



1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

- Competition** **MAS/NSC/MILO SPLASH SWIM SERIES 2024**
- Aim** The aim of the MAS / NSC / MILO Splash Swim Series is to provide suitable avenues of competition to develop and retain the second and third layers of swimming talent nationwide from the grassroots development level.
- Splash Swim Series** The Splash Swim Series shall consist of 2 Legs. The hosts will be confirmed by MAS, with bidding from the affiliates in the preceding year.

| | Venue | Dates | Competition Timing | |
|--------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Leg 1 | Pusat Akuatik Darul Ehsan, Shah Alam, Selangor | 3-5 May 2024 | SENIORS / JUNIORS | 8.00AM |
| Leg 2 | TBC | 2-4 Aug 2024 | SENIORS JUNIORS | 8.00AM |

- 1.1 The Splash Swim Series shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules and By-Laws of World Aquatics as prescribed in the Competition Regulations of Swimming. In matters not prescribed for, decisions shall rest with the Referee and/or the Organising Committee.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Splash Swim Series is open to the following:
- Swimmers local or foreign, from any club, swim school, sports school or school registered in Malaysia and affiliated to their respective states or MAS;
- 2.2
- Swimmers are eligible to participate in the Splash Swim Series if the swimmer's recorded personal best time for the event falls within the Minimum **AND** Maximum Time Standards for a particular event.
 - The time achieved may be used towards meeting qualification time standards for team selection for MAS approved competitions.

2.3.1 Club Representation Rule for Multi-Location Clubs/Swim School/School

- Clubs operating across multiple locations in different states within Malaysia must participate as separate entities based on their specific state locations;
- Each club must compete under its own distinct banner corresponding to its specific state location;
- Merging swimmers from various state locations to compete under a single club banner will not be permitted;

- d. Clubs found in violation of this rule may face disqualification or other penalties as deemed appropriate by the Organising Committee and/or MAS.

2.3.2 Clause 2.3.1 applies to all clubs, swim schools, sports schools and schools who are participating in the Splash Swim Series.

3.0 AGE GROUPS

3.1 Date of age reckoning for age groups and ages is calculated as of **31st December in the year of competition.**

3.2 Swimmers may compete in their own age group only.

3.3 Age Groups and Ages for the Splash Swim Series will be calculated as follows:

a. Seniors

| | | | | |
|---------|---|---------------|---|--------------------------|
| Open | : | 19 - 30 years | - | born in 1994 to 2005 |
| Group 1 | : | 16 - 18 years | - | born in 2006, 2007, 2008 |
| Group 2 | : | 15 years | - | born in 2009 |
| Group 2 | : | 14 years | - | born in 2010 |
| Group 3 | : | 13 years | - | born in 2011 |
| Group 3 | : | 12 years | - | born in 2012 |

b. Juniors

| | | | | |
|---------|---|----------|---|--------------|
| Group 4 | : | 11 years | - | born in 2013 |
| Group 4 | : | 10 years | - | born in 2014 |
| Group 5 | : | 9 years | - | born in 2015 |
| Group 5 | : | 8 years | - | born in 2016 |
| Group 5 | : | 7 years | - | born in 2017 |

4.0 ENTRY REGULATIONS

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4.3 There is no limit to the number of individual entries per Swimmer.

4.4 **Minimum and Maximum Time Standards apply for the Splash Swim Series.**

- a. **Minimum Time Standard** - The minimum recorded time a swimmer must have achieved for a particular event in order to enter that event.

- b. **Maximum Time Standard** - A swimmer who has a recorded personal best time faster than the Maximum Time Standard for a particular event is NOT PERMITTED to enter that event.
- c. A swimmer may enter an event only if the swimmer's recorded personal best time for the event falls within the Minimum Time Standard **AND** Maximum Time Standard for a particular event.
- d. An administrative fee of RM100.00 per event will be imposed on any swimmer who returns a time more than 3% slower than the Minimum Time Standard or a time more than 3% faster than the Maximum Time Standard for that particular event.
- e. **NO** penalty will be imposed should a swimmer who returns a time more than 3% faster than the Maximum Time Standard for that particular event be able to verify that the previously recorded personal best time for that event was slower than the Maximum Time Standard for the event.

4.5 All entries must be submitted with a time that falls within the Minimum Time Standard **AND** Maximum Time Standard for that particular event.

Entries submitted with No Time (NT) will automatically be rejected.

4.6 **Incomplete / incorrect entries will be rejected.**

4.7 **Minimum Time Standards Rule for 400m / 800m Freestyle, 200m Backstroke / Breaststroke / Butterfly and 400m Ind. Medley:**

- a. **400m / 800m Freestyle** - A swimmer must meet the minimum qualifying time in the 200m Freestyle in order to enter the event.

