



1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Competition **SPORTEXCEL / MILO / NSC / MAS ELITE INVITATIONAL SERIES 2026**

Aim The SPORTEXCEL/MILO/NSC/MAS ELITE INVITATIONAL SERIES is an invitation-only performance series which aims to provide an elite competition environment for Malaysia's best age group talent with the participation of international teams.

SportExcel Elite Invitational Series The SportExcel Elite Invitational Series shall consist of 2 Legs and shall include the participation of international teams.

	Host	Venue	Dates	Competition Timing	
SPORTEXCEL ELITE #1	MAS	National Aquatic Centre, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur	18-20 September 2026	Timed Finals	8.00AM *subject to change at the host's discretion
SPORTEXCEL ELITE #2	MAS	National Aquatic Centre, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur	16-18 October 2026	Heats & Finals	TBA

1.1 The SportExcel ELITE Series shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules and By-Laws of World Aquatics as prescribed in the latest version of the Competition Regulations of Swimming in force at the time of the Series Leg. In matters not prescribed for, decisions shall rest with the Referee and/or the Organising Committee.

1.2 The SportExcel ELITE Series shall act as a Qualifying Meet for the following:

a. International competitions as determined by MAS, only if the dates of the respective Series Leg competition falls within the Qualification Period AND if specifically expressed within the Selection Criteria of the respective International Competition.

1.3 a. All entries must be submitted through Clubs/Sports Schools/Schools affiliated to MAS State Affiliates, MAS or World Aquatics-affiliated Federations.

1.4.1 SAFE SPORT POLICY

- A signatory to the Safe Sport Code Malaysia, MAS is committed to ensuring a healthy and safe environment which is respectful, equitable and free from all forms of misconduct, harassment and abuse;
- As a condition of participation in the Series, each individual, by virtue of participation, assistance, involvement or preparation are automatically bound by and are required to comply with the Policies of Safe Sport Code Malaysia;
- Any individual with first-hand knowledge, or has specific and credible information from a victim or third-party has the responsibility to report any incident of misconduct, harassment or abuse.

1.4.2 Reporting Channels:

- Police Diraja Malaysia (PDRM)
- Malaysia Aquatics (MAS)
Secretary General
secgen@malaysiaaquatics.org
- Ministry of Youth and Sports (KBS)
<http://kbs.spab.gov.my>



2.0 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The SportExcel ELITE Invitational Series is an INVITATION-ONLY Performance Series for participants who shall be registered members of the following:

a. Swimmer – Local Club

Swimmers who are existing members of Clubs/Sports Schools/Schools duly registered and affiliated to their respective State and MAS with a MAS National Registration ID **and** who meet the Minimum Time Standards for a particular event.

b. Swimmer – Local (National Podium/Pelapis Programme)

This category is defined as **Swimmers under the National Podium or Pelapis Programmes AND who have represented Malaysia in any International Open-Level Championships** (ie. Olympic Games, World Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan Pacific Championships, or SEA Games) are eligible to participate as **EXHIBITION** Swimmers.

These Swimmers will be registered in the OPEN Age Group Category as EXHIBITION and will represent MAS. They are NOT eligible for any points, medals, awards or incentive payments.

Swimmers fulfilling only one (1) condition of this definition will be categorised as Swimmer-Local Club and are eligible for points, medals and awards. Examples as follows:

- Swimmers who have represented Malaysia in International Open-Level Championships (e.g. SEA Games) but are not or are no longer in the National Podium or Pelapis Programmes;
- Swimmers who are in the National Pelapis Programme but have not represented Malaysia in International Open-Level Championships (e.g. SEA Games).

c. International Swimmer – Local Club

Foreigners residing in Malaysia who are existing members of Clubs/Sports Schools/Schools duly registered and affiliated to their respective State and MAS with a MAS National Registration ID **and** who meet the Minimum Time Standards for a particular event are eligible to participate, and will be tagged with an asterisk.

It is the responsibility of the respective Club to declare the Swimmer's Foreign Status during registration.

They are eligible for medals and certificates, but are NOT eligible for any points, awards or incentive payments.

d. International Swimmer – International Club/Team

Foreign swimmers of other Federations affiliated to World Aquatics who meet the Minimum Time Standards (where applicable) are eligible to participate, and will be tagged with an asterisk.

They will represent their International Club/Team. They are eligible for medals and certificates, but are NOT eligible for any points, awards or incentive payments.

2.2 Sport Schools are eligible to participate and are subject to swimmer eligibility as defined in Clause 2.1 above.

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

- a. Clubs operating across multiple locations in different states within Malaysia must participate as separate entities based on their specific state locations;
- b. Each club must compete under its own distinct banner corresponding to its specific state location;
- c. 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 MAS.

2.3.2 Clause 2.3.1 applies to all clubs, swim schools, sports schools and schools who are invited to participate in the SportExcel ELITE Series.

