

36th SA MASTERS CHAMPS

Update January 2020



Greetings from the MEGA Committee with just over one month to the S.A. Masters Champs **11 – 15 March 2020** at the Delville Pool, Cnr Elsburg Road and Delville N Rd in Germiston. A time together to experience three **F.F.Fs - Fun, Friendship and Fellowship**. We look forward to welcoming the out-of-towners to the city of Gold.

All arrangements are being finalized and the opening ceremony which will start on Thursday at 11:00. Flag bearers are reminded to please collect their respective flags from the LOC Co-Ordinator.

800m FREESTYLE EVENT UPDATE - STARTING TIMES

After collaboration with the Pool side Officials and Meet Manager administrators, it has been decided to revert back to one swimmer per lane for the 800 meter Freestyle Event.

We plan to change the starting time for the 800 meter Free (Event 1) on Wednesday 11th March 2020 from 09:00 to 08:00 - by doing this - one per lane mixed gender - seeding by time only - should not affect the overall running of "day one" of the gala. The afternoon session will still start as normal at 14:00. Our decision for this change is based on the following:-

- Touch pads cannot be used with two per lane - 2 swimmers cannot touch the same pad.
- Fina world records will only be accepted when times are recorded by Automatic Officiating Equipment (rule MSW 5.1).
- Far too many timekeepers will be required for hand held timing.
- Swimming two per lane causes challenges on the electronic Meet Manager programme.
- Fina rule MSW 3.5 states that when swimming freestyle 1500 meter / 800 meter 400 meter two per lane must be of the same gender - seeding on time only (that is disregarding the gender) is more of an advantage.
- Probably the most important reason considering it being a National Gala is that the 800 meter Freestyle swimmer will feel more comfortable swimming alone in a lane.

PARKING AT THE POOL

There are 60 spaces available @ R300 for the duration of the Champs. Booking is on a first come basis. Please email Christine if you would like to book a parking space: c3vanrooyen@gmail.com and wait for a reply before making payment. Christine will allocate parking according to the time of email sent.

Saturday Evening, 14 March 2020

Awards – 18:30 for 19:00 to 23:00



Harvard Café, Rand Airport, Spitfire Crescent (off Rand Airport Road), Germiston

The dress up theme is *'Birds of a Feather who Swim Together'*

Friday Night, 13 March 2020, 19:00

'HAPPY HOUR'



**Harvard Café, Rand Airport, Spitfire Crescent (off Rand Airport Road), Germiston - only
4kms from the pool.**

Come and enjoy a good meal and socialize

Sunday Morning, 15 March 2020

Open Water Swim, registration from 08:00

Homestead Lake, Arrowe Park Scout Centre, Ebenezer Road, Alphen Park, Benoni
Map to the Scout Centre will be printed in the Championships Programme.

Homestead Lake is located only 15 minutes' drive from the OR Tambo Airport.

The events are 15 minutes apart. The first event is a mixed 1km which starts at 09:15. Event 2 is the 3km mixed swim starting at 09:30. Please be at the venue by 08:00 and a reminder that swimmers can only enter one event.

Brightly coloured swim caps are an important aid to the safety officials, so pink and purple CANSA caps will be on sale @ R50 each (all proceeds to CANSA) for the respective 1km and 3km which will aid in distinguishing between competitors. These will be available at the pool.

We have made the swim relatively early in order to cater for those flying out from OR Tambo. The water quality of the dam has and is being monitored and should there is a sudden change, alternatives will be announced at the pool.

A reminder that professional team photos will be taken at the pool and open water, as well as individual photos throughout the course of the week. A4 sized team photos will be printed on high quality Crystal Archive Paper and individually packed with a hard backing board (to prevent bending) and sealed in a clear cellophane bag at a cost of R50 per person.

All action photos will be displayed on a Dropbox link with a watermark. These can be purchased as high resolution digital copies (without the watermark) at a cost of R40 each