A swimmer with no previous recorded time in the 400m / 800m Freestyle shall enter their personal best recorded time in the 200m Freestyle.

Clubs with swimmers who use their personal best recorded time in the 200m Freestyle as the entry time will be required to notify the Host in writing (by listing out the swimmer's name and event) when submitting their meet entries event file.
- b. **200m Backstroke / Breaststroke / Butterfly** - A swimmer must meet the minimum qualifying time in the relevant 100m Backstroke / Breaststroke / Butterfly in order to enter the event.

A swimmer with no previous recorded time in the 200m Backstroke / Breaststroke / Butterfly shall enter their personal best recorded time in the relevant 100m Backstroke / Breaststroke / Butterfly.

Clubs with swimmers who use their personal best recorded time in the 100m Backstroke / Breaststroke / Butterfly as the entry time will be required to notify the Host in writing (by listing out the swimmer's name and event) when submitting their meet entries event file.
- c. **400m Ind. Medley** - A swimmer must meet the minimum qualifying time in the 200m Ind. Medley in order to enter the event.

A swimmer with no previous recorded time in the 400m Ind. Medley shall enter their personal best recorded time in the 200m Ind. Medley.

Clubs with swimmers who use their personal best recorded time in the 200m Ind. Medley as the entry time will be required to notify the Host in writing (by listing out the swimmer's name and event) when submitting their meet entries event file.

4.8 All entries must be submitted by the Entries Closing Date. Late entries will not be entertained.

- 4.9 No pool side entries or new entries will be accepted after the Entries Closing Date.
- 4.10 Entries for International Teams must be accompanied and submitted together with a Letter of Clearance/Endorsement from their respective National Federation.

4.11 Fees - Local Entries

- a. Swimmer National Registration Fee (Annual) - *to be paid to MAS
*not applicable for those already paid for 2024 RM50.00 per Swimmer (new) or RM30.00 per Swimmer (renewal)
- b. Entry Fees (Individual Event) - RM15.00 per individual event per Swimmer

- 4.12 All entries must be accompanied by FULL PAYMENT of the Registration Fee and/or Entry Fees or the International Swimmer Admin Fees, wherever is applicable, by the Payment Deadline.
- 4.13 Payments received AFTER the Payment Deadline and before the Late Payment Deadline, will incur additional Late Charges as follows:
- a. Late Charges (Local Entries) - RM1,000.00 per Team
- 4.14 Swimmers will not be eligible to participate should full payment not be received by the Organising Committee and/or by the Late Payment Deadline.

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5.0 WITHDRAWALS

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- 5.2 Withdrawals must be submitted before the Withdrawals Closing Date, and will not be accepted during the Team Manager's Meeting. There will not be any refund of entry fees for the respective swimmer, in the event of withdrawal/s.

- 5.3 Any withdrawals after the Withdrawals Closing Date or on the day/s of each Swim Series Leg with or without notification shall be deemed as 'Did Not Show' or 'Did Not Start' (DNS). A penalty of RM100.00 shall be imposed on any 'DNS' and payment must be made immediately.

- 5.4 Penalties are to be borne by the respective team concerned. The Organising Committee reserves the right to withdraw any swimmer/team failing to pay the penalty.

- 5.5 The penalty will be waived if the swimmer produces a valid medical certificate for the relevant day of the event. However, the swimmer will not be permitted to participate in any further events for the day.
- 5.6 All medical certificates must be produced before the end of the day's session, failing in which the penalty as indicated in Clause 5.3 will be imposed.

6.0 ACCREDITATIONS

- 6.1 **The pool deck at all MAS-sanctioned competitions is strictly reserved for registered participants, coaches, technical officials, essential support staff or other persons approved by the Organising Committee and/or MAS.**
- 6.2 Starting from 1 March 2024, coaches who wish to apply for an accreditation pass to be on deck during MAS-sanctioned competitions must be registered with MAS.
- 6.3 **Fees - Local Coaches**
- a. Coach National - *To be paid to MAS
Registration Fee (Annual) RM100.00 per Coach (new) or
*not applicable for those RM50.00 per Coach (renewal)
already paid for 2024
- 6.4 Team Accreditations (inclusive of coaches, team manager/s and support staff) will be issued based on the team size in each leg of the Swim Series as follows:

| Number of Swimmers | No. of Coaches Pass | No. of Team Managers Pass |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1-5 | 1 | 1 |
| 6-10 | 2 | 1 |
| 11-15 | 3 | 1 |
| 16-20 | 4 | 1 |
| 21-30 | 5 | 1 |
| 31-45 | 6 | 2 |
| 46-60 | 7 | 2 |
| 61-75 | 8 | 3 |
| 76 and above | 9 | 3 |