2.4 Minimum Time Standards apply for the SportExcel ELITE Series.

a. Swimmer – Local Club

Swimmers from Local Clubs are eligible to participate in the SportExcel ELITE Series only if the swimmer has:

- received an invitation to participate in an event, **and**
- recorded a time for the event during the All-Stars Swimming Circuit which is **faster** than the Minimum Time Standard for that respective event.

b. International Swimmer – International Club/Team

Swimmers from International Clubs/Teams are eligible to participate in the SportExcel ELITE Series only if:

- the International Club/Team has received an invitation from MAS to participate, **and**
- the swimmer has a recorded personal best time which is **faster** than the Minimum Time Standard for that particular event.

- c. An administrative fee of **RM 100.00 per event** will be imposed on any swimmer who returns a time more than 3% slower than the Minimum Time Standard for that particular event.

- d. A swimmer's time achieved at the SportExcel ELITE Series may be used towards meeting qualification time standards for team selection for MAS approved competitions, **provided the dates of the respective Series Leg competition fall within the Qualification Period AND specifically expressed in the Selection Criteria of the respective International Competition.**

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 Age Groups and Ages for the SportExcel Elite Series will be calculated as follows:

a. Seniors

Open	- 19 years & over	- born in 2007 or earlier
Group 1	- 16 – 18 years	- born in 2008, 2009, 2010
Group 2	- 14–15 years	- born in 2011, 2012

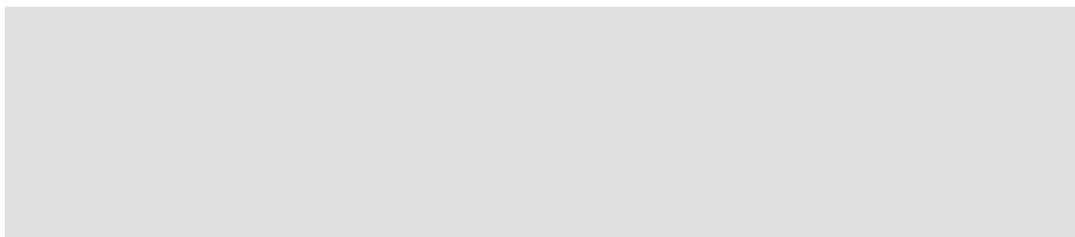
b. Juniors

Group 3	- 12–13 years	- born in 2013, 2014
Group 4	- 11 years & under	- born in 2015 or later



4.0 ENTRY REGULATIONS

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4.2 FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE

4.2.1 Fees – Local Entries

- | | | |
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| a. Swimmer National Registration Fee (Annual) | - | *to be paid to MAS
RM 50.00 per Swimmer (new) OR
<i>*not applicable for those already paid for 2026</i>
RM 30.00 per Swimmer (renewal) |
| b. SportExcel ELITE Admin Fee | - | RM 30.00 per Swimmer |
| c. Entry Fees (Individual Event) | - | RM 15.00 per individual event per Swimmer |

4.2.2 Fees – International Entries by Foreign Teams

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| a. International Swimmer Admin Fee | - | USD 80.00 per Swimmer per International Team (inclusive of Entry Fees) |
| b. SportExcel ELITE Admin Fee | - | USD 20.00 per Swimmer |
| c. Entry Fees (Individual Event) | - | NIL |
| d. International Coach/ Team Official/ Support Staff Admin Fee | - | USD 50.00 per individual and per accreditation pass for entry to the meet and is applicable to all foreign coaches and team officials from overseas participating teams |

4.2.3 Other Fees and Charges *where applicable

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| a. Late Entries/Amendments Fee | - | RM 30.00 per individual event
<i>*Clause 4.7
Late Entries/Amendments</i> |
| b. Late Payment Charges (Local / International Entries) | - | 50% of the total entry fees
<i>*Clause 4.14
Late Charges</i> |
| c. >MTS Administrative Fee | - | RM 100.00 per event
<i>*Clause 4.9
Minimum Time Standards</i> |
| d. DNS Penalty Fee | - | RM 100.00 per event
<i>*Clause 4.12
Withdrawal after Withdrawals
Closing Deadline</i> |

4.3 All entries are to be submitted using the Hy-Tek Team Manager software to the Host Organising Committee through email as follows:





4.4 All local entries from Clubs/Sports Schools/Schools are to be submitted with the Swimmer's MAS ID.

Entries without the Swimmer's MAS ID attached will be withdrawn upon the Withdrawal Closing Deadline.

