

SENW/SENE Open Water Regional Championships – 29th June 2024

Entry Pack for Athletes and Coaches/Team Managers

Conditions

Please ensure that all competitors read the Swim England North West/Swim England North East Conditions for this event [which can be found here](#).

Timeline – Key Events

Please see the following timeline for when information will be provided in relation to the Swim England North West Open Water Regionals:

Entries to Open	Wednesday 1 st May 2024
Entries to Close	9am, Wednesday 12 th June 2024
Accepted/Rejected Entries Published	Week Commencing 17 th June 2024
Safety Briefing	7.00pm, Tuesday 25 th June 2024 or 7.00pm Wednesday 26 th June 2024
Withdrawal Refund Form to be Completed Refund requests after this date will not be processed.	9am, Thursday 4 th July 2024
Refunds to be Processed by	Friday 26 th July 2024

Entry Information

1. Entry and payment will be via the SENW Regional Website.
Entry fee is £20 per event.

Entry Confirmation

A list of processed entries will be available on the [Regional Website here](#).

The Championship Manager has the authority to adjust the number of entries accepted to ensure the efficient running of the Championships in compliance with Open Water Safety requirements.

Competitor Information

Safety Briefing

The safety briefing will be delivered virtually by way of **Zoom**
7.00 pm on Tuesday 25th June and 7.00 pm on Wednesday 26th June 2024

Zoom details will be confirmed once entries have been accepted.

Prior to the briefing a register will be taken and non attendees at the briefing will not be permitted to swim. The briefing is part of the safety measures in place for the competition, therefore this is non-negotiable.

NON ATTENDANCE AT THE BRIEFING EQUALS NO SWIM

For those under 18 years at the time of the virtual briefing an adult (parent, guardian, coach) needs to be present for the duration of the briefing.

Following the virtual briefing a confirmation may be sought that swimmers have understood the briefing, for those under 18 years on the day of the briefing this will need to be returned by either a parent, guardian or coach or suitable responsible adult over 18 years of age.

Starts

Where athlete numbers require, swimmers will be started in waves/groups. These waves/groups may include mixed ages, including masters and based on submitted entry times.

Belongings

In line with the Swim England North West Terms and Conditions policy, personal belongings remain the responsibility of the individual and are taken into venues at the individuals own risk. Neither Swim England North West Limited nor the venue will be responsible for the loss of or damage to any such belongings. Individuals are advised to use lockers where available.

Water Temperature & Swimwear:

Wetsuits and swim suits must comply with World Aquatics Open Water Rules
As per World Aquatics Rules 7.2 and 8.1.6.3:

- i. Water Temperature 18°C – 31°C: wetsuits are not permitted.
- ii. Water Temperature 16°C – 17.9°C: the use of wetsuits is compulsory.

Water Temperature 18 degrees centigrade or above

Only costumes complying with World Aquatics can be worn. A compliant costume (for both male and female) shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder or extend below the ankle. In all other respects they must comply with pool regulations.

Water Temperature below 18 degrees centigrade

A wet suit is compulsory. Wet suit definition: For the purposes of the World Aquatics rule, a wet suit is defined as a swimsuit made of a material providing thermal insulation. A wetsuit shall completely cover torso, back, shoulders and knees. They shall not extend beyond the neck, wrists, or ankles.

The guidance provided by Swim England as an interpretation is that any wet suit would be approved provided it meets the minimum coverage requirements stated above. In addition, the outer surface should not include shapes such as ridges and fins.

Competition Refund Policy

Swim England North West have created the following policy regarding what will and won't be refunded following a Swim England North West Regional Competition or Event.

All criteria outlined below must be submitted within 5 days of the completion of the event.

Following this 5-day period, and subject to all criteria outlined below being adhered to refunds will be processed within 28 days.

Rejection from Events

If entries have been rejected by the Competition organiser where conditions were adhered to but rejection is based on time constraints, then refunds will be automatically processed for each rejected event following the completion of the competition.

Rejection due to non-compliance of conditions

Any entries rejected due to non-compliance of competition conditions will not be refunded. By entering any Swim England North West Event or Competition, individuals are committed to adhering to all conditions and policies outline by Swim England North West.

Withdrawal due to exception circumstances (e.g. Medical or Injury)

Individuals who have withdrawn from events due to either a medical reason or injury – refund will be considered by application and submission of appropriate evidence (e.g. note from doctor or note from physio). Submission of additional supporting evidence must be sent to events@swimnorthwest.org

Withdrawing from the event must be completed prior to the event/session in which the individual is due to compete. Any failure to withdraw or notification of withdrawal received later than the event withdrawal cut off time will result in no refund being processed.

In line with the Swim England North West Data Protection policy, once the refund has been processed, documents relating to an individual's medical information will be destroyed.

Withdrawal

For all withdrawals which would not be considered under the heading above, refunds will not be processed.

Exceptions to the above may be considered by the Swimming Management Group and Regional Management Board but these will be dealt with on a case by case basis.