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EUROPEAN AQUATICS®

**MASTERS REGULATIONS FOR
SWIMMING, DIVING, ARTISTIC
SWIMMING AND OPEN WATER
SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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FOR SWIMMING, DIVING, ARTISTIC SWIMMING
AND OPEN WATER SWIMMING
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In addition to the European Aquatics General Event Rules
THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS
shall apply:

MA-G	GENERAL
MA-G1	EVENT AND ORGANISATION
MA-G 1.1	The Championships shall be conducted in Swimming, Diving, Open Water Swimming and Artistic Swimming.
MA-G 1.2	The Championships shall be held every second year.
MA-G 1.3	The organising Federation and the place where the Championships shall be held will be decided by the European Aquatics Bureau and circulated by the European Aquatics Office.
MA-G 1.4	The European Aquatics Bureau Delegate and the European Aquatics Masters Committee shall be responsible for and supervise the organisation of the event and the correct conduct of the competitions according to European Aquatics Rules and Regulations. They shall decide on all matters arising on site at the competitions which require an immediate decision.
MA-G 1.5	The European Aquatics logo and the Championships logo are registered trade-marks and may not be used by clubs or their competitors.
MA-G 2	ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES
MA-G 2.1	Competitors shall be eligible for a club either affiliated to a Member Federation or affiliated to a Federation registered by European Aquatics. Entries are also open to para competitors, who are eligible to enter all disciplines. Entry times and other requirements that competitors must meet in order to be eligible to participate in the competition are defined separately for each discipline.
MA-G 2.2	Entries shall be confirmed and submitted by the Federation in the name of the club to which the competitor belongs prior to the start of the Championships. No amendment is possible once the Championships have begun.
MA-G 2.3	All competitors must be citizens of a country corresponding to the domicile of at least one European Aquatics member federation or they must have resided continuously for twelve months in a country corresponding to the domicile of at least one European Aquatics member federation before start of the competition. Proof of citizenship or residence for the last twelve months is required and must be proofed when asked by the organizer.
MA-G 2.4	Entries, including signed Release of Liability by every competitor, shall be sent to the Organising Committee together with one photo with full front view of face (passport standard form)
MA-G 2.5	The deadline for the submission of entries and the payment of the entry fees shall be no later than the date announced by the European Aquatics Office.
MA-G 2.6	Entry fees shall be as decided by the European Aquatics Bureau and circulated by the Organising Committee.
MA-G 2.7	Entry fees shall be paid to the Organising Committee. Confirmation of payment shall be attached to the entries.
MA-G 2.8	There shall be no refund of entry fees.

MA-G 3 ACCREDITATION

- MA-G 3.1** Accreditation shall be issued for:
- all registered competitors
 - all registered assistants and family/friends of the competitors
 - approved officials of the Federations
 - any President of a Member Federation or a Federation registered by European Aquatics
 - all persons nominated by European Aquatics
 - all persons involved in the organisation of the Championship

No other person shall receive an accreditation.

- MA-G 3.2** Each Competitor may collect his/her Accreditation Card with a photo two (2) days prior to the Championship at the Accreditation Centre after proof of identity, citizenship and/or residence (passport or ID card, proof of residence).

- MA-G 3.3** The Organising Committee shall check name, age, and entries before handing out the accreditation card.

MA-G 4 AWARDS

- MA-G 4.1** Medal Ceremonies shall take place after each event at a place and a time announced by the Organising Committee.
Medals shall be awarded to competitors placed first to third in each event and age group.
Diplomas shall be awarded to competitors placed first to eighth in each event and age group.
Diplomas may be electronic and sent electronically to competitors via e.g. email within a week from the end of the Championship.
Para competitors may receive, in addition, a medal and diploma for participation and performance, as announced by the Organising Committee. Para competitors' results shall be recorded and published in the official results.

- MA-G 4.2** Points shall not be and no awards shall be given to Federations or clubs, unless the competition is included in a European Tour, in which case points may be awarded in each discipline in accordance with the European Tour regulations and/or the relevant event rules.

- MA-G 4.3** A commemorative souvenir shall be given to each competitor starting and to each approved official.

MA-G 5 OFFICIALS

- MA-G 5.1** The European Aquatics MaC shall nominate Technical Delegate(s) for each competition session in each discipline. The European Aquatics MaC shall appoint Head Referee(s) for each discipline after consultation with the relevant European Aquatics Technical Committees.

- MA-G 5.2** Federations may nominate suitably qualified and experienced officials for each aquatic discipline.