- 6.5 All Accreditation Cards remain the property of MAS, are NON-TRANSFERABLE, and can be withdrawn, refused or revoked at the discretion of the Organising Committee / MAS.
- 6.6 Accreditation will only be issued to the appropriately qualified and eligible persons who are entitled to participate in or perform an official function at the Circuit.
- 6.7 In order to ensure a safe and inclusive training and competition environment, all rules and regulations surrounding accreditation will be respected.
- 6.8 Applying for accreditation under false pretences is seen as a violation of accreditation procedures. Anyone found to be in violation of this will have their accreditation revoked and will be asked to leave the venue immediately.

- 6.9 Requests for additional Accreditation Cards in excess of the quantities tabled above in Clause 6.4 are subject to the discretion and approval of the Organising Committee / MAS and will incur charges of RM30.00 per additional Accreditation Card.

6.10 **Lost or Misplaced Accreditation Passes**

Replacement passes are available at the following cost:

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| a. Coach / Team Manager | - | RM120.00 |
| b. Swimmer | - | RM50.00 |

7.0 RECORDS and TEAM SELECTION

- 7.1 There will be one (1) set of results, with one (1) set of meet records maintained for each age group, namely Meet Record.
- 7.2 Only results from individual events may be used towards meeting Qualifying Time Standards for team selection.

8.0 COMPETITION INFORMATION

- 8.1 The Splash Swim Series will be conducted in the World Aquatics Long-Course Metres (LCM) format.
- 8.2 Technical Officials - All Technical Officials shall be appointed by the respective Organising Committee and/or MAS.

8.3 **Events listed below shall be for Groups Open, 1, 2 (Boys & Girls)**

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|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| a. Freestyle | - | 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m |
| b. Backstroke | - | 50m, 100m, 200m |
| c. Breaststroke | - | 50m, 100m, 200m |
| d. Butterfly | - | 50m, 100m, 200m |
| e. Individual Medley | - | 200m, 400m |

8.4 **Events listed below shall be for Group 3 (Boys & Girls)**

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|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| a. Freestyle | - | 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m |
| b. Backstroke | - | 50m, 100m, 200m |
| c. Breaststroke | - | 50m, 100m, 200m |
| d. Butterfly | - | 50m, 100m, 200m |
| e. Individual Medley | - | 200m |

8.5 Events listed below shall be for Group 4 (Boys & Girls)

- a. Freestyle - 50m, 100m, 200m
- b. Backstroke - 50m, 100m
- c. Breaststroke - 50m, 100m
- d. Butterfly - 50m, 100m
- e. Individual Medley - 200m

8.6 Events listed below shall be for Group 5 (Boys & Girls)

- a. Freestyle - 50m, 100m
- b. Backstroke - 50m
- c. Breaststroke - 50m
- d. Butterfly - 50m

8.7 Combination of Age Groups

- a. Events may be combined in the various age groups and seeded according to time but will be scored separately according to the swimmer's age/age group.
- b. In the interest of time, the long distance events - namely 800m Freestyle, and 400m Ind. Medley may be combined across various age groups but will be scored separately according to the swimmer's age group.

8.8 Compulsory Events for Malaysian swimmers

- a. There shall be **NO** compulsory events or minimum number of events for Malaysian swimmers in the Splash Swim Series.

8.9 Full list of events are listed in the Table below:

| Events | Group 5 7 - 9 years | Group 4 10 - 11 years | Group 3 12 - 13 years | Group 2 14 - 15 years | Group 1 16 - 18 years | OPEN (19 - 30 years) |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 50m Freestyle | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 100m Freestyle | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 200m Freestyle | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 400m Freestyle | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 800m Freestyle | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 1500m Freestyle | | | | | | |
| 50m Backstroke | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 100m Backstroke | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 200m Backstroke | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 50m Breaststroke | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 100m Breaststroke | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 200m Breaststroke | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 50m Butterfly | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 100m Butterfly | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 200m Butterfly | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 200m Ind. Medley | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 400m Ind. Medley | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

8.10 Competition Format:

- 8.10.1 a. 1st and 2nd Leg - Timed Finals
- b. The Seniors Programme (Groups 3, 2, 1, OPEN) shall be swum first in the morning, with a break following the completion of the Seniors session before the start of the Juniors Programme (Groups 5, 4).
- c. The length of the break shall be at the discretion of the Host and will be informed to the participating teams when the Sessions Report is determined after the Entries Closing Date.

9.0 CERTIFICATES, POINTS AND AWARDS

- 9.1 A "Certificate of Participation" will be awarded to all participants of each Leg of the Splash Swim Series.