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

4.6 All entries shall be submitted by the Entries Closing Deadline (Clause 4.1).

4.7 Late Entries / Amendments

- a. **Late Entry / Amendment** – Any Entry and/or Amendment that is submitted AFTER the Entries Closing Deadline;
- b. **Amendment** – Any change or correction that includes but is not limited to changes or corrections to entry timing, name, date of birth, event, etc.;
- c. Late Entries and Amendments will be accepted AFTER the Entries Closing Deadline and UNTIL the Late Entries/Amendments Closing Deadline and will incur a **Late Entries/Amendments Fee** for every Late Entry or Amendment per Event as follows:



- d. The Late Entries/Amendments Fee will take effect and shall be chargeable for any Entries or Amendments that are submitted AFTER the Entries Closing Deadline and UNTIL the Late Entries/Amendments Closing Deadline.

i.e.



- e. No further Entries or Amendments will be entertained AFTER The Late Entries/Amendments Closing Deadline.
- f. Withdrawals Procedures can be referred to under Clause 5.0 Withdrawals

4.8 No pool side entries will be accepted.

4.9 Minimum Time Standards apply for the SportExcel ELITE Series.

There are **NO** Maximum Time Standards.

- 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** – Does not apply for the SportExcel ELITE Series.
- c. A swimmer from a Local Club may enter an event only if the swimmer has:
 - received an invitation to participate in the respective event, **and**
 - recorded a time for the event during the All-Stars Swimming Circuit which is **faster** than the Minimum Time Standard for that respective event.
- d. A swimmer from an International Club/Team may enter an event only if:
 - the International Club/Team has received an invitation from MAS to participate, **and**
 - the swimmer has a recorded personal best time which is **faster** than the Minimum Time Standard for that particular event.
- e. An administrative fee of **RM 100.00 per event** will be imposed on any swimmer who returns a time more than 3% slower than the Minimum Time Standard for that particular event.



- 4.10**
- All entries must be submitted with a time equivalent or faster than the Minimum Time Standard for that respective event;
 - Entries submitted with No Time (NT) will automatically be rejected;
 - Incomplete / incorrect entries will be rejected.

4.11 MAXIMUM ENTRIES CAP for the SPORTEXCEL ELITE SERIES

Entries shall be capped at a limited number of participants per event per gender for the SportExcel ELITE Series and participation is **BY INVITATION** only.

MAS may amend the maximum entries cap based on the final qualification list for SportExcel ELITE to optimise session timing and to minimise any over-runs.

4.11.1 SPORTEXCEL ELITE #1

4.11.1.1 ENTRIES CAP-LOCAL ENTRIES

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| a. 50m and 100m events | - 60 participants per event |
| b. 200m Freestyle and
200m Ind. Medley events | - 50 participants per event |
| c. 200m stroke (Backstroke,
Breaststroke, Butterfly) events | - 40 participants per event |
| d. 400m Freestyle and
400m Ind. Medley events | - 30 participants per event |
| e. 800m Freestyle events | - No event at ELITE #1 |
| f. 1500m Freestyle events | - 20 participants per event |

g. EXCEPTIONS:

Local Swimmers (National Podium/Pelapis Programme) as defined in Clause 2.1 are eligible to participate in SportExcel ELITE #1 in the **OPEN Age Group Category as EXHIBITION Swimmers representing MAS**. There is NO restriction on the number of National Podium/Pelapis Programme Swimmers in each event and they are NOT eligible for points, medals, awards or incentive payments.

International Swimmers (Local Clubs) as defined in Clause 2.1 are eligible to participate in SportExcel ELITE #1 as **Exhibition Swimmers**. There is NO restriction on the number of International Swimmers (Local Clubs) provided they fall within the Maximum Entries Cap (Local Entries) for that respective event and only the **Top 2 ranked International Swimmers** are eligible for medals. They are not eligible for points, awards or incentive payments.

4.11.1.2 ENTRIES CAP-INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES

- | | |
|--|--|
| a. 50m, 100m and 200m events | - 10 participants per each International Club/Team per event |
| b. 400m Freestyle and
400m Ind. Medley events | - 5 participants per each International Club/Team per event |
| e. 800m Freestyle events | - No event at ELITE #1 |
| f. 1500m Freestyle events | - 5 participants per each International Club/Team per event |



4.11.2

SPORTEXCEL ELITE #2

4.11.2.1

ENTRIES CAP-LOCAL ENTRIES

- | | | | |
|----|--|---|---------------------------|
| a. | 50m and 100m events | - | 40 participants per event |
| b. | 200m Freestyle events | - | 40 participants per event |
| c. | 200m Ind. Medley events | - | 30 participants per event |
| d. | 200m stroke (Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly) events | - | 25 participants per event |
| e. | 400m Freestyle and 400m Ind. Medley events | - | 20 participants per event |
| f. | 800m Freestyle events | - | 20 participants per event |
| g. | 1500m Freestyle events | - | No event at ELITE #2 |

h. EXCEPTIONS:

Local Swimmers (National Podium/Pelapis) as defined in Clause 2.1 are eligible to participate in SportExcel ELITE #2 in the **OPEN Age Group Category as EXHIBITION Swimmers representing MAS**. There is NO restriction on the number of National Podium/Pelapis Swimmers in each event and they are NOT eligible for points, medals, awards or incentive payments.