- MA-G 5.2.1** Applications shall be submitted to the European Aquatics Office no later than the date announced by the European Aquatics Office.

- MA-G 5.2.2** Officials approved by European Aquatics Masters Committee are on the costs of the nominating Federation, the organizing Federation bears the costs of at least two ITOs per discipline. The number and background of officials must be detailed in the rules for each event.

MA-G 5.3 The Technical Delegate shall nominate the key officials to be on duty on each competition session.

MA-G 5.4 The organising Federation shall provide all the other officials.

MA-SW SWIMMING

MA-SW 1 EVENTS AND AGE GROUPS

MA-SW 1.1 Events are (men and women):

- Freestyle 50 m, 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m;
- Breaststroke 50 m, 100 m, 200 m;
- Backstroke 50 m, 100 m, 200 m;
- Butterfly 50 m, 100 m, 200 m;
- Individual Medley 100m (for SC competition); 200 m; 400 m (for LC competition);
- Freestyle Relay 4 x 50 m;
- Medley Relay 4 x 50 m;
- Mixed Freestyle Relay 4 x 50 m (2 women and 2 men);
- Mixed Medley Relay 4 x 50 m (2 women and 2 men).

MA-SW 1.2 Age groups for individual events are:
20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94
(and five year age groups as high as is necessary).

MA-SW 1.3 Age groups for relays are:
80+, 100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, 280-319, 320-359 (and forty year increments as high as is necessary).
All members of a relay team must have completed the individual entry form.
If a club needs swimmers to form a relay team, that club can borrow swimmers from other clubs under the same National Federation. These teams will swim “out of competition“ and appears as such in the results list. The total age of the team members (determined by the year of birth) determines the age group of the team. A competitor may only compete in one age group and in one team in the same relay event. 80+ age group contain any swimmer in the age 20-24.

MA-SW 1.4 Competitors may be entered for a maximum number of individual events decided by the European Aquatics Executive on proposal of the European Aquatics Masters Committee and the European Aquatics Bureau Liaison, but not for more than two individual events each day. In case the planned registrations are not reached, the already registered competitors may be called to register more events during the two week period following the registration deadline.

MA-SW 1.5 The order of the events and the Entry Times shall be decided by the European Aquatics Executive on proposal of the European Aquatics Master Committee and the European Aquatics Bureau Liaison. Qualifying Times shall not apply to para competitors; however, para competitors shall submit an Entry Time for seeding purposes only.

MA-SW 1.6 A swimmer must have reached qualification time (entry time) in a Competition within 2 years period before the competition.
If a swimmer clearly fails to achieve the QT at the current competition he/she may be excluded from all upcoming individual events in the same competition.

MA-SW 2 CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION AND COMPOSITION OF RELAY TEAMS

MA-SW 2.1 Competitors participating in 400 m and 800 m races shall confirm their participation to the Organising Committee no later than six o'clock p.m. (18.00 hrs) on the day prior to the event. At least two weeks before the start of the Championship, the Organizing Committee, in consultation with EA TMac shall present how competitors in these disciplines can confirm their participation.

Clubs participating in Relay Events shall confirm their participation and submit the names of the competitors and the order of swimming no later than six o'clock p.m. (18.00 hrs) on the day prior to the event.

MA-SW 2.2 Reserve swimmers are not allowed.

At least two weeks before the start of the Championship, the Organizing Committee, in consultation with EA TMaC shall present how competitors in these events can confirm their participation.

MA-SW 3 LANE SEEDING, START AND ORDERING OUT OF THE COMPETITION

MA-SW 3.1 Competitors, including para competitors, will be seeded according to the submitted entry times, beginning with the oldest age group first and within an age group the slower heats first.

MA-SW 3.2 In 400 m freestyle and 800 m freestyle races two competitors may be deck seeded and swimming in one lane. The seeding for 400 freestyle, 800 freestyle and 400 IM shall be by time only and not by age-group.

MA-SW 3.3 Overhead start will be used in all events. Any swimmer or swimmers initiating a start before the signal has been given, shall be disqualified upon completion of the race. Remaining swimmers won't be called back.

MA-SW 3.4 Each competitor is responsible to report to the clerk of course at least 15 minutes prior to the designated race at the marshalling area at the pool.

MA-SW 3.5 In individual events of more than 200 m the Referee may order out any competitor who passed the entry time for the relevant age group.

MA-SW 4 CLASSIFICATION

MA-SW 4.1 Individual swimmers will be listed in the result list with name, name of the club, official country code of their club and split times according to ranking and age group.

