

## Introduction

After the success of the Eindhoven Qualification Meet prior to the Olympic Games in 2021 the Royal Dutch Swimming Federation organizes another qualification meet in the biggest swimming pool in the Netherlands: Eindhoven. At this meet we offer both Dutch and a selected group of foreign swimmers the opportunity to qualify for European Championships 2022 and several other (youth) international meets.

In Eindhoven we have a long history in organizing great competitions. Due to several COVID-related matters we have to adjust the organization to a more basic level with a limited number of athletes and most probably limited number of spectators. Our first priority is to organize a safe meet for all swimmers, staff and volunteers. Still we have great trust we will have a high level and splendid competition in our high standard facilities.

## Schedule and time standards

PROGRAM EINDHOVEN QUALIFICATION MEET 2022								
Day 1	heats 09.30	08-apr-21	Day 2	heats 09.30	09-apr-21	Day 3	heats 09.30	10-apr-21
200m	freestyle	female / male	100m	backstroke	female / male	50m	freestyle	female / male
100m	butterfly	female / male	200m	butterfly	female / male	200m	backstroke	female / male
50m	backstroke	female / male	50m	breaststroke	female / male	100m	breaststroke	female / male
200m	breaststroke	female / male	400m	IM	female / male	400m	freestyle	female / male
1500m	freestyle*	female / male (sh)	100m	freestyle	female / male	50m	butterfly	female / male
			800m	freestyle (sh)	female / male	200m	IM	female / male
Day 1	finals 17.00	08-apr-21	Day 2	finals 17.00	09-apr-21	Day 3	finals 17.00	10-apr-21
1500m	freestyle (fh)	female / male (fh)	800m	freestyle (fh)	female / male	50m	freestyle*	female / male
100m	butterfly*	female / male	100m	backstroke*	female / male	200m	backstroke	female / male
50m	backstroke*	female / male	200m	butterfly	female / male	100m	breaststroke*	female / male
200m	breaststroke	female / male	50m	breaststroke*	female / male	400m	freestyle*	female / male
200m	freestyle*	female / male	400m	IM	female / male	50m	butterfly*	female / male
			100m	freestyle*	female / male	200m	IM*	female / male

\* separate para-final planned, sh = slow heats, fh = fastest heat

### Important dates

The Eindhoven Qualification Meet will be organized from 8<sup>th</sup> till 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2021. The venue is the Pieter van den Hoogenband Stadium (long course).

### Competitors

- The maximum capacity of the pool under COVID-rules will most probably be 250 swimmers at the same time. If rules change and COVID infections reduce these numbers may rise.
- If entries exceed the allowed capacity, the organization will use make a list of accepted swimmers based on FINA ranking. Swimmers within reasonable reach of EYOF and EJK qualification times can be accepted with priority.
- Acceptance of foreign swimmers and teams is on invitational basis only.
- We will also invite a selected group of (foreign) Paralympic swimmers based on KNZB para-points system.

### *Time standards*

- Qualifying times must be posted in a FINA sanctioned, observed or approved competition between 1-1-2020 and 20-03-2022. Only long course times are considered for qualification and it is mandatory times can be verified either via [www.swimrankings.net](http://www.swimrankings.net) or provided result files/websites. Mind that there will be a maximum number of competitors. So reaching the time standard is no guarantee for participation.

	Women	Men
50m freestyle	0.27.74	0.24.94
100m freestyle	1.01.36	0.55.11
200m freestyle	2.11.97	2.00.79
400m freestyle	4.42.52	4.17.45
800m freestyle	9.33.14	8.54.00
1500m freestyle	18.48.94	17.21.90
50m back	0.32.65	0.29.33
100m back	1.09.33	1.03.47
200m back	2.29.49	2.17.94
50m breast	0.36.07	0.32.16
100m breast	1.18.20	1.09.93
200m breast	2.51.39	2.32.45
50m fly	0.30.44	0.27.11
100m fly	1.08.53	0.59.54
200m fly	2.33.47	2.20.03
200m ind.medley	2.31.66	2.17.18
400m ind.medley	5.32.98	4.55.81

## **Competition**

### *Heats & seeding*

- All events will be swum in the open category of men and women.
- Heats will be done in 10 lanes.
- Swimmers with disabilities will swim in the regular program, based and seeded on their entry times.

### *Final seeding & reserves*

- All distances have an A and B final.
- The eight fastest swimmers from the heats will qualify for the A-finals.
- B-finals will only be scheduled when 3 or more swimmers are available.
- For each final two reserves will be appointed.
- An athlete who does not want to be lined up as reserve swimmer must withdraw as well.
- The scratch deadline for all events shall be 30 minutes, after publishing the results of the corresponding event.