International Swimmers (Local Clubs) as defined in Clause 2.1 are eligible to participate in SportExcel ELITE #2 as **Exhibition Swimmers**. The **Top 2 ranked International Swimmers (Local Clubs) within the Maximum Entries Cap (Local Entries)** for each event in ELITE #1 will qualify to swim in that respective event in ELITE #2. They are eligible for medals but are NOT eligible for any points, awards or incentive payments.

4.11.2.2

ENTRIES CAP-INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES

- | | | | |
|----|--|---|---|
| a. | 50m, 100m and 200m events | - | 5 participants per each International Club/Team per event |
| b. | 400m Freestyle and 400m Ind. Medley events | - | 5 participants per each International Club/Team per event |
| c. | 800m Freestyle events | - | 5 participants per each International Club/Team per event |
| d. | 1500m Freestyle events | - | No event at ELITE #2 |

4.11.3

- Entries will be ranked from FASTEST to SLOWEST with the fastest participants up to the entry cap applicable for local entries in each event contesting the event.
- Local Entries ranked lower than the capped number will be placed on a waiting list and informed in the event of any event withdrawals or non-participation.

The number of participants informed shall be dependent on the number of vacant sports due to event withdrawals or non-participation.
- Withdrawals are required from local participants including those on the waiting list or Reserves should the participants no longer wish to participate in the event.

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No notice of withdrawal from participants, including those on the waiting list or Reserves by the Withdrawals Closing Deadline shall be deemed as a positive confirmation of the participant's event participation.

Any withdrawals after the Withdrawals Closing Deadline or on the day/s of the Series competition with or without notification shall be deemed as 'Did Not Show' or 'Did Not Start' (DNS). **A penalty of RM 100.00 shall be imposed on any 'DNS' and payment must be made immediately before the swimmer's next event.**



- 4.13** All entries shall be accompanied by FULL PAYMENT of the Registration Fee (if applicable), SportExcel ELITE Admin Fee and Entry Fees or the International Swimmer Admin Fees, International Coach Admin Fees, and International Team Official/Support Staff Admin Fees, whichever is applicable, by the Payment Deadline stated in Clause 4.1.
- 4.14** Payments received AFTER the Payment Deadline and before the Late Payment Deadline, will incur additional Late Charges as follows:
- a. Late Charges – 50% of the total entry fees
- 4.15** Swimmers will not be eligible to participate should full payment not be received by the Host Organising Committee by the Late Payment Deadline.
- 4.16** **PAYMENT INFORMATION**
- a. All payments are to be made via direct banking or online transfer to the Host Organising Committee, details as follows:

- b.
- c.
- d.

5.0 WITHDRAWALS

- 5.1**
- 5.2** Preliminaries Entries List (Psych Sheet) shall be sent to all participating teams for review and checking by
- 5.3** Withdrawals are required from local participants by the Withdrawal Closing Deadline, including for participants on the waiting list should they no longer wish to participate in the event.
- 5.4** Withdrawals **MUST** be submitted before the Withdrawals Closing Deadline, 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.



- 5.5** Any withdrawal/s after the Withdrawals Closing Deadline or on the day/s of each Series competition with or without notification shall be deemed as 'Did Not Show' or 'Did Not Start' (DNS).
A **penalty of RM 100.00** shall be imposed on any 'DNS' and payment shall be made immediately before the swimmer's next event.
- 5.6** Penalties are to be borne by the respective team concerned. The Host Organising Committee reserves the right to withdraw any swimmer/team failing to pay the penalty.
- 5.7** 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.
- 5.8** All medical certificates must be produced before the end of the day's session, failing which the penalty as indicated in Clause 5.5 will be imposed.
- 5.9** **Scratch Procedures for Finals apply** (applicable to SportExcel ELITE #2 only)
- Heat Results Summaries of each event will be posted daily at the Resolution Desk after completion of the associated morning's Heats Session.
 - The **SCRATCH / WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE** for each evening's Finals session shall be **thirty (30) minutes** from the time established for the official results of the morning Heats being published.
 - Team Managers are required to submit all withdrawals for the evening's Finals session at the Resolution Desk **BEFORE** the Scratch / Withdrawal Deadline.
 - For events with A Finals only** – Swimmers seeded 1–30 in the Heat Results Summary are required to inform of their intention to scratch / withdraw from the respective event.
 - For events with A / B Finals only** – Swimmers seeded 1–40 in the Heats Results Summary are required to inform of their intention to scratch / withdraw from the respective event.
 - For events with A / B / C Finals only** – Swimmers seeded 1–50 in the Heats Results Summary are required to inform of their intention to scratch / withdraw from the respective event.
 - Withdrawals not submitted within the Scratch / Withdrawal Deadline shall be deemed as 'Did Not Show' or 'Did Not Start' and a **Finals DNS penalty of RM 150.00** shall be imposed on any 'Finals DNS' with payment to be made immediately before the swimmer's next event.

