

- 1. Event:** SA National Championships (25m)
- 2. Date:** 24 – 27 October 2020
- 3. Venue:** Seals Swim Centre, 18 Pine Street, Pietermaritzburg

[A] GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

1. FINA Technical Rules will apply to this competition.
2. This Competition is an Invitational Competition, swimmers will be invited to enter, based on their participation and performance at the Regional Events held 24 – 27 September 2020. The list of swimmers eligible is attached.
3. South African participants must be registered with SSA and have competed in Regional competitions held 24 – 27 September 2020 to ensure that their times for entries are on the National Database.
4. Elite Para and Senior Para Squad members who participated in the Regional competitions held 24 – 27 September may enter events that they have times on the SSA database.
5. All entries must have entry times on the SSA database.
6. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the number of Technical Officials and coaches are limited, any visiting club must notify us of interested officials with their swimming entries. KZN Clubs must take note of the Technical Officials requirements according to the number of swimmers entered.
7. COACHES – Only coaches who have applied for permits will be allowed entry into the swimming pool area on a rotational basis.
8. The 400 IM, 400 Freestyle and Women 800 Free and Men 1500 Free events will be Timed Finals. The remaining events will be swum as heats and finals where there are 8 or more entries. B finals will be offered in events that have 17 or more participants.
9. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS
 - 9.1. This is a Club Competition. Local (KZN) Clubs will be required to provide SSA registered trained officials for EVERY SESSION, according to the number of swimmers entered in the competition:
 - 9.1.1. 1 - 5 swimmers, one judge and one timekeeper.
 - 9.1.2. 6 - 10 swimmers, a minimum of two judges and one timekeeper for every session.
 - 9.1.3. 11 and over swimmers, a minimum of three officials for every session, 2 Judges and 1 timekeeperAll Technical Officials must be correctly attired;
 - 9.1.4. White shirts and Navy Blue Trousers or skirts for finals sessions;
 - 9.1.5. Optional - Navy blue shorts for Heats.

[B] ENTRIES ADMINISTRATION

1. All entries must be submitted by the Provincial Secretary.
2. Individual entry fee R80.00 per event (R70.00 entry fee plus R10.00 SSA Levy)
3. Closing dates for entries:
 - 3.1. First date: 9 October 2020
 - 3.2. Second date: 16 October 2020

4. Late entries:

- 4.1. Late entries will be applicable from 17 October to 23 October at 3 times the original entry fee.
- 4.2. After 23 October no further correspondence re-entries will be accepted and all queries, withdrawals, late entries will be dealt with at the Manager's Meeting.
- 4.3. Late entries at 10 times the original will be accepted at the Managers Meeting on 24 October 2020 (16:00).
- 4.4. The team Managers Meeting is the last opportunity for late/additional entries – thereafter no late entries will be accepted.

5. Only accredited managers may

- 5.1. Withdraw competitors
 - 5.2. Lodge objections
 - 5.3. Lodge complaints
6. Written protest accompanied by R500.00 must be lodged with the Admin Referee within 30 minutes of the publication or announcement of the disqualification
 7. In the case of a dispute, the referees' decision will be final.
 8. All team managers must attend the Manager's Meeting.
 - 8.1. Clubs who are not represented at the Manager's Meeting and who do not comply with the rules concerning entries will not receive any concessions.
 - 8.2. This will be the last opportunity to apply for late entries subject to the late entry fee of 10x the original entry fee and the availability of lanes.

9. Withdrawals

- 9.1. Pre-competition at the Manager's Meeting – no charge
- 9.2. After the Manager's Meeting, Withdrawals will be accepted 1 hour before the start of the evening session preceding the heats. Withdrawals made outside this time limit, will be fined R200.00 per event.
- 9.3. No-shows, heats or finals, swimmers who do not show for their race, will be fined R300.00 and the swimmer may not compete in any other event until this fine has been paid.
- 9.4. Withdrawals from the finals – this must be done before the end of the heats session or as notified by the Admin Referee. It would be really helpful if these withdrawals are done as soon as possible after the results are notified, as this would be useful for notifying the alternates for the particular events. The alternates must report for the finals in case they are needed.
- 9.5. If the Referee deems a swimmer to have deliberately false started or not performing to the swimmer's capabilities then the swimmer will be fined R500.00 and will be withdrawn from all further events that session, including relays if they fall in that session.

10. CEREMONIES

- 10.1. Opening Ceremony – Managers should instruct Swimmers on respectful behaviour during the
 - 10.2. performing of the National Anthem and Opening Speeches.
 - 10.3. Medal Ceremony – Swimmers must present themselves in good time and correctly attired.
11. SSA reserves the right to enter provincial/club swimmers, who have met the SSA qualifying standards for any National Competition.

12. EVENTS

- 12.1. **50, 100 & 200m's:** Prelims, A & B finals, provided there are 17 or more participants in the heats
- 12.2. **400m Free & IM's:** Timed Finals
- 12.3. **800 / 1500m's:** Timed finals – All timed finals will be swum in the morning session.