



Swim England North-West Region Artistic Swimming Combination Team, Novice/Non-Regional Standard Figures and Routines and Masters Competition 2024

LICENCE NUMBER:

22nd June 2024

Irlam & Cadishead Leisure Centre, Liverpool Road, Irlam, Manchester, M44 6BR

COMPETITIONS CONDITIONS

A competitor must have been a registered member of a club in whose name they have entered at least 30 days prior to the first day of competition. The Club must be affiliated to Swim England and Swim England North-West Region.

The regional combination team competition shall be held annually, under Swim England Laws and Regulations and World Aquatics Technical Rules of Artistic Swimming.

The promotion of the Competition shall be the responsibility of the NWR Management Group (The Promoters). The Promoters shall decide any matter that is not covered by these conditions.

Competitors in teams must be members of the same club and may only represent one club.

Closing date will be 28 days prior to the first day of competition. **(Event Date 22nd June 2024)**

The age of all competitors is the age on the 31st December in the year of competition.

Events

COMBINATION TEAM - No grade levels required; 100% Routine Score.

SWIMMERS MAY ONLY ENTER ONE COMBINATION TEAM

A Free Combination Team has a minimum of four (4) and maximum of ten (10) competitors who make a combination of routines.

Time Limits and content for routines, including ten (10) seconds for deck work shall be:

(Timing of the deck movements shall end as the last competitor enters the water)

Age Group	Time Limit	Allowance	Figure Grade required
9 – 12	3 mins 00 secs	+/- 5 seconds	No Grade required
9 – 15 (16 for males)	3 mins 00 secs	+/- 5 seconds	No Grade required
13 – 15 (16 for males)	3 mins 00 secs	+/- 5 seconds	No Grade required
13 – 18 (19 for males)	3 mins 00 secs	+/- 5 seconds	No Grade required
15 – 18 (19 for males)	3 mins 00 secs	+/- 5 seconds	No Grade required

Whilst it is recognised that at National level, combination Team competitions will split each age group into divisions within the region all combinations teams in each age group will compete together due to the limited number of participants.

Teams may be mixed.

Swim England/World Aquatics Penalties will apply.

Team declarations are to be completed and given to the Registration Team at the start of the event. Changes after this time may only be made in the case of sudden illness or accident of a member of a Team, and if the reserve is ready to compete without delaying the event. If a reserve is not ready to compete without delay to the event the Combination shall be disqualified.

If the lack of a reserve reduces the Combination Team to less than four (4) swimmers, then the team shall be disqualified.

NOVICE/NON-REGIONAL STANDARD FIGURES

Competition entries will be based on the figure grade attained by the swimmer on the date of entry rather than the age of the swimmer although grades 0/1 and 2 will be split into two age categories who will all compete at the same time. There are no routine grade requirements for this event.

Figure Grade	Age Group	Figures
0/1	8-12 13-19 (20 for males)	1. Back tuck somersault (Fig 310 – DD 1.1) 2. Fishtail position held for 5 seconds (DD 1.0) 3. Back layout to bent knee position returning to back layout (DD 1.0)
2	8-12 13-19 (20 for males)	1. Ballet leg (Fig 101 DD 1.6) 2. Blossom (Fig 302 DD 1.4) 3. Somersault back pike (Fig 303 DD 1.4)
3	13-19 (20 for males)	1. Front Ariana (Fig 359 DD 2.2) 2. Tower (Fig 348 DD 1.9) 3. Kip (Fig 311 DD 1.6)
4	16-19 (20 for males)	1. Rio Straight Leg (Fig 144 DD 3.1) 2. Venus (Fig 352 DD 3.0) 3. Flamingo Bent Knee Twist Spin (Fig 140g DD 2.9)

NOVICE/NON-REGIONAL STANDARD ROUTINES

Swimmers must take part in the novice/non-regional standard figure competition to compete in the routine section however the figure score will NOT be carried forward to be part of the routine score.

The results of the figure competition will be used to qualify for entry into the routine competition. The highest-placed eight (8) solo swimmers will swim their solo routines for each grade/age category. The eight (8) duets with the highest placed combined figure score in each grade/age category will qualify to swim their routines.

The swimmer may only swim in one Duet in the Duet competition, both swimmers must be registered and competing for the same club in the same grade category.

Solos

Figure Grade	Age Group	Time(+/- 5 sec)
0/1	8-12	1:15
0/1	13-19 (20 for males)	1:15
2	8-12	1:15
2	13-19 (20 for males)	1:15
3	13-19 (20 for males)	1:45
4	16-19 (20 for males)	1:45

For the ease of the Officials, all grade 0-1's and 2's will compete in the same event and all grade 3's and 4's will compete in the same event.

Duets

Figure Grade	Age Group	Time (+/- 5 sec)
0/1	8-12	1:30
0/1	13-19 (20 for males)	1:30
2	8-12	1:30
2	13-19 (20 for males)	1:30
3	13-19 (20 for males)	2:00
4	16-19 (20 for males)	2:00

For the ease of the Officials, all grade 0-1's and 2's will compete in the same event and all grade 3's and 4's will compete in the same event.