6.0 ACCREDITATION

- 6.1** The pool deck at all MAS-sanctioned competitions are **STRICTLY RESERVED** for registered participants, coaches, technical officials, essential support staff or other persons approved by MAS.
- 6.2** Starting from 1 March 2024, coaches who wish to be on deck during MAS-sanctioned competitions **must be registered with MAS, hold a valid MAS Coaching Licence AND have a valid MAS Coach Accreditation** for that respective year.
- 6.3 Fees – Local Coaches**
- Coach National Registration Fee – *to be paid to MAS
(Annual) RM 100.00 per Coach (new) OR
*not applicable for those already paid for 2026 RM 50.00 per Coach (renewal)



- 6.4** Team Accreditation (coaches and/or team manager/s only) will be issued based on the team size in each competition of the Series as follows

Number of Swimmers	No. of Coaches Pass	No. of Team Managers Pass
1-15	1	1
16-30	2	1
31-45	3	1
46-60	3	1
61-80	4	1
76 and above	4	2

- 6.5** All Accreditation Cards remain the property of MAS, are NON-TRANSFERABLE, and can be withdrawn, refused or revoked at the discretion of MAS.
- 6.6** Accreditation will only be issued to appropriately qualified and eligible persons who are entitled to participate in or perform an official function at the Series competitions.
- 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** Holding a MAS Coach Accreditation or other MAS Accreditation under false pretences is seen as a violation of accreditation regulations and anyone found to be in violation 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 MAS and will incur charges of RM 30.00 per additional Accreditation Card.
- 6.10** **Lost or Misplaced Accreditation Passes**

Replacement passes are available at the following cost:

- a. Coach / Team Manager – RM 120.00

7.0 RECORDS and TEAM SELECTION

7.1 Results and Records

- There will be two (2) sets of results and two (2) sets of meet records maintained for the SportExcel ELITE Series, namely SXL-ELITE Open and SXL-ELITE Closed.
- SXL-ELITE Closed results and meet records shall be for Malaysian swimmers eligible to represent Malaysia.
- Clubs/Sports Sports Schools/Schools invited to participate in the SportExcel ELITE Series shall be responsible to declare a Swimmer's Foreign Status during the entry registration of the swimmer.

The Foreign swimmer will be tagged with an asterisk to indicate their Foreign Status.

7.2 MAS Eligible Selection Meet / Team Selection

- The SportExcel ELITE Series Competitions may act as Qualifying Meet/s for international competition as determined by MAS, provided the dates of the respective Series Leg competition falls within the Qualification Period AND if specifically expressed within the Selection Criteria of the respective International Competition;



- b. Should Clause 7.2a be fulfilled, only results from individual events may be used towards meeting Qualification Time Standards for team selection.

8.0 COMPETITION INFORMATION

- 8.1** The SportExcel ELITE Invitational 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 Malaysia Aquatics Swimming Technical Committee.

8.3.1 Events listed below shall be for Groups Open, 1, 2, 3 (Boys & Girls)

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|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| a. Freestyle | - | 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m |
| b. Backstroke | - | 50m, 100m, 200m |
| c. Breaststroke | - | 50m, 100m, 200m |
| d. Butterfly | - | 50m, 100m, 200m |
| e. Individual Medley | - | 200m, 400m |

8.3.2 800m and 1500m Freestyle events

- a. **SportExcel ELITE #1**
- shall have 1500m Freestyle (Boys & Girls),
 - there shall be no 800m Freestyle
- b. **SportExcel ELITE #2**
- shall have 800m Freestyle (Boys & Girls),
 - there shall be no 1500m Freestyle

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

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

8.5 Compulsory Events for Malaysian swimmers in Groups 1, 2, 3, 4

- a. There shall be no Compulsory Events for Malaysian swimmers at the SportExcel ELITE Series.

- 8.6** a. Each Swimmer must represent the SAME club in ALL of the ELITE Series Competitions – ELITE #1 and ELITE #2

8.7 COMPETITION FORMAT of the SPORTEXCEL ELITE Series

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| a. SportExcel ELITE #1 | - | Timed Finals |
| b. SportExcel ELITE #2 | - | Heats and Finals |

- c. The SportExcel ELITE Series shall be swum using ten (10) lanes.



8.7.1 SPORTEXCEL ELITE #1

- a. ELITE #1 will be conducted in a Timed Finals format and events shall be seeded according to time from slowest to fastest.
- b. The 1500m Freestyle will be swum together across the various age groups but will be scored separately according to the swimmer's age group.