MA-SW 4.2 Relay teams will be listed in the result list with the name of the club and official country code of their club according to ranking and age group, including names of swimmers and individual split times.

MA-SW 4.3 Any competitor not starting, disqualified, or not finishing the race within the required entry time will be placed at the end of the result list without ranking and time. The reason shall be mentioned.

MA-SW 4.4 A competitor who has a permanent disability shall not be disqualified in a case where his disability prevents him/her from complying with the rules of a particular stroke, provided that the disability has been notified to the referee by the competitor or his/her representative before the race takes place. Notification shall be a medical certificate issued by the Medical Officer of the Federation.
For para competitors, such notification shall be supported by valid para competitor classification/eligibility documentation recognised by the relevant authority. Para competitors in Swimming shall be judged according to their ability and impairment classes, as applicable. For competitors who are not classified as para competitors, notification shall be supported by a medical certificate or other medical documentation acceptable to the Organising Committee.

MA-D DIVING

MA-D 1 EVENTS AND AGE GROUPS

- MA-D 1.1** Events are (men and women):
- Springboard 1 m;
 - Springboard 3 m;
 - Platform 5 m, 7.5 m, 10 m;
 - Synchronised 3 m Springboard;
 - Synchronised 5 m, 7.5 m, 10 m Platform;
 - Team Diving
- (Synchronised Diving where the facilities allow).

Age groups are:
20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+
(and five years age groups as high as is necessary);

- MA-D 1.2** For Synchronised Diving: 40-99, 100+
(age groups are determined by adding the ages of the competitors);
- For Team Diving: 60-149, 150+
(age groups are determined by adding the ages of the competitors).

MA-D 1.3 Age groups may be combined.

MA-D 1.4 The total number of dives required are:

Springboard diving (1 meter resp. 3 meters)		Age groups	Platform diving (5 meter, 7.5 meters or 10 meters)	
Men	Women		Men	Women
6	5	20 – 24	5	5
6	5	25 – 29	5	5
6	5	30 – 34	5	5
6	5	35 – 39	5	5
6	5	40 – 44	5	5

Springboard diving (1 meter resp. 3 meters)		Age groups	Platform diving (5 meter, 7.5 meters or 10 meters)	
Men	Women		Men	Women
6	5	45 – 49	5	5
6	5	50 – 55	5*	5*
6	5	55 – 59	5*	5*
6	5	60 – 64	5*	5*
6	5	65 – 69	5*	5*
5	5	70 – 74	4*	4*
5	5	75 – 79	4*	4*
5	5	80+	4*	4*

* 10m limited: Only feet first entries are allowed from the 10 m platform and any performed dive from the 10 m must not exceed degree of difficulty of 2.0.

MA-D 1.5	The order of the events shall be decided by the European Aquatics Master Committee and the European Aquatics Bureau Liaison to this Committee.
MA-D 1.6	In Synchronised Diving for men and women in all age groups the total number of dives required is 2 dives with an assigned degree of difficulty of 2.0 regardless of the formula value plus 2 dives with free degree of difficulty. When diving from the 10m platform all divers aged 50+ may only perform feet-first dives with a degree of difficulty not exceeding 2.0 according to the formula value. Two divers from different clubs within the same federation may compete as a couple. One divers must only start in one couple regardless of the age group.
MA-D 1.7	In the Team Diving Competition each team shall consist of three divers but must include both sexes. Divers from different clubs within the same federation may compete as a team. Each team shall perform six different dives and each diver two dives from two different heights (1m/3m/platform). The dives shall consist of 2 dives from 1m Springboard, 2 dives from 3m Springboard and 2 dives from Platform. When diving from the 10m platform all divers aged 50+ may only perform dives with a degree of difficulty not exceeding 2.0 and they must be performed feet-first. One diver may start in one team regardless of the age group.
MA-D 1.8	The diver can freely choose the dive from the dive table given in the World Aquatics rules. The only requirement is that in age group 25-69 years each dive performed has a different dive number (as in the World Aquatics rules). In age group 70 and older dives with the same dive number can be repeated, if performed in different position (straight, pike, tuck or free position).
MA-D 1.9	Para competitors in Diving shall be judged according to their ability and impairment classes, as applicable.

MA-D 2 CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION AND LIST OF THE DIVES

MA-D 2.1	Competitors shall confirm their participation and submit the list of the dives to the Technical Delegate or the nominated member of the European Aquatics Masters Committee no later than six o'clock p.m. (18.00 hrs) on the day prior to the event.
MA-D 2.2	The Technical Delegate may accept later confirmations and/or submissions of the list of the dives up to three (3) hours prior to the event, subject to a fine; the amount of the fine shall be decided by the Bureau and circulated by the Organising Committee.
MA-D 2.3	No changes on the list of the dives shall be accepted after the deadline of three (3) hours prior to the event.

