



MASTERS

OVERVIEW

The Masters Programme includes:

- ❖ Swimming
- ❖ Diving
- ❖ Artistic Swimming
- ❖ Water Polo
- ❖ Open Water Swimming

World Aquatics Masters events are open to Athletes aged 25 and above, with the exception of Water Polo with a minimum participation age of 30.

HISTORY

First formal masters competitions were held in the **70-80s** in Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, USA, Japan, Germany and Italy

The Masters' program **became part of the FINA World in 1984** under the presidency of Robert Helmick (USA) and in **1985 a first Master Commission was formed.**

The 1st edition of the FINA World Masters' Championships was held in 1986 at **Tokyo, Japan.**

Since 2015, the FINA World Masters Championships are held immediately after the FINA World Championships, in the same host city. The competitions were held in 14 age categories, from 25 to 100 years old.

At the FINA World Masters Championships held in **Budapest in 2017**, the highest interest and participation was recorded with over **9,000 participants.**

World Aquatics is the only International Federation **to recognise world records in masters events** (swimming only). Access the [Masters World Records](#) and [Masters Rankings](#)

Should you have any queries related to Masters' competitions and records then please write to masters@worldaquatics.com