

**SC DAMINI MASTERS  
BULGARIAN MASTERS FEDERATION  
AND SOFIA MUNICIPALITY**

# **REGULATION**

For the conduct of the  
**1st INTERNATIONAL MASTERS SWIMMING TOURNAMENT IN SOFIA**



**SOFIA  
20 – 21 JANUARY 2024г.**

## **1. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

The "1st International Sofia Masters Swimming Tournament" aims to promote the active involvement in swimming activities of an increasingly broader section of the middle-aged and older population, who have ceased their active competitive sports life, as well as individuals who have recently discovered their passion for swimming. This is to ensure they maintain their vitality. Participants in the tournament should be well-prepared, healthy, and medically fit. They participate in the championship at their own risk and responsibility. The BULGARIAN MASTERS FEDERATION (BMF), the organizers, and the hosts of the championship are not responsible for any damages - such as health issues, injuries, death, financial losses, or others.

## **2. DATE AND VENUE**

The "1st International Sofia Masters Swimming Tournament" will be held from January 20th to 21st, 2024.

- The tournament will take place in Sofia, at the "SPARTAK" swimming pool. The championship will be held in a 50/25m pool with 10 lanes.

- The hosts and organizers of the tournament are the SC "DAMINI MASTERS"- Sofia and the Bulgarian Masters Federation, supported by the Spartak Pool.

• Main Director - Dragomir Markov, manager of SC "DAMINI MASTERS."

• Deputy Director - Ivan Popov, SC "DAMINI MASTERS."

The main referee, assistant referee, and head secretary will be appointed no less than 30 days before the day of the technical conference of the tournament.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY**

The tournament is open to competitors representing Swimming Clubs registered with the BMF or the respective federation of their country, as well as unaffiliated athletes, consistent with the age groups specified in this regulation. They will only compete in their respective age group.

- Each athlete can participate in six individual disciplines in their age group, three disciplines per session, and in relays formed based on age.

- Each club can participate with up to 4 (four) competitors of each gender in each discipline in every age group, earning points for the team and, respectively, for the overall ranking. Other participants do not earn points for individual and overall rankings.

- Series composition may come from different age groups, depending on the number of participants and the times indicated in the submitted applications.

## **4. AGE GROUPS**

- Comprehensive Ranking:

## **Individual Disciplines:**

**Group 1 – 25-29 years / 1999-1995**  
**Group 2 – 30-34 years / 1994-1990**  
**Group 3 – 35-39 years / 1989-1985**  
**Group 4 – 40-44 years / 1984-1980**  
**Group 5 – 45-49 years / 1979-1975**  
**Group 6 – 50-54 years / 1974-1970**  
**Group 7 – 55-59 years / 1969-1965**

**Group 8 – 60-64 years / 1964-1960**  
**Group 9 – 65-69 years / 1959-1955**  
**Group 10 – 70-74 years / 1954-1950**  
**Group 11 – 75-79 years / 1949-1945**  
**Group 12 – 80-84 years / 1944-1940**  
**Group 13 – 85-89 years / 1939-1935**  
**Group .....**

## **Relays:**

**Group 1 – 100-149 years total age**  
**Group 2 – 150-199 years total age**  
**Group 3 – over 200 years total age**

## **5. TECHNICAL CONFERENCE.**

The technical conference will be held on January 20, 2024, at 12:30 PM. It will take place at a location determined by the hosts, with representatives of participating clubs – a leader and/or senior coach, as well as those wishing to attend without club affiliation.

## **6. REGISTRATION AND NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.**

It is recommended that the technical participation request be filled out online at <https://www.swimcloud.com>, or via electronic means no later than January 10, 2024, at e-mail: [staleff@gmail.com](mailto:staleff@gmail.com), as follows:

- For individual disciplines, by electronic form (EXCEL), attached to this Regulation and filled out on a computer, containing two names (first and last name according to competition or ID card, passport), year of birth, group, announced disciplines, and announced time for the discipline.
- For relay disciplines, the application can be made on-site and submitted to the secretary no later than the start of the corresponding afternoon, with two names (first and last name per competition card), year of birth, age of each participant, the sum of the years of the participants, and the announced style (for mixed relays).

Applications and corrections after the deadline are not accepted. Final corrections can be made to the email of the chief secretary until 8:00 PM, 10 days before the competition. No corrections will be allowed during the Technical Conference or during the competition.

For registration in the tournament before the Technical Conference, the following documents should be presented:

- ID card or passport for non-carded competitors without club affiliation.
- A competition card, issued by BMF or the respective federation of the country of citizenship.
- A list of competitors by gender and age group – certified by a representative of the club – indicating the year of birth and age group. (in Bulgarian or English)
- A declaration (according to a sample), signed by each competitor, stating participation in the competition at their own risk and responsibility.
- Document for paid participation fee.

## 7. CONDUCT, RANKING, AWARDS.

"1st International Masters Swimming Tournament DAMINI MASTERS" is held in accordance with the requirements of the WORLD AQUATICS rules and the BMF regulations.

The ranking is as follows:

- Individual ranking by full years as of December 31, 2024 - points are awarded up to the 8th place per discipline, age group, and gender based on the fixed results, as follows: 1st place - 9 pts; 2nd place - 7 pts; 3rd place - 6 pts;... 8th place - 1 pt.
- Relays - are based on the total age of the athletes from a sports club by full years as of December 31, 2024, which forms the corresponding category.
  - Each club can participate in all relays if it has athletes meeting the total age criteria, but an athlete can participate in only one similar relay.
  - Each club has the right to participate with one team in each of the specified age groups in the relays, formed by the sum of the years.
  - The relay ranking follows the principle of individual ranking, with the points for relays being doubled.
- Team ranking - points for team ranking from individual disciplines are awarded for a maximum of four athletes from a club based on their ranking in the respective disciplines and age groups. The ranking is made from the total points in individual and relay disciplines for men and women respectively.
- Comprehensive Ranking:

Derived from the sum of team rankings for both men and women.

Participants ranked I to III in disciplines by age group and gender receive medals.

**Winning teams** and those ranked II and III for both genders get trophies.

Oldest male and female participants completing their discipline receive honorary plaques.

**Overall winners** up to third place are awarded trophies.

### **Mandatory Requirement:**

- Every participant (individual or relay) must have a personal ID or competition card from BMF (in Bulgarian or English) for verification upon request.

## 8. Financial Conditions:

Expenses like travel, hotel, and food are covered by participating clubs or athletes.

- Fee: 10 BGN (6 EUR) + 10 BGN (6 EUR) per discipline. Relays: 30 BGN (16 EUR), paid before the Technical Conference.
- SK "DAMINI MASTERS"-SOFIA manages competition organization, judicial costs, pool rental, medical insurance, and awards.
- Details for FRIENDLY PARTY-DINNER will be clarified at the Technical Conference.

## 9. Complaints and Violations:

- Managed as per WORLD AQUATICS and BMF regulations.
- Complaints must be lodged within 30 mins post-disputed discipline to the Appeal Jury chosen at the Technical Conference (comprising Chief Judge, team representative, and identifying judge), with a 100 BGN fee.
- If the complaint is upheld, the fee is refunded.

## 10. Additional Information Contacts:

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Attachments:

Program.

Individual participation application.

Declaration.