

COMPETITION RULES

PARTICIPANTS

Each swimmer participating in these Championships must own a license from one of the Belgian regional federations or from a national federation recognized by FINA.

Participants must be affiliated with their federation on the closing date for entries.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions can only be made via a LENEX Splash file. This file will be transferred to national federations and Belgian clubs after request by email: info@belswim.be.

SUBSCRIPTION FILES (SPLASH/LXF)

The clubs and federations are required to provide the following information:

1. The name of the club/federation + abbreviation;
2. Surname, first name, year of birth of the swimmer, nationality and/or full composition of the relay(s);
3. License number of every swimmer;
4. The consecutive numbers of the competitions in which they participate;
5. The best time swam in a 50m pool on the distance between 01.01.2022-27.03.2023;
6. The date the time was swum;
7. The place where time was swum;
8. Intermediate times are not accepted as entry times (with the exception of the 1st swimming time of a relay except for mixed relays);
9. Any tender that does not comply with pt. 5, 6 and 7 will be refused and will only be accepted after payment of the regulatory fine of € 150.00 per non-compliant registration.

800M - 1500M COMPETITIONS

Subscriptions for the 800m and 1500m freestyle must be submitted at the latest on Monday March 20, 2023, 11:59 PM. Lenex enrollment files must be created as follows: "BK-OPEN-LA club/federation name".

If applicable, the clubs or federations of the swimmer(s) that are not selected for these competitions will be notified by email.

The lists of participants of these competitions will be published on the RBSF-website at the latest on Friday March 24, 2023.

OTHER COMPETITIONS THAN 800M - 1500M

Subscriptions for the competitions other than 800m and 1500m freestyle, must be submitted at the latest on Monday March 27, 2023, 11:59 PM. Lenex enrollment files must be created as follows: "BK-OPEN-registrations-name of the club/federation".

RELAY ONLY SWIMMERS

Please state and register the full name, license number and affected relay race number for those swimmers who will only participate in relay races, not individual competitions! Only to be entered in TeamManager (not via email) as "Competitions" - Edit relay registrations F5".

SUBMITTING OF THE LENEX-FILES

The LENEX registration files must be sent by email to: ronny.buggenhout@skynet.be (tel. +32 477 59 96 99), with a copy to info@belswim.be.

Important note

After sending the registrations, new LENEX-files will no longer be accepted. All changes must be made by email to: ronny.buggenhout@skynet.be (tel.: +32 477 59 96 99) with a copy to info@belswim.be.

LATE REGISTRATIONS

Late registrations (except for long distances 800m/1500m) can still be accepted until Friday April 14, 2023, 11:59 PM, subject to payment of the regulatory fine of €1,250.00.

RECEIPT NOTES

Clubs will receive a "Receipt Note" via the official email address within five days of their registration. This is the sole proof of receipt of your registrations.

It is the responsibility of each club to ensure proper receipt of this registration certificate within 5 days and the correctness of the entries submitted.

Clubs with registrations that do not comply with the regulations will receive a message with the incorrect registrations.

ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL OR ABSENCE

To avoid administrative costs, the clubs/federations are given the option to cancel one or more registrations, up to 48 hours before the start of the first competition (Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – 09:00) by sending an e-mail to the person responsible for registrations: ronny.buggenhout@skynet.be, with a copy to info@belswim.be.

The use of the standard form, to be found on the RBSF-website, is mandatory.

Any absence at the start or any unannounced withdrawal will be penalized with a regulatory fine:

- Individual competition: € 20.00
- Repayments: € 35.00
- Final: € 100.00

COACHES & DELEGATES

The clubs are obliged to indicate the name of the “delegate” (one) and of the “coache(s)” via TeamManager (see table below).

Programs and results will be available in PDF-format via the website of the RBSF. The delegate of each team can pick up one program for the finals as soon as the programs are ready and printed.

Each participating club/country is entitled to the following number of free tickets for the coaches and the delegates:

number of swimmers	delegate	coaches
1 - 10	1	1
11 - 20	1	2
21 - 30	1	3
31 - 40	1	4
41 - 50	1	5
51 - 60	1	6
61 - 70	1	7

RANKINGS

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS (NOT 800M & 1500M FREESTYLE)

The A-final, will be swum by the eight swimmers with the fastest times in the heats, amongst who at least six Belgian swimmers.

The B-final will be composed after the A-final and will include the following swimmers:

- Men:
 - the 4 fastest Belgian swimmers of the series, born in 2005-2006
 - the 4 fastest Belgian swimmers of the series, born in 2007-2008
- Women:
 - the 4 fastest Belgian swimmers of the series, born in 2006-2007
 - the 4 fastest Belgian swimmers of the series, born in 2008-2009

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS - 800M & 1500M FREESTYLE

The A-final of these competitions will be swum by the eight swimmers with the fastest registration time, amongst who at least six Belgian swimmers.

There will also be one heat of each long distance competition. If possible, this heat will be composed with:

- Men:
 - 4 Belgian swimmers, born in 2005-2006
 - 4 Belgian swimmers, born in 2007-2008
- Women:
 - 4 Belgian swimmers, born in 2006-2007
 - 4 Belgian swimmers, born in 2008-2009

If that is not possible, the field will be filled up to the max. number of swimmers.

RELAYS

Relay competitions will be swum as direct finals in the morning or afternoon. The time of the first swimmer of a relay will not be taken into account for an individual selection.

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money can only go to the Belgian winner of an individual A-final (€80.00) and to the Belgian team that wins the relay (€120.00 for the whole team).

In view of the general ban on cash payments within the RBSF, the corresponding prize money will be paid afterwards to the account number of the swimmers.

MEDALS

There will only be a podium ceremony with medals for the first three Belgian swimmers of each individual A-final. Swimmers with foreign nationality only receive a medal if they finish in the top three of the A-final. Also, the title of "Belgian Champion" is awarded to the first Belgian swimmer/club in an A-final. In the relays, medals are only awarded to Belgian clubs.

The ceremony will always take place during the B-final.

DUAL NATIONALITY

Swimmers with dual nationality must present their Belgian identity card to the chairman of the jury before the start of the competitions, in order to qualify for participation in the finals or to obtain the title of Belgian Champion.

MEDAL CEREMONY

The medals will only be awarded if the swimmers are present at the medal ceremony in time, unless they have a justified reason for their absence.

The president of the jury and the jury of appeal are authorized to determine what constitutes a just cause.