



**February 16<sup>th</sup> Updates:**

- **Rules:** Seeking USMS Recognition
- **Registration:** Closing date

**March 11<sup>th</sup> Updates:**

- **Technical Delegate:** Name added

# SWIMMING

## SPORTS INFORMATION GUIDE

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Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. is proud to host the 2024 Pan-American Masters Games! A major event of the International Masters Games Association, the Games offer an opportunity to showcase your competitive spirit and athletic ability on a global stage. Join thousands of athletes from more than 50 countries in a celebration of health, vitality, friendship, and an active lifestyle at any age.

### SCHEDULE

TUE 7/16	WED 7/17	THR 7/18	FRI 7/19	SAT 7/20
Open Practice	400m Individual Medley 800m Freestyle 4 x 50m Medley Relay	400m Freestyle (Men's) 100m Breaststroke 200m Backstroke 50m Butterfly 200m Individual Medley 100m Freestyle	400m Freestyle (Women's) 100m Butterfly 200m Breaststroke 50m Backstroke 50m Freestyle	200m Butterfly 100m Backstroke 200m Freestyle 50m Breaststroke 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay

This is the order of events, including the dates on which events will be contested; however, all dates and times are subject to change until final entries have been received.

A detailed schedule for each category will be created during spring 2024.





## COMPETITION DETAILS

(For more information on Para-Swimming, see the “**Para-Sports: Sports Information Guide**”.)

### AGE CATEGORIES

For the Games, your age is determined as of December 31, 2024. In line with the sport-specific rules, an athlete must compete in their actual age category based on the determination date.

For Relay events the team age is the combined age of the four swimmers in whole years as of December 31, 2024: 100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, 280-319, 320-359 and then in 40-year increments.

If there are insufficient entries in an age category, these may be combined in order to conduct a viable competition.

For the sport of Swimming, each athlete may enter up to five individual events plus relay events.

- **Men’s:** 25+, 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+, 85+, 90+, 95+, 100+
- **Women’s:** 25+, 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+, 85+, 90+, 95+, 100+
- **Para M&W:** 25+, 35+, 45+
- **Relays:** 100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, 280-319, 320-359 and then in 40-year increments.

### COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS

- Open



## DISCIPLINES

- Swimming
- Swimming Para-Sport

## EVENTS

- 50m, 100m, 200m Butterfly
- 50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke
- 50m, 100m, 200m Breaststroke
- 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m Freestyle
- 200m, 400m Individual Medley
- 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
- 4 x 50m Medley Relay
- **Para:**

To be announced at a later date.

## COMPETITION FORMAT

All events will be competed in a long-course format.

### **Competition seeding**

There are no pre-determined qualification standards to compete in the Swimming competition at WMG. To assist with competition scheduling, during the registration process, each athlete is requested where prompted to enter a 'Best' time within the last 24 months, if you have not



competed in this event during this period, please leave blank. Athletes who do not provide a time when registering will be seeded in the slowest heats.

### **Timed Finals**

All Swimming events will be conducted as straight timed finals.

Pool events will be super seeded into races based on the 'Best' recent time provided during the registration process. The top swimmers in each age group of each event will be seeded together with all remaining swimmers rank seeded together. Where possible some races will be combined to reduce session times.

All starts in Pool events will be 'over the top' – athletes from the previous race will stay in the water until the next race has started. The one start rule will apply for all events.

No preliminary heats will be competed, and age categories may be combined into the same race.

## VENUE(S)

### **Cleveland State – Robert F. Busbey Natatorium**

**Address:** 2451 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, Ohio, 44115

#### **Warm-up:**

The competition pool will be available for athlete warm-up immediately prior to the commencement of each session and will close 15 minutes before the start of the first scheduled event each day. In the same venue, there is a separate warm-up/cool down pool that will be available to only athletes competing in that day's events.

## RULES



The Swimming competition will be conducted according to the rules of World Aquatics. The competition will also conform to the requirements of the International Masters Games Association (IMGA), unless otherwise specified in this document.

We are seeking recognition from U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS).

#### Technical Delegate

World Aquatics has endorsed the appointment of Teri White to act in the role of Technical Delegate for the PAMG Swimming competition. The Technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

#### REGISTRATION & DEADLINES

Registration includes entry in up to three sports, 5 disciplines or events. Due to potential conflicts, it is the athlete's responsibility to determine if the competition schedule permits sport-specific entries.

For the sport of Swimming, each athlete may enter up to five individual events plus relay events.

Relays may be entered at registration or on-site before the conclusion of open practice on Tuesday, July 16 for 4 x 50m Medley Relay or the before the conclusion of competition on Friday, July 19 for the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay. No relay entries will be accepted the day of the respective race. Athletes must compete in at least one Individual event in order to compete in relay events.

The relay age category will be the combined age of the four swimmers in whole years as of December 31, 2024: 100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, 280-319, 320-359 and then in 40-year increments.

Anticipated registration closing date: June 12, 2024.



## MEDALS

In Pan-American Masters Games, the athletes represent themselves rather than their country of origin, therefore the prize-awarding ceremonies will be carried out without the hoisting of flags or playing of national anthems.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers for individuals and relays in each age category.

If there are insufficient entries in an age category, categories may be combined in order to conduct a viable competition. The awarding of medals will not be affected, that is, individuals and relays will still be awarded medals in the age category in which they originally entered.

## TECHNICAL MEETING

A technical meeting will not be required for athletes participating in Swimming.

## SPORT SOCIAL

More information will be added at a later date.

## ANTI-DOPING

The IMGA has adopted an anti-doping policy in line with the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) code, which means that testing will be conducted during the games. Each participant must comply with and



independently consent to the IMGA Anti-Doping policy

<https://d3tfdru9q5sbcz.cloudfront.net/2021/06/2021-IMGGA-ADR.pdf>.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Planning for the PAMG 2024 competition will continue up to the event. Additional sport-specific information will be communicated to registered participants and this Sports information Guide will be updated as necessary.

All participants are encouraged to monitor the PAMG 2024 website at <https://clevelandmasters2024.com> as well as other Games communication channels to find out the latest information.

If you have any further sports-specific questions, please email us at [hello@clevelandmasters2024.com](mailto:hello@clevelandmasters2024.com).