- 9.2 Swimmers in each Age Category for the 1st and 2nd Leg of the Splash Swim Series, will be awarded points to determine the Champion Club on the following basis:

| Position | Points Awarded |
|---|------------------------|
| INDIVIDUAL: 1st to 10th place | - 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 |

- 9.3 Swimmers in each Age Category who obtained Top 3 positions for each event in each Leg of the Splash Swim Series shall be awarded medals and Certificate of Achievements.

9.4 Champion Club Award:

- a. Cash incentives shall be awarded to the Top 3 Clubs based on the total points accumulated from the 2 Legs as follows:

| Placing | Points |
|------------------|------------|
| Champion Club | RM1,000.00 |
| 2nd Placing Club | RM 700.00 |
| 3rd Placing Club | RM 400.00 |

10.0 WARM-UP and COMPETITION POOL GUIDELINES

- 10.1 The Competition and Warm-Up pools will be available for warm-up one and a half (1.5) hours before the competition commences. The Competition Pool will be closed fifteen (15) minutes before the beginning of each session.

- 10.2 Warm-up lane assignments and regulations for the Competition Pool are as follows:
- a. Lanes 0, 8 and 9 are Dive Sprint Lanes - strictly for Diving and Sprinting only. Lanes 1 to 7 are Circle Swimming Lanes for general swimming and/or pace work.
 - b. There shall be NO DIVING in Lanes 1 to 7. Entry to these lanes is via feet first entry from the sitting position at all times.
 - c. The Dive Sprint Lanes are one-way only - swimmers should clear the lanes immediately and walk back. Swimmers are advised to exercise caution when doing Backstroke starts.
 - d. The use of swim paddles and fins are prohibited during warm-up.
 - e. Swimmers are not allowed to sit or press down on the lane ropes.
 - f. Swimmers are required to exit from the Competition Pool from the sides, and not by climbing over the touch pads.
 - g. Only Swimmers, Coaches and Team Officials will be allowed on the Competition Pool Deck during the warm-up sessions.
 - h. In order to ensure a smooth Swimming Competition Time-Lines Compliance, eliminate unnecessary downtime due to infraction enquiry to the Referee, promote Fair Play during the Swimming Competition, and eliminate Technical Officials duty obstruction, the Pool Deck is strictly out of bounds to ALL, except the Technical Officials on duty, Swimming Competition Management Committee, Appointed Volunteer/s and Appointed Media Coverage Personnel.

11.0 SECRETARIAT GUIDELINES

- 11.1 Details of disqualification / infraction committed by any Swimmer shall be made to the Organising Secretary by the Team Manager. No proxies will be entertained.
- 11.2 In the absence of the Organising Secretary, enquiries relating to disqualifications shall be directed to the Secretariat.
- 11.3 Enquiry of disqualification shall be made within the same day of competition.
- 11.4 The Team Manager shall provide the Swimmer's details, i.e. Event Number, Time Final Number, Lane Assigned, Swimmer's Name and Affiliate/Team Name.
- 11.5 ONLY the Team Manager shall be allowed to access the Secretariat for submission of necessary paperwork and/or disqualification enquiry. NO swimmers, parents/guardians or proxies will be allowed.

12.0 PROTESTS

- 12.1 Protests are possible:
 - a. If the Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the Competition are not observed,
 - b. If other conditions endanger the Competition and/or Competitors, or

- c. Against the decisions of the Referee; however no protest shall be allowed against decisions of fact.
- 12.2 All protests shall be considered by the Meet Referee.
- 12.3 If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the Competition, a protest must be lodged before the signal to start the race is given.
- 12.4 Protests must be submitted in accordance with the following:
 - a. In writing, with the supporting facts,
 - b. With a deposit of RM400.00,
 - c. Submitted to the Meet Referee by the Team Manager. No proxies will be entertained,
 - d. Submitted within thirty (30) minutes following the conclusion of the respective event.
- 12.5 If the Meet Referee rejects the protest, he/she must state the reasons for his/her decision. The Team Manager may then appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal, whose decision shall be final.
- 12.6 If the protest is not upheld, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Organising Committee of the Circuit Leg. If the protest is upheld, the deposit shall be returned.

13.0 JURY OF APPEAL

- 13.1 The Chairman of the Jury of Appeal shall be appointed by the Organising Committee / MAS.
- 13.2 A maximum of six (6) and a minimum of four (4) other members of the Jury of Appeal shall comprise of the following:
 - a. A maximum of five (5) and a minimum of three (3) representatives from amongst the participating Affiliate Teams not involved in the dispute. The Chairman of the Jury of Appeal shall appoint the representatives.