There shall be **NO 800m Freestyle events** at ELITE #1.

8.7.2 SPORTEXCEL ELITE #2

- a. ELITE #2 will be conducted in a Heats and Finals format.
- b. There shall be **NO 1500m Freestyle events** at ELITE #2.
- c. The morning Heats shall be flighted only if total participant numbers are 800 swimmers or more.

8.7.2.1 Heats-Flighted (10 Lanes) – total participants are 800 swimmers or more

- a. The morning Heats will be flighted. Competitors shall be placed in graduated time order from **Fastest to Slowest**.
- b. **Flight A** – Fastest 6 Heats per event will swim first.
50m, 100, 200m events – the fastest three (3) heats shall be cyclically seeded.
400m events – shall be swum as Timed Finals, with the slower heats swum in the morning Heats session and the fastest heat swum in the evening Finals session.
800m events – shall be swum as Timed Finals, with the slower heats swum in the morning Heats session and the fastest heat swum in the evening Finals session.
- c. **Flight B** – The remaining heats of the respective events will swim after Flight A.

Heats-Non Flighted (10 Lanes) – total participants are less than 800 swimmers

- a. Competitors shall be placed in graduated time order from **Slowest to Fastest**.
- b. **50m, 100, 200m events** – the fastest three (3) heats shall be cyclically seeded.
400m events – shall be swum as Timed Finals, with the slower heats swum in the morning Heats session and the fastest heat swum in the evening Finals session.
800m events – shall be swum as Timed Finals, with the slower heats swum in the morning Heats session and the fastest heat swum in the evening Finals session.

8.7.2.2 Finals (10 Lanes)

- a. Finalists shall be allocated lanes based on the spearheaded principle from the results of the Heats.
- b. **A Finals** – the fastest 10 qualifiers (1st-10th place) from the Heats of the individual event will advance to the A Finals with a **limit of the fastest three (3) Foreign Swimmers in the A Finals**.
- c. **B Finals** – the next fastest 10 qualifiers (11th-20th place) from the Heats of the individual event will advance to the B Finals provided more than 23 swimmers compete in the associated Heat. There shall be no limit on the number of Foreign Swimmers in the B Finals.
- d.

50m and 100m events	– shall have A/B Finals
200m Freestyle and 200m Ind. Medley events	– shall have A/B Finals
200m stroke (Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly) events	– shall have A Finals only



8.8 QUALIFICATION for the SPORTEXCEL ELITE SERIES (LOCAL ENTRIES)

8.8.1 SPORTEXCEL ELITE #1

- a. The results from all three (3) Regions after Legs 1 and 2 of the MAS / MILO All-Stars Circuit will be consolidated into a single overall list and ranked according to time from fastest to slowest for each event in each age group per gender.
- b. The Qualification Quota for each event are as follows:

50m and 100m events	- Top 60 ranked Swimmers in each event
200m Freestyle and 200m Ind. Medley events	- Top 50 ranked Swimmers in each event
200m stroke (Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly) events	- Top 40 ranked Swimmers in each event
400m Freestyle and 400m Ind. Medley events	- Top 30 ranked Swimmers in each event
800m Freestyle events	- No event at ELITE #1
1500m Freestyle events	- Top 20 ranked Swimmers in each event
- c. In the event of a tie for the final placing, the swimmer with the fastest average time swum in the event from Legs 1 and 2 of the All-Stars Circuit will determine the qualifier to ELITE #1.
- d. Events will be seeded according to time (SLOWEST to FASTEST) in each age group.
- e. **EXCEPTIONS:**

Swimmer-Local (National Podium/Pelapis Programmes) – The full definition is referred to in **Clause 2.1b.**

They are eligible to participate in SportExcel ELITE #1 in the **OPEN Age Group Category** as **EXHIBITION Swimmers representing MAS.**

There is NO restriction on the number of National Podium/Pelapis Swimmers in each event and they are NOT eligible for points, medals, awards or incentive payments.

International Swimmer-Local Club – the full definition is referred to in **Clause 2.1c.**

N.B. It is the responsibility of the respective Club to declare the Swimmer's Foreign Status during registration, they will be tagged with an asterisk.

They are eligible to participate in SportExcel ELITE #1 by invitation only, and there is NO restriction on the number of International Swimmers (Local Clubs) provided they fall within the Entries Cap (Local Entries) for each event.

Only the **Top 2 ranked International Swimmers** in each event are eligible for medals. They are NOT eligible for points, awards or incentive payments.

