

Swim England North West
2026 Regional Summer Swimming Championships (50m)
Meet Conditions

License Number:

Level 1 Meet

1) General Conditions

- a) The Swim England North West Regional Management Board (the Board) reserves full powers over all Regional Swimming Championships including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the competition venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control.
- b) Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the Swimming Management Group and their nominated representative at the event.
- c) The Championships shall be competed annually on dates decided by the Swimming Management Group.
- d) The Event shall be held under Swim England Regulations and the relevant World Aquatics/World Para Swimming rules.
- e) The entry fees will be set annually by the Swimming Management Group.
- f) Some 'noise' always raises the mood but please keep use of air horns to a reasonable level, Athletes and spectators who are sensitive to noise may wish to consider ear defenders.

2) Events

- a) Individuals Events:
 - i) 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
 - ii) 50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly
 - iii) 200m and 400m Individual Medley
- b) Relay Events:
 - i) 4 x 100m & 4 x 200m Freestyle Teams
 - ii) 4 x 100m Medley Teams
- c) All individual and relay events are available for both open and female competitors.
- d) The schedule of events together with consideration times shall be published in addition to these conditions.
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3) Entries

a) Individual Events

- 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 considered from competitors registered with Swim England at the closing date for entries 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 events for each gender will comprise of 11/12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs & 17yrs/Over age groups
- v) Following closure of entries the fastest submitted times in the age groups as indicated below, in all events except 800m and 1500m freestyle will be accepted
 - (1) 11/12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs fastest 24 entries in each age group
 - (2) 15yrs,16,yrs,17yrs/over fastest 24 entries in each age group
- vi) For the 800m and 1500m freestyle events the fastest 8 submitted times in each age group will be accepted.
- vii) Should the number of submitted entries be less than the number of accepted entries specified above in any age group or event, we reserve the to amend the number accepted in other age groups. This will be at the discretion of the championship manager providing it is safe to do so and session times allow.
- viii) Entries with slower submitted times will be rejected.
- ix) 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.
- x) Para entries will be accepted in addition to the limits set out above

b) **Ages as at 31st December 2026.**

c) Team Relay Events

- i) Relay Event Age Groups shall be 14-16 yrs and 17yrs/Over
- ii) All members of a Relay Team must be from the same club.
- iii) All Team entries must include either an actual or realistic estimated entry time.

- iv) Should a club enter more than one team in a relay event, swimmers having competed for one team may not compete as a member of any other team in the same event.
- d) All competitors are required to comply with the entry process and pay the required fees.
- e) Entries together with the appropriate fees must be received by the Championship Manager no later than the published closing time and date.
- f) **Closing date for individual and relay entries will be 11.59pm on 17th March 2026**
- g) Entry times achieved at a Level 1,2 or 3 Licensed Meet between **5th May 2025** and **17th March 2026** in either 50m pool or converted 25m times are permitted.
- h) Submitted entry times shall be used for seeding and rejection purposes as required; once a time has been submitted improved times **will only be permitted through the regional entry system prior to the closing date.**
- i) The Championship Manager has the authority to adjust the number of entries accepted to ensure the efficient running of the Championships in compliance with Swim England Meet Licensing requirements.

4) Meet Procedure

- a) All events shall have Heats and Finals except for Relay Events; 400m Individual Medley and 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle events which will be swum as Heat Declared Winner events – all heats to be competed in the Heats sessions.
- b) The fastest eight swimmers in each age group from the heats for each relevant event will be allocated a place in the relevant final.
- c) Where possible there will be three reserves for each final. All competitors in the each of the finals and all reserve swimmers must report to marshalling.
- d) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawals procedures.
- e) 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.
- f) **Backfilling of Entries**
Once the list of accepted entries has been published, backfilling may be offered to athletes whose entries were initially rejected. Backfilling will occur following withdrawals from other competitors. The specific events, age groups, and number of backfilled entries will be determined at the discretion of the Championship Manager. All decisions made by the Championship Manager are final.

Athletes selected for backfilling will be notified via email, and an updated Accepted Entries document will be published. Updated entries will be released according to the following schedule:

Week 1: Monday, 23rd March

Week 2: Monday, 20th April

Week 3: Monday, 27th April

5) Withdrawals

a) Heats

- i) Withdrawals from Heats must be made no later than 60 minutes before the advertised competition start time of the relevant session using the [online entry viewer](#).
- ii) Any swimmer who fails to attend without withdrawal shall incur a penalty fee of £15.00 **per event**. The responsibility for payment of the fee shall rest with the club under whose name the entry was made.

b) Finals

- i) Finalists and Reserves not wishing to compete in the final must withdraw before the time stated in the schedule of events. Reserves are released at marshalling.
- ii) Withdrawals must be submitted using the advertised procedure.
- iii) Any swimmer who, having qualified for a Final as competitor or reserve, fails to attend marshalling without having been withdrawn from the Final in the official format, shall incur a penalty fee of **£15.00 per Final**. The responsibility for payment of the fee shall rest with the club under whose name the entry was made.

6) Team Declarations

- a) Team declarations and order of swimming should be submitted, on the prescribed form no later than

14/16 years and 17 year & Over - 5.00pm on Wednesday 25th March 2026

- b) Changes to team declarations and order of swimming will be permitted but must be made no later than **60 minutes** before the advertised competition start time of the relevant session on the prescribed form.

7) Marshalling Area

- a) Swimmers must report to the Competitor Stewards in the Marshalling Area for Heats and Finals and follow their direction. It is the competitor's responsibility to report in sufficient time for their event.
- b) All competitors are required to report 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having reported to the Marshalling Area they should remain in the confines until led on to the deck for their race.

c) Coaches, Team Staff and Chaperones will not be allowed Marshalling Area.

8) Awards

a) Awards shall be made to the individual competitors/teams placed first, second and third in each event per age group, in Heat Declared Events or Finals.

Supplementary Para Swimming Conditions

1) The Championship conditions shall apply to the Para Swimming except where varied by the following conditions.

a. Events

i. Individual Events

Events	Female and Open
50m Freestyle	S1 to S13
100m Freestyle	S1 to S14
200m Freestyle	S1 to S5 and S14
400m Freestyle	S6 to S14
50m Backstroke	S1 to S5
100m Backstroke	S1,S2, and S6 to S14
50m Butterfly	S2 to S7
100m Butterfly	S8 to S14
50m Breaststroke	SB1 to SB3
100m Breaststroke	SB4 to SB9 and SB11 to SB14
200m Individual Medley	SM5 to SM14

2) Entries

- a. Para Swimmers may enter events if they meet their classification Para qualifying time, or without reference to their classification they submit a time within the parameters set out in para 3 of these conditions.
- b. Where there is no Para Qualifying time, they must meet the able bodied qualifying time
- c. Para swimmers will seeded within the able-bodied programme based upon their entry time.
- d. At the time of entry, competitors must indicate their classification.
 - i. Para entries will be accepted in addition to the limits set out above

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 programme on their submitted times

4) Awards.

- a. Awards shall be made to the Para Swimmer competitors placed 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 one 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.