

Swim England North West Summer Championships 2025 frequently asked questions.

- **The selection of the 24 athletes based on the Swim England ranking system?**
 - The 24 competitors will be based on entries into the competition not the rankings system
- **Why have the Youth Athletes been amended to 24 Athletes**
 - To ensure fairness across all ages.
- **Is there a possibility that entries will be rejected from the competition based on this new format**
 - The entry times remain as consideration times
 - In the interest of safety, to keep the event within the available time booked at the hosting facility and to ensure the smooth running of the Meet, the Event Management and Promoter Team reserve the right to restrict the number of entries in any given event. In all cases, competitors with the fastest times, by age group will take preference.
- **Why the change to the method of acceptances?**
 - In the past there has been regular comment and criticism of the methodology around the numbers accepted, all of which must balance against the time available to run the sessions. Adopting a method similar to that used for both AGB and SE summer meets we are hoping will give greater transparency to the process and has allowed a modelling exercise to be undertaken based upon 2024 race times in compiling the schedule
- **If the number of entries for an event is less than the maximum acceptances will other events have increased acceptances?**
 - No, to maintain integrity of the conditions back filling and/or over filling of events will not be undertaken
- **Why change from a combined session of heats and finals to separating a Heats session and a Finals session?**
 - Major competitions all run in this manner i.e. heats then a break so athletes can rest and prepare for their Finals. Historically the region as many other regions ran the championships in this fashion. Unfortunately, the change to combined session was forced upon us due to the lack of volunteers in all roles for the Finals sessions.
 - As the sessions of Heats may be slightly longer running in this format the competition will have a break for volunteers approximately half way through the session.
 - By making this move we will allow athletes greater recovery and preparation time following heats into their Finals

- Organisationally we can prepare for and deliver a level of 'show' around the Finals intending to improve the experience of all concerned
 - We know that there is a risk – if we have insufficient volunteers for the Final sessions, particular those in the roles of Technical Official and fail to meet the licensing conditions, times achieved in Finals maybe downgraded from Level1 (National Entry) to Level 3 or 4.
- **What is the rationale for the Youths competing in the last weekend of the competition?**
 - The rationale to move the dates was taken from the recommendations from a number of coaches within the region and discussions at the regional event management group.
 - A space will be arranged for athletes to revise for exams.
 - Holding the Youth competition in April this would not be beneficial for athletes competing in and training for the British Championships.
 - The qualification window for the Swim England National Summer Meet for 2025 is from the Friday 7 March and close on Sunday 11 May 2025. The regional competition will provide an opportunity for the regions swimmers to compete in a long course event
 - **Why have the region made the decision not to stream the Championships?**
 - Costs of these events have increased greatly over the past few years and the cost is becoming excessive.
 - **Will streaming be brought back in the future?**
 - This is a possibility the region may look at sponsorship for future streaming to avoid passing this cost on to the athletes.