8.8.2 SPORTEXCEL ELITE #2

- a. The results of SportExcel ELITE #1 will be ranked according to time from fastest to slowest for each event in each age group, and will determine qualification to SportExcel ELITE #2.
- b. The Qualification Quota for each event are as follows:

50m and 100m events	- Top 40 ranked Swimmers in each event
200m Freestyle events	- Top 40 ranked Swimmers in each event
200m Ind. Medley events	- Top 30 ranked Swimmers in each event
200m stroke (Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly) events	- Top 25 ranked Swimmers in each event
400m Freestyle and 400m Ind. Medley events	- Top 20 ranked Swimmers in each event



800m Freestyle events

- Top 20 ranked Swimmers in each event

1500m Freestyle events

- No event at ELITE #2

c. In the event of a tie for the final placing, the swimmer with the fastest average time swum in the event from Legs 1 and 2 of the MAS / MILO All-Stars Circuit will determine the qualifier to ELITE #2.

d. **EXCEPTIONS:**

Swimmer-Local (National Podium/Pelapis Programmes) – The full definition is referred to in **Clause 2.1b.**

They are eligible to participate in SportExcel ELITE #1 in the **OPEN Age Group Category as EXHIBITION Swimmers representing MAS.**

There is NO restriction on the number of National Podium/Pelapis Swimmers in each event and they are NOT eligible for points, medals, awards or incentive payments.

International Swimmer-Local Club – the full definition is referred to in **Clause 2.1c.**

N.B. It is the responsibility of the respective Club to declare the Swimmer's Foreign Status during registration, they will be tagged with an asterisk.

Only the **Top 2 ranked International Swimmers** in each event are eligible to qualify to participate in SportExcel ELITE #2 on an invitation-only basis, provided they fall within the Qualification Quota (Local Entries) for each event.

They are eligible for medals, and they are NOT eligible for points, awards or incentive payments.

9.0 CERTIFICATES, POINTS and AWARDS

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

9.2.1 Medals and Certificates of Merit will be awarded to the Top 3 placings in the individual events in each age group.

9.2.2 Certificates of Merit will be awarded to the Top 10 Malaysian swimmers in the individual events in each age group.

9.2.3 Medals and Certificates of Merit will only be awarded to International or Foreign Swimmers if they are in the Top 3 placing in the individual events in each age group.

9.3 AWARDS

9.3.1 Series Most Valuable Swimmer Award (Individual):

a. The Most Valuable Swimmer Awards will be presented to the Top 3 Male and Top 3 Female Malaysian swimmers in each age group category based on the most outstanding performance at the Series.

Determination will be based on the **highest accumulated number of World Aquatics AQUA Points, from a maximum of four (4) individual events (except 50m events) at ELITE #1 AND ELITE #2**, as follows:



SPORTEXCEL ELITE #1

- AQUA Points from Time Finals

SPORTEXCEL ELITE #2

100m and 200m events

- AQUA Points from event finals,

400m events

- AQUA Points from event timed finals,

800m Freestyle events

- AQUA Points from event timed finals.

b. The Most Valuable Swimmer Award (Individual)

The Most Valuable Swimmer Award 1st Runner Up,

The Most Valuable Swimmer Award 2nd Runner Up

c. In the event of a tie break for points, the Swimmer with the highest accumulated AQUA points, from two (2) individual events ELITE #2 will determine the winner.

d. The Most Valuable Swimmer Award will only be awarded in age group categories where every event in the respective age group has a minimum of five (5) participating Malaysia swimmers.

e. **EXCEPTION:**

Swimmer-Local (National Podium/Pelapis Programme) and International Swimmers as defined and referred to in Clause 2.1c are not eligible for medals, awards or incentive payments.

9.3.1

Series Overall Champion Award (Club):

a. The Series Overall Champion Award(Club) shall be awarded to the Top 3 Clubs with the most number of scoring points accumulated by their swimmers, from individual events at ELITE #1 and ELITE #2.

Scoring shall be as follows:

Placing	Points
1st	15
2nd	12
3rd	10
4th	8
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

b. The Overall Champion Award (Club),

The Overall Champion Award 1st Runner Up,

The Overall Champion Award 2nd Runner Up

c. In the event of a tie break, the following shall apply:

The total number of gold medals won by their Club Swimmers, followed by the number of silver medals, then the number of bronze medals and finally the number of meet records set by the Club's swimmers.



