

Basingstoke Bluefins Swimming Club

Club Championship

Level 4



Competition Conditions

1. General Conditions

- 1.1 This meet is a Level 4 Meet in accordance with the Swim England Open Meet Licensing Guidelines.
- 1.2 The competition will be run under Swim England Laws & Technical Rules.
- 1.3 The event conditions may be revised in response to guidelines from the Operator, Government and Public Health England related to Covid 19 and sporting competitions.
- 1.4 Any matter not covered by these conditions or by Swim England laws or technical rules will be at the Promoter's discretion. The Promoter may amend the schedule of events to ensure the smooth running of the meet.

2. Facilities

- 2.1 The meet will take place at the Aquadrome Basingstoke.
- 2.2 The pool length is 25m.
- 2.3 Electronic placing and timing will be in operation. If, for any reason, electronic time equipment is not available then manual times may be used instead.
- 2.4 Anti-turbulence lane ropes will be used.
- 2.5 Strobes are NOT available.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 This competition is open to members of Basingstoke Bluefins who hold Swim England Category 2 registration.
- 3.2 There are no qualifying times.
- 3.3 Long course times will be converted to short course times.
- 3.4 Swimmers age 9 and under may only enter events of 100m or shorter.
- 3.5 Swimmers age 10 and under may only enter events of 200m or more with the approval of their coaches.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Entry fees: £6.00 per event.
- 4.2 Administration Fee: £5 per entrant.
- 4.3 No entry fee will be charged should an entry be rejected.
- 4.4 Refunds will be made where swimmers are withdrawn for medical reasons, including isolation for Covid 19 or testing positive for Covid 19.

- 4.5 Entries must be discussed with coaches before being submitted.
- 4.6 Entries must be submitted via the competition's online entry system.
- 4.7 Entries will close at 31st August 2021
- 4.8 Swim England Rankings may reject Meet results containing errors. The errors are often inaccurate names and dates of birth. To avoid the risk of rankings rejected the results, may be validated against Swim England Rankings. Where entries cannot be validated Basingstoke Bluefins may attempt to correct any errors. If it is not possible to correct errors then entries may be rejected. Basingstoke Bluefins cannot be held responsible for errors in submitted entries which result in rejections by Basingstoke Bluefins or where Swim England Rankings reject the results for that entry.
- 4.9 Age Groups
 - 4.9.1 All ages are as at date of meet.
 - 4.9.2 Age groups will be:
 - 10 & Under
 - 11 years
 - 12 years
 - 13 years
 - 14 years
 - 15 years
 - 16 years & Over
- 4.10 If you have no time for an event use NT as the entry time.

5. Medals

- 5.1 Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third placed swimmers in each age group in each event.
- 5.2 Medals must be collected before the end of the competition.
- 5.3 Swimmers must be suitably clothed when collecting awards.

6. Rejection criteria

- 6.1 This is the Club Championship and we aim to accept all entries if possible.
- 6.2 If events cannot be completed in the time available entries will be rejected in the following order:
 - 6.2.1 Entries for 100m events from swimmers age 9 years and under.
 - 6.2.2 Entries for 200m events from swimmers age 10 years and under.
 - 6.2.3 Swimmers with no entry times. Youngest swimmers will be rejected first.
 - 6.2.4 Swimmers with the slowest entry times.
 - 6.2.5 If necessary, to ensure the safe and smooth running of the meet any additional rejections will be at the Promoter's discretion.

7. Time Trials

- 7.1 If the meet is not fully subscribed time trials may be provided.
- 7.2 The promoter will publish if time trials are available on the day or in advance.
- 7.3 The fee for any time trial will be £8.00 per event.

8. Operation of the meet

- 8.1 All events shall be seeded slowest to fastest.
- 8.2 There will be separate events for male and female swimmers for all distances of 400m and below. Male and Female events will be combined for the 800m and 1500m. All ages for each sex will be combined.
- 8.3 Swims will be seeded by submitted entry time, slowest first. Swimmers with no submitted entry time will swim first, youngest first.
- 8.4 This is a "Sign-in" competition. Swimmers must register the team managers before the advertised start time of warm-up for each session. Any swimmer not registered will be withdrawn automatically from that session.
- 8.5 Any swimmer arriving late who failed to sign-in may be accepted at the promoter's discretion if there are spare lanes. Any such swimmer will be allocated a spare lane and will not be seeded.
- 8.6 Withdrawal process will be in operation for this meet via the coaches.
- 8.7 Over the top starts may be used.