MA-OW OPEN WATER SWIMMING

MA-OW 1 EVENTS AND AGE GROUPS

MA-OW 1.1

Events are:

- Open Water Swimming (men), up to 5 km;
- Open Water Swimming (women), up to 5 km.
- Open Water Swimming Relay (mixed, 2men & 2 women), 4 swimmers in a team, 4x up to 1,5km.

The distance to be swum shall be announced as soon as the Championship is announced. Swimmers from clubs within same National Federation, can combine to make a relay team. Teams using this option must be marked with their National Federation and identified separately if they are more than one team from the National Federation. Combined teams are ranked in the end “out of competition“.

MA-OW 1.2

Age groups are:

For individual competition:

20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64 , 65-69 ,70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+.

For relay competition:

80+ years

100 - 119 years, 120 to 159 years,

160 - 199 years, 200 to 239 years,

240 - 279 years, 280 to 319 years,

320 - 359 years, 360 to 399 years,

(and forty years increments as high as necessary).

80+ age group contain any swimmer in the age 20-24

MA-OW 2 CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION AND SEEDING

MA-OW 2.1

Competitors shall confirm their participation to the Organising committee not later than one o'clock p.m. (13:00) on the day prior to the event.

At least two weeks before the start of the Championship, the Organizing Committee, in consultation with EA TMaC shall present how competitors in these events can confirm their participation.

MA-OW 2.2

All competitors will be seeded in waves according to age groups.

Competitors may be seeded irrespective of gender.

Para competitors in Open Water Swimming shall be judged according to their ability and impairment classes, as applicable.

MA-OW 2.3

All competitors will receive and must wear a brightly coloured numbered cap according to the seeding. When water temperature is under 18°C wetsuit must be worn.

All swimsuits (also wetsuit) must be according to World Aquatics rules.

MA-OW 2.4

The water temperature shall be measured within 30 minutes before start of race and must be a minimum of 16°C and maximum of 31°C. The water temperature shall be certified by the Safety Officer as measured in as near to the middle of the course as possible at a depth of 40 cm. If water temperature is below 18°C, the use of wetsuits is compulsory. If multiple measurements are taken, these must be averaged. This control should be done in the presence of a Commission made up of the following persons present: a referee, a member of the Organising Committee and one coach from the teams present designated during the Technical Meeting.

MA-OW 2.5 For the European Aquatics Masters Championships a cut off time of 30 minutes per kilometre may be applied.

MA-OW 3 START, RACE AND FINISH

MA-OW 3.1 The Referee shall only allow the race to start if the security requirements are fulfilled. The Referee may be overruled by the Technical Delegate.

MA-OW 3.2 The Technical Delegate may shorten the distance of the event, due to weather conditions, water temperature and/or if the security requirements are not fulfilled.

MA-OW 3.3 The Technical Delegate should not allow the race to start unless all competitors in the wave that is starting have handed in their accreditation card.

MA-OW 3.4 The Organizing Committee organizes a finish line so that everyone who comes out of the water after the race must take back their accreditation card before they can get out of the finish line area.
If a competitor, for any reason, withdraws from the competition, the Technical Delegate is responsible for obtaining and returning the accreditation card.

MA-AS ARTISTIC SWIMMING

The Artistic Swimming Rules in Part VII and VIII of this World Aquatics Competition regulations shall apply to all Masters Artistic Swimming except for the following:

MA-AS 1 AGE GROUPS

MA-AS 1.1	Solo: 20-24, 25–29,30–39,40–49,50–59,60–69,70–79,80–89, 90 and over
MA-AS 1.2	Duet: 20-24, 25–29,30–39,40–49,50–59,60–69,70–79,80–89, 90 and over with age determined by the average age of the competitors.
MA-AS 1.3	Mixed Duet: 20-24, 25–29,30–39,40–49,50–59,60–69,70–79,80–89, 90 and over with age determined by the average age of the competitors.
MA-AS 1.4	Team: 20-24, 25 – 34, 35 – 49, 50 – 64, 65 and over with age determined by the average age of the competitors.
MA-AS 1.5	Free Combination: 20 – 39, 40 – 64, 65 and over with age determined by the average age of the competitors.
MA-AS 1.6	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. (For example, if the average age of a Team is 49.833, they would swim in the 35-49 age group).

