

SA Level 3 Artistic Swimming Championships 2024

1. GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

The **2024 SSA Artistic Swimming Level 3 Championships** take place as follows:

Date: 21 March to 24 March 2024. Training day 21 March dependent on entries

Venue: Newton Park Swimming Pool, Port Elizabeth

Managers Meeting: 21 March 2024

Tournament Director: Moira Norden assisted by Technical Artistic Swimming Committee

Please note Levels 1 and 2 will remain affiliate-based competitions.

2. ENTRY PROCEDURES

- 2.1 All Affiliated clubs with SSA registered members, are invited to compete at the event
- 2.2 This will be an **inter-club** competition
- 2.3 The competition requires at least 3 affiliated clubs to enter (waived 2021).
- 2.4 Events are summarized below:

Events	Figures	Free Solo	Tech Solo	Free Duet	Tech Duet	Mixed Duet Free	Mixed Duet Tech	Free Team	Tech Team	Combo	Acrobatic
12&U	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	
Youth	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓			
Junior		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Senior		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Masters		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

2.5 Ages

- 2.5.1 Age is determined as at the 31st December 2024.
- 2.5.2 Age Groups are 12&u, Youth (13-15), Junior (15 -19), Senior (15+) and Masters (25+, subdivided into age categories per event)

2.6 Qualification

- 2.6.1 SA LEVEL 3
 - 2.6.1.1 For those athletes no longer eligible for Level 2 but not selected for Nationals.
 - 2.6.1.2 This competition will be held at one venue set by TASC.
- 2.7 Entries must be made on spreadsheet. Entries must clearly list Club, athlete's surname, athletes first name, SSA reg. number, events entered.



Email entries to:

Daphne Bird (daphne@swimsa.co.za), Moira Norden (nords@mweb.co.za)

The closing date for entries, **with payment** into SSA account is **24 March 2024**. Make payments to:

Bank: ABSA
Acc. number: 1003790807
Branch: The Zone, Rosebank
Code: 632005
Ref: AS NTLS & name of affiliate

Entries and proof of payment must be sent to 'Daphne Bird' (daphne@swimsa.co.za) at SSA and copied to Moira Norden (nords@mweb.co.za) and Tournament Director Sue Manners-Wood (susiemanners@gmail.com). Entry fees for 2024 are

R250 per figures or solos

R400 for duets

R500 for teams.

3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- 3.1 Only technical officials registered with SSA will be eligible to officiate.
- 3.2 Each team must supply a minimum of two registered officials (judges/technical officials) for the duration of the event. The host will make up the shortfall, if any. Please include these names with the entries.
- 3.3 The Technical Committee will source any additional external judges required to make up any judging shortfall.
- 3.4 Technical Officials must be correctly attired, navy-blue skirts/trousers, white shoes and white shirt.

4. COMPETITION RULES

- 4.1 These competitions run according to the following rules laid out in the SSA Technical Guidelines. World Aquatics (FINA) rules apply unless otherwise stated. (Please consult the Artistic Swimming Rules 2022-2025 and all associated appendices for more information, all documentation available at www.fina.org/artistic-swimming/rules).
- 4.2 Masters events will run according to the latest World Aquatics Masters Artistic Swimming rules.
- 4.3 Swimmers, coaches, managers and officials must be capitated to SSA through their affiliate.
- 4.4 Competition program details will be finalized after entries close.
- 4.5 Duet partners are allowed from different age groups (but they must then do 2 sets of figures, if applicable). Points and medals are only allocated for figures in own age groups.



- 4.6 Athletes from different clubs may compete together in teams and duets. Points will be allocated on a pro rata basis.
- 4.7 A minimum of 4 entries are required for any event to qualify for medals. Otherwise standard of performance will determine medal awards at discretion of TASC.
- 4.8 Music to be clearly marked with age group, event, club, name. All routine time limits and required number of hybrids for all events are listed in Appendix III.
- 4.9 World Aquatics (FINA) Figure groups apply for 12&U and Youth (See Appendix I). A draw will take place 72 hours prior to the competition according to FINA rules. Four figures will be judged for all competitors in 13-15 age group.
- 4.10 A Free Combination has a minimum of 4 swimmers, maximum of 10 and is only open to 12&U and Youth participants (See Appendix V).
- 4.11 An Acrobatic routine has a minimum of 8 swimmers, maximum of 10 and is only open to Junior and Senior competitors (See Appendix IV and VII).
- 4.12 A team consists of 4 to 8 swimmers. The World Aquatics (FINA) penalty for a team comprising less than 8 swimmers will be applied.
- 4.13 A completed Coaches Cards (template Appendix VIII) must be submitted for each routine, one week prior to the competition. (See Appendix VI and Appendix VI Addendum for guidance on completing the Coaches Card). Please submit to crmusson@gmail.com and nords@mweb.co.za
- 4.14 For each technical routine, the selected A or B option per element as well as the order in which the elements will be swum must be submitted in writing to the organizers one week prior to the competition (see Appendix II for all technical elements).

4 Points and Scoring

- 4.1 Clubs will score points (14,11,9,7,6,5,4,3,2,1) with double points for teams.
- 4.2 Trophies

Victrix Ludorum - Most Outstanding Synchro Swimmer (Host Province to supply a miniature for winner at Level 3)

The Braaf Floating Trophy - Best Club at Level 3