9. Meet Results

- 9.1 Results will be submitted to Swim England rankings separately for each day of the competition (Saturday and Sunday results may be combined).
- 9.2 Live results will be posted on swimmeets.org where possible

10. Schedule

19th September	Warm up 9:30 Start 10:30
4 th October	Warmup 18:30pm Start 19:00 800m all age groups, both sexes
18th October	Warmup 18:30 Start 19:00 1500m all age groups, both sexes
23rd October	Session 1 - Warmup 13:15 Start 14:00 Session 2 Warmup TBA, Start TBA
24th October	Warm up 9:15 Start 10:00 Session 2 Warmup TBA, Start TBA

11. Covid 19

- 11.1 This meet will be held in accordance with any covid-19 guidance issued by the Government and/or Swim England. In addition, Basingstoke Bluefins and/or the Aquadrome may issue additional guidance prior to the meet. Any guidance issued will take precedence over these conditions.

- 11.2 All swimmers, spectators and volunteers must comply with any guidance issued.
- 11.3 Any swimmer, spectator, or volunteer who, in the opinion of the Referee, is not following the published guidance may be asked to leave the session. Participation in any future session will only be permitted at the discretion of the promotor. Any fees paid will not be refunded.
- 11.4 Entry fees will be refunded to any swimmer who is unable to compete under the published guidance.
- 11.5 Everyone is asked to arrive at the venues 'pool ready' with only a small poolside bag. Masks are asked to be worn through the facility until the pool hall is reached, where masks can be removed.
- 11.6 Swimmers must not get out of the pool (after their race) until authorised to do so.
- 11.7 Emergency exits must be kept clear at all times.
- 11.8 Swimmers are requested to keep all belongings in their small pool bag and not to share ANY equipment or food with others and not to leave their belongings unattended.
- 11.9 Swimmers are requested to remain in their allocated area unless being marshalled to a race or leaving poolside.
- 11.1 In each case, the referee, the promoter and the pool management have complete discretion to make any decisions over health and safety matters which may arise on the day.

12. Spectators

- 12.1 It is anticipated there will be no spectators to provide further space for swimmers and officials. If this is the case, we plan to offer live streaming for races under 200m.

13. Filming and photography

- 13.1 Anyone who wishes to take images are requested to focus on their own children as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in images, particularly if those images are being shared with family and friends or through social media platforms. Whilst it is acknowledged that parents/carers wish to celebrate the achievements of their own children when taking part in aquatic events, it should be recognised and respected that other parents/carers may not wish for their child's image to be taken and shared in this way.
- 13.2 The use of cameras or mobile phones for taking photographs in the changing area is strictly forbidden. Only coaches and team managers may take photos or film races on poolside, and these must comply with Swim England guidance and the focus of the filming should be of their swimmers only. Any swimmer or coach found to be breaking these rules will be asked to leave the building and will take no further part in the competition. The club also reserves the right to take further action against anybody breaking this rule.
- 13.3 The safety of children and young people for this event is of paramount importance. If you have any child safeguarding concerns at the event, please contact the Meet Promoter.

14. Additional Conditions

- 14.1 The organisers and the pool management reserve the right to remove any swimmer or spectator from the pool area whose behaviour is either against the pool rules or the efficient running of the gala. Anyone found causing damage or seriously misbehaving, will be banned from the gala and refused entry to the building.
- 14.2 Any dispute related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall be determined by the Promoter.
- 14.3 Basingstoke Bluefins cannot accept responsibility for any personal possessions and articles. These should not be left unattended. Lockers are available for the use of swimmers at a cost of £1.00, redeemable at the locker.

15. Privacy Notice

Basingstoke Bluefins will act as data controller for all information collected as part of this meet. This will include entrant details and results. This information may be provided by you directly or collected on the day of the event.

The lawful reason we hold this data is known as “legitimate interest”. This is because we, and the wider swimming community, have an interest in ensuring the meet is held in an open and transparent way.

Details of the results may be published on swimmeets.org. We will also transfer the results of the meet to Swim England for inclusion on rankings. If you do not wish your details to be published on the website and passed to rankings you must inform us in advance; you should be aware that results will not be confirmed by any other method. Your details will not be shared with any other parties and will not be transferred outside of the UK2.

We will retain details of the entries for a minimum of 6 months and for no more than 18 months. Details of the results will be retained as part of club records.

You may request details of the information we retain.

You have the right to register complaints with the Information Commissioners Officer.

16. Amendments

- 16.1 The promoter reserves the right to amend these conditions with the approval of the Swim England South East Region Licensing Panel.

17. Entries Coordinator & Meet Promoter

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