MA-AS 2 EVENTS

MA-AS 2.1	The events of Masters Artistic Swimming are Technical Solo Women, Technical Solo Men, Free Solo Women, Free Solo Men, Technical Duet Women, Technical Duet Men, Free Duet Women, Free Duet Men, Technical Mixed Duet, Free Mixed Duet, Technical Team, Free Team and Free Combination. Each event is a separate medal event. Duet Free, Duet Technical, Team Technical, Team Free and Free Combination are open to all genders. Mixed Duet has to have one man and one woman.
MA-AS 2.2	The programme for a Masters Event shall be Technical Routines, Free Routines and Free Combination.
MA-AS 2.1.1	Technical Routine The Technical Routines shall be performed for Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet and Team with the required elements selected by World Aquatics Masters Committee / European Aquatics Masters Committee every four (4) year, subject to approval by the World Aquatics Bureau / European Aquatics Bureau. Technical Routines have to include all required elements. Music selection is optional and may be the same as the music used in the Free Routine.
MA-AS 2.1.2	Free Routine The Free Routine shall be performed for Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Team, and Free Combination. There are no restrictions as to choice of music, content or choreography.

MA-AS 3 COMPETITORS

MA-AS 3.1	Competitors in Duet, Mixed Duet, Team and Free Combination shall represent the same club.
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MA-AS 3.2	Teams shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members and a maximum of eight (8) members. Combination shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members and a maximum of ten (10) members.
MA-AS 3.3	Para competitors in Artistic Swimming shall be judged according to their ability and impairment classes, as applicable.

MA-AS 4 MASTERS ARTISTIC SWIMMING TECHNICAL RULES

MA-AS 4.1	Time Limits for Routines Time limits for Technical Routines and Free Routines including ten (10) seconds for the deck movement.
MA-AS 4.1.1	Technical Routines Solo 2.00 Free Routines Solo 2.15
MA-AS 4.1.2	Technical Routines Duet 2.20 Free Routines Duet 2.45
MA-AS 4.1.3	Technical Routines Mixed Duet 2.20 Free Routines Mixed Duet 2.45
MA-AS 4.1.4	Technical Routines Teams 2.50 Free Routines Teams 3.30
MA-AS 4.1.5	Free Combination 3.30
MA-AS 4.1.6	There shall be no minimum time limit
MA-AS 4.1.7	The walk-on time is max 30 sec
MA-AS 4.2	The size of the competition pool shall be 25x20 metres and minimum 2,5 metres deep.
MA-AS 4.3	Goggles may be worn.

MA-AS 5 ROUTINE PANELS

MA-AS 5.1	Three (3) panels of five (5) judges must officiate: in Free Routines Combination one panel for Execution, one panel for Artistic Impression and one panel for Difficulty, and in Technical Routines one panel for Execution, one panel for Impression and one panel for Elements.
MA-AS 5.1.1	Judges must officiate: In Free Routines, Free Combination Panel One - Execution Panel Two - Artistic Impression Panel Three - Difficulty In Technical Routines Panel One - Execution Panel Two - Impression Panel Three - Elements
MA-AS 5.2	During routine sessions, the judges shall be placed in elevated positions on opposite sides of the pool.

MA-AS 5.3	At the completion of each routine, the judges record their scores into the electronic system.
MA-AS 5.3.1	On a signal from the referee, (or assistant referee) the judges scores will simultaneously be presented manually or electronically for each panel.
MA-AS 5.4	If one or more judges by reason of illness or other unforeseen circumstances cannot make an award for a routine, the average of the awards of the other judges shall be computed and shall be considered as the award. This shall be calculated to the nearest 0.1 point.
MA-AS 5.41	If an unexpected situation happens during a session and one or more judges cannot make an award for a routine, the referee can disrupt the session and performance. After settlement of the matter and confirmation that it is safe, the referee shall resume the session and allow the competitor to swim again.
MA-AS 5.5	After approval by the referee or the appointed official, judges' scores may be flashed on the score board or sent to the computer.
MA-AS 5.6	For Technical Routines and Free Combination Routines, the referee and assistants referees monitor the required elements.

