

# SENW/SENE Open Water Regional Championships – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## 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	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Entries to Close	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Accepted/Rejected Entries Published	Week Commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Safety Briefing	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 see competitor information for further details.
Withdrawal Refund Form to be Completed Refund requests after this date will not be processed.	9am, Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Refunds to be Processed by	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Entry Information

Entry and payment will be via the [SENW Regional entry system](#).

Entry fees:- For the 1.5k race fee is £25. For the 2k; 3k and 5k the race fee is £30.00

### 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 (Face to Face) at the following times on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

- 14/15 3km, Senior 18-24 3km, Masters 3km at **10:30am**.
- 12/13 2km, S7-S14 2km, 1.5km masters, 18-24 1.5km at **12.00PM**.
- Open 5km, Masters 5km and 18-25 5km at **1.30pm**.

Prior to the initial briefing a “Roll Call” of participants will take place. This will be followed by a “second check” of participants at the registering desk. There will be a third check of participants as they collect the “chip timing”

- 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 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.

#### **Awards**

Only those competitors participating in the specified Regional and County Championships will be eligible for awards.

Awards shall be made to competitors placed first, second and third in the age group listed in Conditions 10a – 10f.

For Masters events, awards shall be made to competitors placed first, second and third in the age group listed in the Conditions 2c.

For Para Swimmers event awards shall be made to competitors placed first, second and third in the categories listed in 2a.vi

#### **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](mailto: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.