10.0 WARM-UP and COMPETITION POOL GUIDELINES

- 10.1** The Competition Pool will be available for warm-up one and a half (1.5) hours before the commencement of the morning session. 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:
- Lanes 0, and 9 are Dive Sprint Lanes – strictly for Diving and Sprinting only.
 - Lane 1 shall be for pace work and Lanes 2 to 8 are Circle Swimming Lanes for general swimming only.
 - There shall be NO DIVING in Lanes 1 to 8. Entry to these lanes is via feet first entry from the sitting position at all times.
 - 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.
 - The use of swim paddles and fins are prohibited during warm-up.
 - Swimmers are not allowed to sit or press down on the lane ropes.
 - Swimmers are required to exit from the Competition Pool from the sides, and not by climbing over the touch pads.
 - Only Swimmers, Coaches and Team Officials will be allowed on the Competition Pool Deck during the warm-up sessions.
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 - 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 by the Team Manager to the Resolution Desk, or Organising Secretary in the absence of a Resolution Desk. NO proxies will be entertained.
- In the absence of a Resolution Desk or Organising Secretary, enquiries relating to disqualification shall be directed to the Secretariat.
- 11.2** All enquiries relating to disqualification shall be made within the same day of competition.
- 11.3** The Team Manager shall provide the Swimmer's details, i.e. Event Number, Time Final/Heat Number, Lane Assigned, Swimmer's Name and Affiliate/Team Name.
- 11.4** Only the Team Manager shall be allowed to access the Secretariat and/or Resolution Desk for the submission of necessary paperwork and/or disqualification enquiry. NO swimmers, parents/guardians or proxies will be allowed.



12.0 APPEALS

12.1.1 Appeals are possible:

- a. Only against the decisions of the Referee as to the consequence of a Swimmer's rule infraction, however no appeal shall be allowed against decisions of fact.

12.1.2 There are no grounds for appeal other than that stated in Clause 12.1.1.

12.2 Appeals must be submitted in accordance with the following:

- a. In writing on the prescribed form, with the supporting facts,
- b. With a deposit of RM 400.00,
- c. Submitted by the Team Manager to the Resolution Desk, or in the absence of a Resolution Desk, to the Secretariat. No proxies will be entertained,
- d. Submitted within thirty (30) minutes following the posting of the official results of the respective event.

12.3 The Meet Referee shall present the appeal to the Chair of the Jury of Appeal, who shall review the appeal and determine its validity as soon as reasonably possible following the submission of the appeal.

12.4.1 If the Chair deems the appeal to be invalid on the consequence of a Swimmer's rule infraction, the matter will not proceed further and the deposit will be forfeited.

12.4.2 If the appeal is deemed to be valid, the Chair shall initiate a review by the Jury of Appeal which shall render a final reasoned decision on the appeal as soon as reasonably practical.

12.4.3 The decision by the Chair of the Jury of Appeal regarding validity is final.

12.5.1 If the Jury rules in favour of the appealing party, the deposit shall be returned to the appealing party, and the ensuing course of action shall be decided on a case-by-case basis.

12.5.2 If the Jury rules against the appealing party, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Organising Committee of the applicable Circuit Competition.

13.0 JURY OF APPEAL

13.1 Appointment of the Jury of Appeal

13.1.1 The Jury of Appeal will be composed of three (3) members, one (1) of whom shall be the designated Chair. The three (3) members will be appointed by the Malaysia Aquatics (MAS) President or selected representative, whoever is available.

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- a. Jury of Appeal members must not serve on a Jury of Appeal if they have a conflict of interest,
 - b. Jury of Appeal members must declare any possible conflicts of interest in advance of their appointment, and have an ongoing obligation to declare any possible conflicts of interest that may arise (including, but not limited to, having business relations with or being of the Club as an appealing party),
 - c. MAS shall make the final decision on whether a conflict of interest for the Jury of Appeal member exists.



- 13.1.3** MAS shall appoint a fourth individual to act as a standby Jury of Appeal member in the event that an appointed Jury of Appeal member recuses himself/herself due to a conflict of interest.
- 13.2 Jury of Appeal Rules of Procedure**
- 13.2.1** The Jury of Appeal may consult video footage, documents and witnesses when considering the appeal, and/or consult any other potentially impacted party, in person or in writing.
- 13.2.2** Decisions of Referees will be afforded a significant degree of deference.
- a. The Jury of Appeal will not substitute its view of the appealed matter for that of the Referee, unless the appealing party presents clear evidence that the Referee's decision was made arbitrarily, irrationally, or in abuse of the discretion afforded to the Referee.
- 13.2.3** Each member of the Jury of Appeal will have one (1) vote and decisions will be made by majority.
- 13.2.4** The decision of the Jury is final.
- a. For the avoidance of doubt, possible breaches of the Eligibility Rules as stated in Clause 2, are not matters subject to appeal to be considered by the Jury of Appeal.
- b. Any possible breaches of the Eligibility Rules as stated in Clause 2 shall be reported and are matters for investigation by MAS.

14.0 DOPING CONTROL

- 14.1** Urine samples may be collected during the Circuit for the purpose of doping controls, which will be conducted in accordance with the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules and the World Anti-Doping International Standards found at this link:
<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/international-standards>
- 14.2** The list of prohibited substances can be found in this link:
<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list>
- 14.3** All athletes are strictly responsible for any prohibited substance found in their sample. It is particularly important for athletes to check any medication they take against the prohibited list.
- 14.4** Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) Forms must be filled up, should any athlete feel the need to declare the use of any of the prohibited substances listed in the updated Prohibited Lists in the link above.