MA-AS 6 JUDGEMENT OF ROUTINES

MA-AS 6.1	In Routines the competitor can obtain points from 0 – 10 using 1/10th points. Perfect 10 Near Perfect 9.9 - 9.5 Excellent 9.4 - 9.0 Very Good 8.9 - 8.0 Good 7.9 - 7.0 Competent 6.9 - 6.0 Satisfactory 5.9 - 5.0 Deficient 4.9 - 4.0 Weak 3.9 - 3.0 Very Weak 2.9 - 2.0 Hardly Recognizable 1.9 - 0.1 Completely Failed 0
MA-AS 6.2	In Free Routines, Free Combination Routines each judge shall award one score, from 0 – 10 points each (see MA-AS 6.1). Execution panel judges shall award one score for Execution and Synchronisation. Artistic Impression panel judges shall award one score for Choreography, Music Interpretation, and Manner of Presentation. The difficulty panel judges shall award a score for Difficulty.

First panel – EXECUTION Score - 30%

MA-AS 6.2.1	Consider:	Free solo	Free duet mixed duet	Free Team, Free Combination
	EXECUTION – the level of excellence in performing highly specialised skills. Execution of all movements.	90%	50%	50%
	SYNCHRONISATION – the precision of movements in unison, one with the other, and the accompaniment above, at and below the surface. Synchronisation of timing of one with another and with the music.	10%	50%	50%

Second Panel – Artistic Impression Score – 40%

MA-AS 6.2.2	Consider:	Free solo	Free duet mixed duet	Free Team, Free Combination
	CHOREOGRAPHY – the creative skill of composing a routine that combines artistic and technical elements. The design and weaving together of variety and creativity of all movements.	100%	100%	100%
	MUSIC INTERPRETATION – expressing the mood of the music, use of the music’s structure.			
	MANNER OF PRESENTATION – the manner in which the swimmer(s) present(s) the routine to the viewers.			
The total command of the performance of the routine.				

Third panel – DIFFICULTY Score - 30%

MA-AS 6.2.3	Consider:	Free solo	Free duet mixed duet	Free Team, Free Combination
	DIFFICULTY – the quality of being hard to achieve. Difficulty of all movements and of synchronisation.	100%	100%	100%

Technical Routines

MA-AS 6.3 In Technical Routines, each judge shall award a score(s), from 0 – 10 points each (see MA-AS 5.1). Execution panel judges shall award one score for execution and synchronisation of all movements that do not have an assigned degree of difficulty.

Impression panel judges shall award one score for difficulty, choreography, music interpretation, and manner of presentation.

Elements panel judges shall award individual scores for the execution and synchronisation of each required element with an assigned degree of difficulty.

First panel – EXECUTION Score - 30%

MA-AS 6.3.1	Consider:	Technical solo	Technical duet mixed duet	Technical Team
	EXECUTION – the level of excellence in performing highly specialised skills. Execution of all movements.	90%	50%	50%
	SYNCHRONISATION – the precision of movements in unison, one with the other, and the accompaniment above, at and below the surface. Synchronisation of timing of one with another and with the music.	10%	50%	50%

Second panel – IMPRESSION Score - 30%

Consider:		Technical solo	Technical duet mixed duet	Technical Team
MA-AS 6.3.2	DIFFICULTY – the quality of being hard to achieve. Difficulty of all movements that do not have an assigned degree of difficulty.	50%	50%	50%
	CHOREOGRAPHY – the creative skill of composing a routine that combines artistic and technical elements. The design and weaving together of variety and creativity of all movements.	50%	50%	50%
	MUSIC INTERPRETATION – expressing the mood of the music, use of the music’s structure.			
	MANNER OF PRESENTATION – the manner in which the swimmer(s) present(s) the routine to the viewers. The total command of the performance of the routine.			

Third panel – ELEMENTS Score – 40%

Consider:		Technical solo	Technical duet mixed duet	Technical Team
MA-AS 6.3.3	EXECUTION – the level of excellence in performing highly specialised skills. Execution of all movements.	90%	50%	50%
	SYNCHRONISATION – the precision of movements in unison, one with the other, and the accompaniment above, at and below the surface. Synchronisation of timing of one with another and with the music.	10%	50%	50%

MA-AS 6.4 In the Technical Routine, if one or more judges on the Element Panel has entered a zero for any element, or portion of an element the referee will review the official video. If the required element has been executed correctly, then the average of the awards of the other remaining judges shall be computed and shall be considered as the missing award(s). This shall be calculated to the nearest 0.1 point.
If the required element has not been performed correctly, the referee will instruct the scorer to record zeros for that element for each judge.

MA-AS 7 DEDUCTION, PENALTIES AND OTHER MATTERS IN ROUTINES

MA-AS 7.1 In the Team competition, whether in the Free Routine Preliminary, the Free Routine Final or the Technical Routine, one half point penalty shall be deducted from the total score for each member less than eight (8) (see MA-AS 3.2).

