

Swim England North West

Regional Winter Swimming Championships (25m)

2023 Event Conditions

License Number: 2NW231877
Level 2 Meet

1. General Conditions

- a. The Swim England North West Limited Board of Directors (the Board) reserves full powers over all Regional Swimming Championships. Event management and Promoter's responsibilities shall be delegated to the Swimming Management Group and their nominated representative at the event.
- b. The Swimming Management Group have the authority to cancel, postpone or change the Championships venue and or form should it be deemed necessary due to circumstances beyond their control.
- c. The structure, programme and delivery of the event will be subject to Government (National or Local) Swim England or Facility guidelines.
- d. The Event shall be held under Swim England Regulations and the relevant World Aquatics/World Para Swimming rules.

2. Events

- a. Individuals Events:
 - i. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
 - ii. 50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly
 - iii. 100m, 200m and 400m Individual Medley
- b. All individual events will be available for both male/open and female competitors.
- c. The schedule of events shall be published in addition to these conditions.

3. Entries

- a. Individuals
 - i. In line with the Swim England transgender and non-binary competition policy the following definitions apply:
 1. Female Athletes with a birth sex of female
 2. Open Athletes with a birth sex of male, trans or non-binary competitors and any competitor not eligible for the female category
 - ii. Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered with Swim England at the time of entry as a member of a club affiliated to Swim England North West Region.
 - iii. No individual may compete in the Championships if he/she has competed or entered in an equivalent Championship of another English Region in the same calendar year.
 - iv. Individual Championship events for each gender will comprise Senior (17 years and over) and Junior (16 years and under).

- b. Ages as at 31st December 2023.
- c. All competitors are required to comply with the online entry process and pay the required fees.
- d. Entries together with the appropriate fees must be received by the Competition Manager no later than the published closing time and date.

i. Entries will close at 23:59hrs on Tuesday 24th October 2023

- e. Entry times achieved in either 25m pool or converted 50m times are permitted.
- f. Entry times must have been achieved at a Level 1, 2 or 3 licensed Swim England event between 1st April 2022 and the closing date for entries. Times from events of a similar standard will be acceptable.
- g. Submitted entry times shall be used for seeding and rejection purposes as required; once a time has been submitted improved times will not be accepted.

4. Meet Procedure

- a. All events shall have Heats and Finals except for 400m Individual Medley and 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle events which will be competed as Heat Declared Winner events.
- b. Heats and Finals will be seeded in accordance with World Aquatics rules. The fastest eight swimmers aged 16 years and under competing in the Junior Final, and the fastest eight swimmers aged 17 years and over competing in the Senior Final. Two reserves for each final will, where possible, be identified.
- c. Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedures.
- d. Should a swimmer withdraw on grounds of illness or injury, they will not be eligible to compete in any other events during that day of competition.
- e. A supplementary 'Flash' strobe for race starts will be provided subject to availability.

5. Para Swimmers

- a. The conditions for the Swim England 2023 Winter Regional Swimming Championships (25m) shall apply to Para competitors except where varied by supplementary Para Swimming conditions to the Championships.

6. Withdrawal from Heats

- a. Withdrawals from Heats must be made no later than 60 minutes before the advertised competition start time of the relevant session.

7. Withdrawal from Finals

- a. Finalists and reserves not wishing to compete in the final must withdraw no later than 15 minutes after the announcement of the Finalists for the event. Withdrawal must be by use of the official withdrawal method (details to follow with the accepted entries).
- b. Reserves will be released upon publication of the confirmed final start list.
- c. Should a reserve be brought in at short notice the event will not be re-seeded.
- d. Any swimmer who, having qualified for a Final, fails to swim without having been withdrawn from the Final in the official format, shall incur a penalty fee of £10.00 per Final. The responsibility for payment of the fee shall rest with the club under whose name the entry was made in the official

8. Call Room

- a.** Swimmers must report to the Competitor Stewards in the Call Room for Heats and Finals and follow their directions. It is the competitor's responsibility to report in sufficient time and be available to parade for their event.
- b.** All competitors are required to report 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in the confines until led on to the deck for their race.

9. Awards

- a.** Awards shall be made to the competitors placed first, second and third in the Senior and Junior Championships.

Supplementary Para Swimming Conditions

1. Events

a. Individual Events:

i. Freestyle

50m	S1 to S14
100m	S1 to S14
200m	S1 to S5 and S14
400m	S6 to S14

ii. Backstroke

50m	S1 to S5
100m	S6 to S14

iii. Butterfly

50m	S1 to S7
100m	S8 to S14

iv. Breaststroke

50m	SB1 to SB3
100m	SB4 to SB9 and SB11 to SB14

v. Individual Medley

200m – SM5 to SM14

2. Entries

a. Para Swimmers may enter events:

- i. Where they meet their classification Para qualifying time, or without reference to their classification they meet the able bodied qualifying time.
- ii. Where there is no Para Qualifying time, they meet the able-bodied qualifying time.

b. At the time of entry, competitors must indicate their classification or provide a valid Certificate of Exception issued by Swim England.

c. The schedule of qualifying times shall be published in addition to these conditions.

3. Meet Procedure

a. The competition format will be based upon Para Swimmers inclusion within the schedule of events. Swimmers will be seeded within the able-bodied programme on their submitted times.

4. Awards

a. Awards shall be made to the Para Swimmers competitors place first, second and third in each event based upon British Para Swimming Points.

b. Where there are less than four competitors in an event a minus rule will apply.

c. Where there is a single competitor in an event, that competitor must achieve faster than their entry time to receive an award.