



01 November 2022

Dear All

THE 2022 TSHWANE MAYOR'S GALA 02 - 04 DECEMBER 2022

NTS have pleasure in inviting you to participate in the 2022 TSHWANE MAYOR'S GALA which will be hosted from the 02nd to the 04th of December 2022 at the home of Northern Tigers Swimming, Hillcrest Swimming Pool.

1. Qualification

- 1.1 Swimmers may enter on times recorded on the NTS (or their district) database for galas swum between 1 January 2022 and the closing date for normal entries. (i.e. the qualifying period)
- 1.2 Swimmers aged 10 and older who have NOT qualified to participate in the NTS Championships are allowed to enter for this gala. (This means a swimmer who has not achieved a NTS Champs qualifying time or better).
- 1.3 Swimmers, who achieved a NTS Champs qualifying time at the Mayors Gala for the first time, may enter late for the NTS Champs (Late entry fees will apply).
- 1.4 A swimmer who is 9-year-old or younger, who has a NTS Champs qualifying time, may choose to either enter the Mayors Gala OR NTS Champs. If the swimmer chooses to swim the Mayors Gala, he/she may not enter NTS Champs, even if he/she qualifies in any additional events at the Gala.
- 1.5 A swimmer who is 10 years old and has achieved **two** NTS Champs qualifying times must swim NTS Champs.
- 1.6 The Mayor's Gala caters mainly for swimmers up to the Age of 16.
- 1.7 Swimmers 17 & Older who have not qualified for NTS Champs may choose to participate at the Mayors Gala, but then they may NOT enter NTS Champs.

These swimmers must have at least one time on the database achieved during the qualifying period to be able to enter.
- 1.8 All swimmers must be registered with NTS / their district, AG and SSA,

2. Gala format

- 2.1 FINA technical rules will apply
- 2.2 Session 1: Friday: Warm-up 15h00, meet starts at 16h30.
- 2.3 Session 2: Saturday morning: Warm-up 07h30, meet starts at 09h00.
- 2.4 Session 3: Saturday afternoon: Warm-up 14h30, meet starts at 16h00
- 2.5 Session 4: Sunday morning: Warm up 07h30, meet starts at 09h00.
- 2.6 All events will be swum as timed finals and swum in 10 lanes.
- 2.7 The organiser's reserve the right to change starting times if deemed necessary.

3. Entry fees

	NTS Swimmers	Out of District
3.1 Registration Fee per fully registered Swimmer	R 85	R 105
3.2 Registration fee per Level 1 and Schools Only Registered Swimmer	R 250	R 275
3.3 Entry fee per event	R 40	R 50
3.4 Relay entry fee per event	R 85	R 105
3.5 Late entry fee per event	R 120	R 150
3.6 Late late entry fee per event	R 400	R 500
3.7 No entries will be accepted without proof of payment of entry fees.		

4. Age Groups

8 years & Under, 9 years, 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 - 16 years, 17 years & Over.

5. Events

8 & Under: 50m and 100m Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke.

9 – 10: 50m each stroke, 100m and 200m Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke, 200 IM (must have time on the database achieved within the qualifying period to enter the 50 Butterfly and any of the 200m events)

11 & over 50m, 100m and 200m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, 50m and 100m Butterfly, 200 IM, 400m Freestyle (must have time on the database achieved within the qualifying period to enter the 400 Freestyle)

Swimmers registered as 3R – Level 1 Swimmer may not enter 200m Freestyle, Backstroke or Breaststroke, nor the 400m Freestyle.

Swimmers registered as “SS-Schools” swimmers may only enter 50m events.

6. Relays

6.1 Relays will be mixed Gender relays – 2 male and 2 female swimmers per team.

6.2 4 x 50m Freestyle and Medley Relays. Age Groups: 11 & Under, 12 -13, 14 – 16.

6.3 Clubs may enter 4 relays per event.

6.4 Only swimmers already entered into the gala may participate in relays.

7. Entries

7.1 Entries will only be accepted on Team Manager Commlink files with hardcopy/email.

7.2 Incomplete or incorrect entries will be discarded.

7.3 Fully Registered Swimmers may enter all events and are allowed to enter on a “No Time”, EXCEPT in the 400m Freestyle event, the 9&10 50m Butterfly and any 200m event for swimmers 10 years or younger, where swimmers must have a time on the database achieved within the qualifying period).

7.4 Swimmers registered as “3R- Level 1” Swimmers may only enter 50m an 100m events as well as the 200 IM. Level 1 Swimmers entering the 09&10 50m Butterfly must have a time on the database achieved within the qualifying period.

7.5 Swimmers registered as “SS-Schools” swimmers may only enter 50m events.

7.6 Closing date for entries: 20th November 2022.

7.7 Late entries will be accepted until 27th November 2022 at three (3) times the entry fee (i.e. R 120 – NTS / R 150 – Out of District per event.)

7.8 Late late entries will be accepted until 29th November 2022 at ten (10) times the entry fee (R400 – NTS / R 500 – Out of District per event)

7.9 No entries will be accepted on the day of the gala.

7.10 Kindly note that the NTS office is a cash free office. All entries should be done via the club and the club should make one payment to NTS for all their entries fees either via Electronic transfer (EFT) or direct deposit.

7.11 Entry fees are not refundable.

7.12 Entries will not be accepted without proof of payment of entry fees.

7.13 All coaches, chaperones and team officials must make use of the electronic form to indicate their attendance at the gala, and must ALL be registered members of NTS / their District.

8. Club points scoring table

CLUB POINTS SCORING TABLE		
Place	Individual	Relays
1	16	32
2	12	24
3	9	18
4	7	14
5	6	12
6	5	10
7	4	8
8	3	6
9	2	4
10	1	2

9. Withdrawals

9.1 In the event that a swimmer is unable to participate in the gala please notify the NTS office (through your club) to scratch the swimmer for the events that he/she will not participate in. In doing so we will be able to run the gala much more efficiently and have the maximum swimmers in all the heats.

10. Officials

10.1 Clubs are responsible to provide officials for each session that their swimmers compete in. Officials must make use of the electronic form to indicate their availability to officiate at the gala. It remains the clubs responsibility to ensure that they provide sufficient officials to work at each session.

10.2 Clubs must supply one technical official for every five swimmers or part thereof.

10.3 Eg 1 to 5 Swimmers = 1 Official: 6 to 10 Swimmers = 2 Officials and so on.

10.4 Technical officials to register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/Fo2qj7cWmWyeH6LJ9>

Regards

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This letter is forwarded electronically without any signature.