MA-AS 7.2 If one (or more) competitor(s) stops swimming before the routine is completed, the routine will

	be disqualified. If the cessation is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the competitor(s), the Referee shall allow the routine to be re-swum during the session.
MA-AS 7.3	Penalties in Free Routines, Technical Routines & Free Combination: A one (1) point penalty shall be deducted from the routine score if:
MA-AS 7.3.1	The time limit of ten (10) seconds for deck movements is exceeded.
MA-AS 7.3.2	There is a deviation from the specified routine time limit allowed (more than) for the routine and in accordance with MA-AS 4.1.
MA-AS 7.3.3	If the time limit of 30 seconds for the deck walk-on is exceeded.
MA-AS 7.3.4	A competitor has made deliberate use of the bottom of the pool during the routine
MA-AS 7.3.5	A two (2) point penalty shall be deducted from the routine score if: A competitor has made deliberate use of bottom of the pool during a routine to assist another competitor.
MA-AS 7.3.6	A two (2) point penalty shall be deducted from the routine score if: A routine is interrupted by a competitor during the deck movement and a new start is allowed
MA-AS 7.4	Penalties and Other Matters in Technical Routines
MA-AS 7.4.1	In a Technical Routine, if one or more competitors omits all or part of an element or performs an incorrect action in an element, the judges on the Element Panel shall award a zero (0) score for that particular element.
MA-AS 7.4.2	In a Technical Routine any change in order of elements results in a zero score from the judges for the element not placed in the correct order.
MA-AS 7.4.3	If one or more judges enter a score for the incorrect element, a referee is required to check the official video and make sure it was incorrect and the referee can change the judge's score to zero (0).
MA-AS 7.4.4	If a judge enters zero (0) for a correct element, a referee should follow according to MA-AS 6.4.
MA-AS 7.4.5	A half point (0.5) penalty shall be deducted from the Execution score for each Violations of General requirement 4, Duet required elements 6 and 7, Mixed Duet required elements 6 and 7 and Team required elements 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Appendix I.
MA-AS 7.5	Penalties in Free Combination
MA-AS 7.5.1	A two (2) point penalty shall be deducted from the routine score for violations of general requirements 3 & 4 and required elements 1 of appendix II

MA-AS 8
CALCULATION OF THE ROUTINE RESULTS
MA-AS 8.1

For each panel of the Free Routine, Free Combination and Highlight Routine (Execution, Artistic Impression, and Difficulty), the score should be calculated as follows for each category. The highest and the lowest awards for each panel are cancelled (one high, one low). The Execution score is the sum of the three (3) remaining awards in the category. The Artistic Impression score is the sum of the three (3) remaining awards in the category, divided by 3 and multiplied by 4. The Difficulty score is the sum of the three (3) remaining awards in the category. The Free Routine score, Free Combination and Highlight Routine shall be the sum of the Execution score (30%), Artistic Impression Score (40%) and Difficulty Score (30%), less any penalty deductions from rules AS 18.

FREE ROUTINES – EXAMPLES WITH 5 JUDGE PANELS

	WT	1	2	3	4	5	TOT-HI-LO	AVER	CALC	
EXEC	30	8.6	8.3	8.7	8.5	8.5	25.6	8.5333	25.6000	30%
ART IMP	40	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.3	25.4	8.4667	33.8667	40%
DIFF	30	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.4	25.1	8.3667	25.1000	30%
								TOTAL	84.5667	

MA-AS 8.2

For each panel of the Technical Routine (Execution, Impression, and Elements), the score should be calculated as follows for each category.

Execution score:

The highest and the lowest awards are cancelled (one high, one low). The three remaining awards in the category are added.

Impression score:

The highest and the lowest awards are cancelled (one high, one low). The three remaining awards in the category are added.

Elements score:

For each of the required elements with an assigned degree of difficulty, the highest and the lowest awards are cancelled (one high, one low) for each set of awards.

The remaining three (3) awards are added, and the sum divided by three (3). The result is multiplied by the degree of difficulty for that element. The sum of the element scores shall be divided by the total degree of difficulty for the required elements and multiplied by 10. This result is multiplied by 4.

The Technical Routine score shall be the sum of the Execution score (30%), the Impression Score (30%), and the Elements score (40%), less any penalty deductions from rules MA-AS 7.

