

SWIMMING CLUB "ALBATROS VETERANS – VARNA"

VARNA MUNICIPALITY

BULGARIAN MASTERS FEDERATION

REGULATIONS

For the Conduct of the

**5th INTERNATIONAL MASTERS SWIMMING
TOURNAMENT VARNA**



1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The "5th International Masters Swimming Tournament Varna" aims to encourage active swimming participation among the middle-aged and elderly population who have retired from professional competitive sports, helping them maintain their vitality. Participants must be aware of the need to be well-prepared, healthy, and medically fit. They participate at their own risk and responsibility. The BULGARIAN MASTERS FEDERATION (BMF), the organizers, and the hosts bear no responsibility for any damages—such as health issues, trauma, injury, death, financial loss, or otherwise.

2. TIME AND VENUE

The tournament will be held from **June 19 to June 21, 2026**, in Varna.

1. The tournament will take place at the "**Juliyán Rusev**" swimming pool – "**Primorski**" Swimming Complex. The competition will be held in a 50x25m pool with 8 lanes.
2. The hosts and organizers are **SC "Albatros Masters – Varna"** with the support of Varna Municipality and the Bulgarian Masters Federation.
 - **General Manager:** Zhanet Shtereva, Manager of SC "Albatros Masters – Varna".
 - **Officials:** The Chief Referee, Assistant Chief Referee, and Chief Secretary will be appointed no later than 30 days before the technical conference.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Athletes represented by swimming clubs and registered with the BMF (or their respective national federation) are eligible to participate. Competitors will be ranked only within their specific age groups.

- Each athlete may participate in **six individual events** and **three relays**.
- In the 200m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley, only athletes from age groups 1 to 10 may participate.
- Each club may enter up to **4 (four) athletes per gender** per event in each age group to score points for team and overall standings. Additional participants will not score points.
- Heats may consist of different age groups depending on the number of participants and entry times.

4. AGE GROUPS

Individual Events:

1 Group	25-29	8 Group	60-64
2 Group	30-34	9 Group	65-69
3 Group	35-39	10 Group	70-74
4 Group	40-44	11 Group	75-79
5 Group	45-49	12 Group	80-84
6 Group	50-54	13 Group	85-89
7 Group	55-59	14 Group	90-94

Relays (Total Age of 4 Swimmers):

- **Group 1:** 100 – 119 years
- **Group 2:** 120 – 159 years
- **Group 3:** 160 – 199 years
- **Group 4:** 200+ years

5. TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

The technical conference will be held on **June 19, 2026, at 6:00 PM** at a location designated by the hosts. Attendance is required for club representatives (team leaders and/or head coaches).

6. REGISTRATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Technical entries for individual events must be sent electronically no later than **June 10, 2026**, to: albatrossmasters@gmail.com / bulswimmingmeetmanager@gmail.com.

- **Individual Entries:** Must use the provided Excel template including: Full name (per registration card), card number, year of birth, group, events, and entry time.
- **Relay Entries:** Can be made on-site and submitted to the secretary at least two hours before the start of the event.
- **Corrections:** Final corrections can be emailed until 8:00 PM three days before the competition. No corrections allowed during the Technical Conference.
- **On-site Documents:** Registration card (BMF), certified list of athletes, signed liability waiver (declaration), and proof of payment.

7. CONDUCT, RANKING, AND AWARDS

The tournament follows **FINA** and **BMF** regulations.

- **Individual Ranking:** Points awarded to top 8 places (1st: 9pt, 2nd: 7pt, 3rd: 6pt... 8th: 1pt).
- **Relays:** Points are doubled compared to individual events. A swimmer can only participate in one relay of a specific type.
- **Team/Overall Ranking:** Sum of points from individual and relay events.
- **Awards:** Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals; trophies for top 3 teams; plaques for the oldest male and female competitors.

8. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- Travel, accommodation, and food expenses are covered by the participating clubs or athletes.
- **Participation Fee:** €30 per individual + €30 per relay, payable before the Technical Conference.
- The "Social Evening" details will be finalized at the Technical Conference.

9. COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES

Handled according to BMF and BSF (Bulgarian Swimming Federation) statutes. Complaints must be submitted within 30 minutes of the event to the Jury of Appeal with a **50 EUR deposit** (refundable if the protest is upheld).

For additional information: Zhanet Shtereva, President of SC "Albatros Veterans – Varna": **+359 884 936202**

Appendices:

1. Program
2. Individual Entry Form