

Swimming Rules & Regulations

of the

European Maccabi Youth Games London 2024

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1. Organisation

The Swimming Management Committee appointed by the European Maccabi Youth Games 2024 (EMYG24) Organising committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters not assigned by the rules to the referee, judges or other officials and shall have power to postpone events and give directions consistent with rules adopted for conducting any event.

The Swimming Competitions will be conducted according to the rules of the International Swimming Federation, FINA (Fédération Internationale de Natation).

2. Venues Information

This is an eight lane, twenty-five meter competition pool.

3. Teams

- a. For all competitions each country may enter up to a maximum of eight (8) swimmers for each event with a maximum of 3 advancing to each final.
- b. Individual swimmers may enter an unlimited number of events.
- c. An event will be held only if there is a minimum registration of four (4) countries and a minimum of five (5) swimmers.
- d. Athletes in the Youth competition have to be born between January 1st 2006 and December 31st 2007.
- e. Athletes in the Juniors competition have to be born between January 1st 2008 and December 31st 2009.

4. System of Competition

The best competitive times of all entrants prior to the competition will be submitted on entry forms or on-line, as requested, and listed in order of time by the European Maccabi Management Committee. Swimmers who do not submit official recorded times shall be considered the slowest and will be placed at the end of the list with a no time. Placement of swimmers with identical times or of more than one swimmer without times shall be determined by draw.

Swimmers shall be placed in lanes according to the procedure of placing the fastest swimmer or team in the center lane in pool (lane 4). The swimmer having the next fastest time is to be placed on their left, then alternating the others to right and left in accordance with the submitted times.

If one heat, it shall be seeded as a final.

If two heats, the fastest swimmer shall be seeded in the second heat, next fastest in the first heat, next fastest in the second heat, next in the first heat, etc.

If three heats, the fastest swimmer shall be placed in the third heat, next fastest in the second, next fastest in the first. The fourth fastest swimmer shall be placed in the third heat, the fifth in the second heat, and the sixth fastest in the first heat, the seventh fastest in the third heat, etc

If four or more heats, the last three heats of the event shall be seeded as above. The heat preceding the last three heats shall consist of the next fastest swimmers; the heat preceding the last four heats shall consist of the next fastest swimmers, etc.

There will be no heats or finals for the 400m or 800m. These will be seeded with the top eight seeded times competing in the final heat.

Each country may enter one team of four swimmers for each relay event. If there are less than six teams in a race, then teams can be comprised of swimmers from countries who do not have a national team (composite relay). Composite relay teams will be treated as invitation teams, eligible to win medals should they finish first, second or third in a relay final. However, medals must be awarded to the first, second and third placed National teams as well.

For the Coaches race, each country must nominate one coach to compete. The race will be 50m freestyle.

Potential Skins competition rules:

A SKINS event is an exciting series of back-to-back races which operate on a knockout basis, with the three remaining swimmers racing each other in a head-to-head final race for medals.

The top eight girls and top eight boys will be invited to compete in the skins competition. One competitor from each country is allowed. Separate events are held for each age category (male U16/U18 and female U16/U18).

A stroke is drawn out of a hat and the eight swimmers race 50m of that stroke and the swimmer who finishes last is out. The seven remaining swimmers race again and the process repeats until the final race. The swimmer who is eliminated picks the next stroke randomly out of a hat.

Races are run consecutively so there is little time to rest. The event is unique as competitors will be required to race all four strokes, making the result unpredictable. A prize is given to each winner of every race.

5. Medal Awards

Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third placed athletes.

Medal ceremonies for each day of competition will take place after the final swimming session of the day.

6. Schedule

Provisional Information:

The competition will take place over four days.

Events:

Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m

Backstroke: 50m, 100m, 200m

Breaststroke: 50m, 100m, 200m

Butterfly: 50m, 100m, 200m

Individual Medley: 100m, 200m

Relays:

4 x 50m freestyle (male, female, mixed)

4 x 100m freestyle (male, female, mixed)

4 x 50m Medley (male, female, mixed)

4 x 100m Medley (male, female, mixed)

Day One		Day Two	
Session One	Session Two	Session One	Session Two
100m freestyle	50m Backstroke	50m Breaststroke	50m freestyle
200m individual medley	400m freestyle	800m freestyle	50m Breaststroke
50m Butterfly	Finals 100m freestyle	Finals 50m Backstroke	200m butterfly
	Finals 200m individual medley		Finals 50m Breaststroke
	Finals 50m Butterfly		
4 x 100m medley mix relay	4 x 50m freestyle relay	4 x 50m medley mix relay	4 x 100m freestyle relay
Day Three		Day Four	
Session One	Session Two	Session One	Session Two
100m backstroke	100m breaststroke	200m freestyle	Skins Competition
200m breaststroke	200m backstroke	100m individual medley	Coaches Race (50m Freestyle)

100m butterfly	Finals 100m backstroke	Finals 100m breaststroke	
Finals 50m freestyle	Finals 200m breaststroke	Finals 200m backstroke	
Finals 50m Breaststroke	Finals 100m butterfly	Finals 200m butterfly	
4 x 50m freestyle mix	4 x 100m medley relay	4 x 100m freestyle mix	4 x 50m medley relay

5. Timing and Officiating

Electronic equipment will be used to determine placing. This will be backed up with semi-automatic timing and manual timing.

The EMYG24 Organising Committee and the Swimming Director will select qualified Referees, Judges, Starters and Time Keepers.

Any appeals must be presented to the Committee of Appeals of the Swimming events, no later than 15 minutes after the announcement of the disqualification. This Committee will be made up of the Swimming Director and a member of the EMYG24 Organising Committee

A technical meeting will be held with representatives of all teams prior to the start of the competition where any concerns and entry issues will be addressed.

General

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete European Maccabi Youth Games Regulations, and must be read along with the instructions found in "General Rules&Regulations".
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the "General Rules&Regulations", the regulations written here will apply and be binding.

In accordance with Swim England Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, any parents or carers of swimmers under the age of 18 who wish to take photographic, or video images are requested to focus on their own child as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in those images, particularly if those images are being shared with family and friends through social media platforms. Note that any photography in the changing rooms is absolutely forbidden by both Maccabi GB and the swimming pool management.