TECH ROUTINES - EXAMPLES WITH 5 JUDGE PANELS

	WT	1	2	3	4	5	TOT-HILO	AVER	CALC		
EXEC	30%	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.8	8.6	25.9	8.6333	25.9000	25.9000	30%
IMPR	30%	8.6	8.3	8.8	8.4	8.4	25.4	8.4667	25.4000	25.4000	30%
ELEM	DD										
#1	2.3	8.1	7.9	8.1	7.8	8.2	24.1	8.0333	18.4767		
#2	2.9	8.4	8.5	8.8	8.6	8.6	25.7	8.5667	24.8433		
#3	1.7	8.6	8.4	8.7	8.5	8.8	25.8	8.6000	14.6200		
#4	2.7	8.5	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.4	25.3	8.4333	22.7700		
#5	2.5	8.6	8.7	8.9	8.5	8.3	25.8	8.6000	21.5000		
SUM DD	12.1							RAW TOTAL	102.2100		
								Divide by 12.1 x 10	84.4711	33.7884	40%
									TOTAL	85.0884	

APPENDIX I

WORLD AQUATICS REQUIRED ELEMENTS FOR MASTERS TECHNICAL ROUTINES

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Supplementary elements may be added

1. Unless otherwise specified in the description of an element:
 - 1.1. All figures or components thereof shall be executed according to the requirements described in this Appendix.
 - 1.2. All elements shall be executed high and controlled in uniform motion with each section clearly defined.
2. Time limits as in MA-AS 4.1
3. Swimwear must conform to AS 13.9, 13.9.1, 13.9.2, 13.9.3. In the event that the referee thinks the competitor(s) swimwear does not conform the competitor will not be permitted to compete until changing into appropriate swimwear. Caps and/or goggles may be worn.
4. For MIX/DUET/TEAM: With the exception of the DECK WORK and ENTRY and as noted in the JOINED ACTION, all elements, required and supplementary, MUST be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction by both swimmers. Variation in propulsion and direction facing are permitted during pattern changes.

SOLO REQUIRED ELEMENTS

Elements 1 to 5 have to be performed in the order listed.

Element 6 may be performed at any time during the routine.

1. FISHTAIL (DD 1.6) – from a Front Layout Position, a Front Pike Position is assumed; one leg is lifted to a Fishtail Position, the second leg is lifted to a Vertical Position (ending is optional)
2. SPLIT POSITION (DD 1.3) – followed by a walkout front or walkout back
3. SPINNING 180° (DD 1.1) – From a Bent Knee Position, a Spin 180° is executed as the legs are joined to a Vertical Position at the ankles followed by submergence
4. FLAMINGO (DD 1.4) – a Ballet Leg is assumed. The shin of horizontal leg is drawn along the surface of the water to assume a Surface Flamingo Position
5. BARRACUDA BENT KNEE (DD 1.6) – From the Back Pike Position with the legs perpendicular and the toes just below the surface, a Thrust is executed as one leg is drawn along the inside of the other extended leg to assume a Bent Knee Vertical Position. A Vertical Descent is executed in a Bent Knee Vertical Position at the same tempo as the Thrust
6. TWO (2) FORMS OF PROPULSION – Must include Egg Beater travelling sideways and/or forward (arms optional)

MIX/DUET REQUIRED ELEMENTS

Elements 1 – 5 have to be performed in the order listed

Elements 6 – 7 may be executed at any time during the routine

Elements for Duet 1 to 6 as above for Solo

7. JOINED ACTION – Where the swimmers are connected (touching) in some manner to perform on of the following:
 - a. A connected figure or a connected float or connected stroking
 - b. Action must be performed simultaneously. Mirror action is permitted

TEAM REQUIRED ELEMENTS

Elements 1 – 5 have to be performed in the order listed

Elements 6 – 9 may be executed at any time during the routine

Elements for Team 1 to 7 as above for Duet

8. CADENCE ACTION – Identical movements performed sequentially, one by one, by all team members. When more than one cadence action is performed, they must be consecutive and not separated by other optional or required elements. A second cadence action may begin before the first cadence action is completed by all team members but each team member must do the action of each cadence
9. PATTERNS – must show at least one circle and at least one straight line. Elements may be performed when in the circle or the straight-line patterns

Mirror actions are not permitted except in the description of the elements.

APPENDIX II

REQUIRED ELEMENTS FOR THE FREE COMBINATION GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Time limits as in MA-AS 4.1.5
2. Start may be on the deck or in the water, or a combination of both.
3. All subsequent parts must start in the water.
4. A new part begins in very close proximity to the previous part.

REQUIRED ELEMENTS

1. At least two (2) parts must have fewer than three (3) competitors and at least two (2) parts must have four (4) to ten (10) competitors.