accepted.
6. Session timings may be adjusted depending on the number of entries received and accepted. Any changes will be posted on the Hemel Hempstead Swimming Club website at [www.hhsc.org.uk](http://www.hhsc.org.uk)
7. The promoter is Hemel Hempstead Swimming Club. The Entries Secretary is Mark Ayres, email: [masterswintermeet@hhsc.org.uk](mailto:masterswintermeet@hhsc.org.uk)

##### **Meet Categories**

8. A competitor may compete under the name of one club only.
9. All athletes must be registered as Club Compete or Club Train members of their governing body.
10. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
11. The Open/Male category is for swimmers with a birth sex of male, Trans or non-binary swimmers and any swimmers not eligible for the female category.
12. In the interests of the sport in cases of extenuating circumstances the Region's Officers shall decide if the swimmer is eligible to compete. Their decision will be final.



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#### Age Groups, Results and Awards

13. Age Groups are: 18/24, 25/29, 30/34, 35/39, 40/44, 45/49, 50/54, 55/59, 60/64, 65/69, 70/74, 75/79, 80/84, and 85 plus
14. Age is age attained at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025
15. All swimmers in the 18/24 group must be at least 18 years old on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and up to 24 years of age as of the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025
16. All events shall be swum in combined age groups and seeded heats, starting with 'No Time' entries, then slowest through to fastest.
17. Longer distance events (100m and above) will be swum as mixed races to facilitate smooth running of the meet.
18. Official meet results will be posted on the Hemel Hempstead Swimming Club website as soon as possible after the meet. Results will also be passed to Swim England for their reference and inclusion in Masters Rankings and Decathlon competition.
19. The fastest three swimmers in each individual event in each age group will be awarded medals which will be available from the medals table situated on poolside.

#### Entry procedure

20. ENTRY FEES - £8.00 per event.
21. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 19th January 2025.
22. Applications for entry must be correctly submitted by the closing date. Late entries or additions will not be accepted.
23. Valid entries (which must include payment) will be accepted in the order of receipt, that is: first come first served.
24. The promoter will limit the number of entries should the event be oversubscribed.
25. Clubs entering more than 4 swimmers are requested to do so electronically by using Hy-Tek Team Manager. This can be downloaded from Hy-Tek website, after which the club's representative can enter swimmers' details and times into the programme to create an entries file and then email the entry file and completed summary sheet to [masterswintermeet@hhsc.org.uk](mailto:masterswintermeet@hhsc.org.uk) for inclusion in the meet.
26. Club entries of 4 or fewer swimmers can be accepted by Hy-Tek files or on individual entry forms together with a summary sheet. Please submit your Hy-Tek entry file (if relevant) or entry forms plus summary, to [masterswintermeet@hhsc.org.uk](mailto:masterswintermeet@hhsc.org.uk).
27. Individual entries must be made using the individual entry form and emailed to [masterswintermeet@hhsc.org.uk](mailto:masterswintermeet@hhsc.org.uk).
28. Payments should be made via bank transfer to

Account Name: **Hemel Hempstead Swimming Club**

Sort code: **23-05-80**

Account Number: **53757944**

Reference: It is essential that you use '**Winter25**' and your **club's name**, or for individual entries **your name**, as a reference.



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29. Entries which do not follow the above procedures may be rejected.
30. Once the promoter has received an individual's or a club's complete entry together with payment, they will return, via email, the club's accepted entry list. A full accepted entry list for all clubs will be published on our website within 2 weeks of closing. No individual notification will be made to entrants.

#### Withdrawals

31. Once an entry has been accepted by the promoter a competitor shall swim or give notice of withdrawal. Withdrawals can be made on the day or can be emailed in advance, but must be made prior to the start of warm up in each session, to HHSC [masterswintermeet@hhsc.org.uk](mailto:masterswintermeet@hhsc.org.uk)
32. Other than for medical reasons, refunds are not available for withdrawals once a club, or individual, has received their accepted entry list from the promoter.

#### Admission and Changing

33. Only swimmers, team managers, coaches, HHSC support volunteers and officials will be allowed on poolside. Spectators are welcome in the viewing gallery at no charge.
34. The promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any competitor or coach who displays or has previously displayed rude, aggressive or abusive behaviour.
35. There will be no changing of swim wear on poolside, the balcony or in the toilets outside of the changing areas. All swimmers must use the designated changing areas and arrive on poolside swim ready.
36. The changing village is a 'no phone zone'. Mobiles must not be used for any reason in the changing room. The camera function should also not be used at any time on poolside or in the changing rooms.

#### Meet management

37. Swimmers must sign in before the start of warm-up for each session. Any swimmers not signed in will be withdrawn from that event.
38. The referee's decision is final, subject to Swim England laws. The electronic timing is provisional and may be overruled by the referee. Disabilities must be reported to the referee before the session of their event. A copy of the British Swimming certificate of disability or Certificate of Exemption must be produced if requested. Failure to comply could result in disqualification of the event.
39. Anything not covered in the above conditions and associated literatures will be at the discretion of the promoter but in agreement with the lead referee. The meet organisers will amend the rules where necessary following the advice of the lead referee, but only in the event of a situation out of our control and to ensure the meet runs smoothly.

#### Use of Data

40. Entries may be held on a computer solely for the purposes of this competition. Consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Personal data will be available for inspection during the meet on application to the promoter.