For this event, same-sex and mixed duets will be judged in the same category and only be eligible for one set of medals.

MASTERS ROUTINE EVENTS

The average age of the competitors in a routine shall be determined by adding the ages of the actual swimmers, dividing by the number of swimmers (not including the reserves and dropping any resulting fraction or decimal (as per World Aquatics MAS 1.6).

Team shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members and a maximum of eight (8) members.

Free Combination shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members and a maximum of ten (10) members.

All competitors in Duet, Team, and Free Combination must be from the same club.

Event	Age Group	Time
Free Solo	18-34 / 35+	2:30
Free Duet	18-34 / 35+	3:00
Mixed Duet	18-34 / 35+	3:00
Free Team	18-34 / 35+	4:00
Free Combination	18-34 / 35+	4:00

There shall be no minimum time limit.

There shall be an allowance of 15 seconds for all routines. Time limits include 10 seconds of deck work.

Order of appearance

The order of appearance for all events shall be selected by a random draw. All qualified grade 0/1 and grade 2 soloists will swim in the same event respective of age and all qualified grade 3 and grade 4 soloists will swim in the same event, with a maximum of thirty-two swimmers swimming in these groups. The same will apply to duets.

Judging of events & Coach Cards

Coach cards are not required for any event at this competition.

Judging of figures will be completed by three (3) panels of five (5) judges (one for each figure for each grade category).

Judging of all routines will be completed by three (3) panels of five (5) judges:

1. Execution
2. Artistic Impression
3. Difficulty

Scoring for all figure and routine events will be completed in 0.1 increments.

Medals

Medals will be presented for:

1. Combination Teams – ages 9-12, 9-15 (16 for males), 13-15 (16 for males), 13-18 (19 for males), and 15-18 (19 for males)
2. Novice/non-regional standard figures, solo routines, and duet routines – Grade 0/1 age 8-12, grade 0/1 age 13-19 (20 for males); grade 2 age 8-12, grade 2 age 13-19 (20 for males), grade 3 age 13-19 (20 for males) and 16-19 (20 for males).
3. Master's solo routines, duet routines, mixed duet routines, team and combination routines – age groups 18-34 and 35+.

Music

Music for this competition is free choice and has not been pre-selected.

All music information must be registered with The Limited Manufacturing License, Mechanical Copyright Protection Society (MCPS). A copy of the license certificate should be brought to the competition.

All combination team music must be uploaded to the NextCloud account by midnight on 19th June 2024. Email links will be issued to all club coaches within seven (7) days of the final entries being received. Late entries will not be accepted resulting in the routine not being able to be swam.

If the sound level of the competitor's accompaniment is found to be incorrect during the deck work the competitor may stop and, after adjustment of the music, restart without penalty.

The accompaniment and judging shall begin upon a signal from the referee. After the signal, the performance shall continue without interruption.

Competition attire

For the figure competition: A plain black one-piece swimsuit (no logos, coloured piping, etc.) and a plain white swim cap (again no logos) must be worn. Goggles and nose clips are permitted.

For routine swims: Team costumes and headdresses should be in good taste and conform to World Aquatics and Swim England Law. Nose clips are permitted - goggles may only be worn if the competitor provides a doctor's note. Goggles are permitted for master's routines.

Jewellery: Only small studs are permitted. Remove any dangling jewellery before the start of the event. Nail varnish must be removed for the figure's competition only, the referee's decision is final.

Makeup: Natural makeup that represents the athlete's unique personality and/or the theme of their routines may be used.

Swimwear: Swimsuits may represent the character or theme of the music. No excessive nudity, swimwear must be dignified and appropriate for athletic competition.

Photography

NO photography is to take place in the changing room or any 'No Phone Zones.' Team Managers must make sure your club is aware of and adheres to this rule.

We are all aware of the wide range of devices including mobile telephones which have photographic and filming capabilities. This enables the capture of both static and moving images. It should also be acknowledged that most images taken in a Swim England setting are appropriate and taken in good faith. However, images of children and adults can be misused, and sharing images widely without consent may betray the confidence or identity of a child or adult, which could present a risk of harm to that individual if common sense procedures are not followed.

Parents and carers of participants under the age of eighteen who wish to take images are requested to focus on their own children as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in images, particularly if those images are being shared with family and friends or through social media platforms. Whilst it is acknowledged that parents/carers wish to celebrate the achievements of their own children when taking part in aquatic events, it should be recognised and respected that other parents/carers may not wish for their child's image to be taken and shared in this way.

Swim England encourages all spectators and participants at Swim England events to make themselves familiar with the photography and filming arrangements for the event and be vigilant during that event.

Should individuals have any concerns about photography or filming at the event, this should be brought to the immediate attention of a member of the Northwest Region Artistic Swimming Committee present.

Swim England is committed to ensuring that all children who participate in Swim England activities can take part in an enjoyable, safe environment and be safeguarded from harm. If you have any child safeguarding concerns at the event, please contact a Northwest Region Artistic Swimming Committee Member immediately to disclose your concerns.

Protests

Protests may be made and dealt with as detailed in Swim England Laws.