### *Paralympic swimmers*

- Para swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to entry times.
- The 8 athletes with the highest KNZB para-point ranking will proceed to the final.
- The para-finals will be separate multi-class finals. There are para-finals for 50, 100, 200 and 400m freestyle, 50 and 100m breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly, plus 200m individual medley.
- Paralympic finals will always go ahead regardless of number of swimmers.

### *Awarding*

- The winner of each A-final will receive a gift immediately after the race.

#### *Call room*

- Each participant should report to the call room, at least 10 minutes prior to his start. The last call room can only be used by athletes who are expected here.

#### *Doping*

- The international doping rules (FINA, WADA) are applicable.

#### *Massages*

- This can only take place in locations made available for this purpose by the organization, subject to available space.

#### *Training*

- Prior to the tournament morning and evening training sessions will be offered on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. As a result of COVID regulations it may be necessary to allocate time slots or lanes to participating teams. This information will be published in a detailed competition information pack.

#### *Warm-up and down pool*

- During competition a 4 lane 50m pool warm up and down pool will be available.

#### *Accreditations*

- On first day of the competition accreditations can be picked up at the entrance to the swimming pool.
- Teams can apply for accreditations for coaches and other technical staff. The organizing committee reserves the right to limit the number of coaching staff due to COVID-regulations.

#### *Tickets*

- Due to COVID-regulations there will be (most probably) limited seats for spectators during the meet. We will work out a spectator plan approximately 4 week before start of the competition.

#### *Accommodation*

- All teams (both foreign and Dutch) have to arrange their own hotel facilities and make sure they meet all COVID-regulations during their stay.

#### *COVID protocol*

- At latest one week prior to the meet we will publish the COVID protocol that will be in place during the meet. Due to changing regulations, we update these protocols week by week. A negative COVID PCR-test result less than 48 hours before the start of the competition may be needed to enter the competition. Travel restrictions for foreign teams may apply.

#### *Entries*

- Entry deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 23.59 hrs.
- Upon entering you will receive a confirmation twice:
  - An automatic confirmation that your e-mail was received
  - A personal message confirming your entry was processed. Only after receiving this second message your entries are accepted.
- You can send your entries via e-mail, please mention Entry EQM Eindhoven + your team name in the subject line.
- You need to send the SPLASH / Lenex data file, and the list of participants as a PDF file.
- All files can be sent to [nkinschrijvingen@knzb.nl](mailto:nkinschrijvingen@knzb.nl).
- For Para athletes the classification code must be included in the lxf files.
- The number and names of coaches must be included with the team entry.

#### *Ineligible, incomplete or late registrations*

- Unwarranted registration means:
  - times that do not fully correspond to the times in the report.
  - times that do not match the fastest time on the relevant event in the limit period.
  - times swum in competitions, of which no record is received at the KNZB.
- For all unauthorized entries an administrative fee will be charged.

#### *Starting lists and withdrawals*

- After publishing the provisional entry lists on live timing, corrections can be sent within 48 hours to [nkinschrijvingen@knzb.nl](mailto:nkinschrijvingen@knzb.nl)
- If corrections are late entries, an administrative fee will be charged.
- Withdrawals can be done until 24hrs before the first event via [nkinschrijvingen@knzb.nl](mailto:nkinschrijvingen@knzb.nl) where all competition days are considered as part of one competition.
- Withdrawals later than 24hrs prior to competition will be sanctioned with an administrative fee. This also includes no shows in competition.

#### *Entry fees*

- The entrance fee for the competition is € 20,- for staff members participating in the competition and € 10,00 per athlete per event.
- If, due to regulations, a COVID fast test on site has to be incorporated in the COVID-protocol of this meet the costs of this test will be added to the entry fee.
- The entry fee of all competitors must be paid prior to the start of the tournament. All teams and clubs will receive an invoice.
- All entries dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March are subject to payment. There is no cancellation policy for withdrawals after 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

#### *Final provisions*

- The Eindhoven Qualification Meet is an approved LEN, FINA, IOC and IPC qualifying event.
- The event can be followed with live timing and the SplashMe app.
- The organization reserves full authority to cancel, postpone or change the competition conditions and/or regulations due to reasons beyond its reasonable control.
- If the event has to be cancelled due to COVID the organizing committee or KNZB cannot be held responsible for any costs by participating clubs or federations.

Looking forward meeting you all in Eindhoven,

Organizing Team EQM 2022