

Swim England South East

Open/Junior Swimming Championship Conditions 2021

1. The 2021 Open/Junior (Winter) Short Course Swimming Championships will be conducted on 6th/7th November at Winchester Sport and Leisure Park. Back-stroke ledges and a supplementary strobe will be available. These championships will be licensed as a level 2 short course competition.
2. These Championships shall be conducted in accordance with Swim England Laws and Technical Rules of Swimming and shall fully conform to the Swim England Guidance for Running Safe Events.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

3.1 General

The Championships shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by Swim England, who, on the date of submission of entry, are members of a club affiliated to Swim England South East and who shall not have competed in the Championships or competitions of another Region since September 1st 2021.

- 3.1.1 A swimmer must have been a Swim England registered member of the club in whose name they are entered at least 30 days prior to the first day of the Championships.
- 3.1.3 For all events a swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on 31st December 2021. A Junior swimmer shall be aged 16 years or under as at midnight on the 31st December 2021.

4. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

4.1 Individual Events

Open/Junior

50m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
100m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley
200m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley
400m	Freestyle, Individual Medley
800m	Freestyle (Girls/Ladies)
1500m	Freestyle (Boys/Men)

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1 Entry fees shall be agreed by the Swim England South East Swimming Group and published on the competition web site: <https://www.swimmeets.org/calendar/showevent.php?id=958>
- 5.2 Entries shall be submitted via the online entry system on the competition web site. Entries submitted online are not finally accepted until the club entry declaration sheet, completed and signed by a designated club representative, has been submitted to the competition web site.

Clubs may submit files of entries in .SD3, .CL2 or .HY3 format. The meet files for this competition will be available, in .EV3 and .HYV format, from the competition web site before the entry system is opened. Clubs may submit separate files of short course and long course times. Swim England

South East will select the time most advantageous to the swimmer. Both files must be submitted together. Swimmers will not be charged twice if they submit two entries for the same event.

Submission of a file or files of entries will replace all previous entries submitted for swimmers from that club.

- 5.4 All entries to this competition are deemed to be club entries, and are subject to the submission of the club entry declaration sheet, authorised by an appropriate officer of the club to confirm that:
1. Entries have been checked against Swim England rankings and conform to the conditions for the competition
 2. The club accepts liability to pay the appropriate entry fee.
- 5.5 All entries must be submitted on or before 20:00 on 27th October 2021. All club entry declaration sheets must be uploaded to the competition web site, using the "Submit Files" function, by 20:00 on 30th October 2021. If the entry confirmation form is not submitted by that date, the club will be advised and warned by e-mail, and a further 72 hours allowed to make the submission. Failure to make the submission by this final submission date may result in the club's complete entry being rejected.
- 5.6 After all entries have been processed, clubs will be invoiced by e-mail for the fees for accepted entries. Payment must be received within 7 days of the issue of the invoice.
- 5.7 No late entries will be accepted for this competition.
- 5.8 For all individual events, the Swim England South East Swimming Group shall set base level qualifying times¹. Both short course and long course qualifying times shall be published. Swimmers must submit a time for each entry which has been achieved on or after 1st October 2020 (1st October 2019 for 400m, 800 and 1500m events). Submitted times may be either short and/or long course. All long course (50m) times will be automatically converted using the published Swim England Equivalent Performance Tables for the purpose of accepting entries and seeding.
- 5.9 All times must be set in competitions licenced at level 1, 2, 3 and 4, or in Level X Racing. Entries may be amended up to closing date. First leg relay split times are acceptable. Times set in Masters competitions and appearing in Masters Rankings are acceptable.
- 5.10 Clubs are responsible for checking that times submitted are accurate.
- 5.11 The Swim England South East Swimming Group shall determine the limit on the number of swimmers to be accepted for each event. The fastest entries for each event shall be accepted up to that limit, providing that the time is equal to or faster than the base qualifying time. The target number of swimmers for each event shall be published on the competition web site prior to the closing date for entries.

¹ All level 2 licensed meets must have qualifying times. Because entries for these championships are based on the fastest submitted times for each event, the published base qualifying times have little relevance. Swimmers should not assume that if they achieve the base qualifying time, their entry will be accepted.

- 5.12 Notwithstanding condition 5.11, in the interests of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the Championships, or to comply with any changes to guidance for running safe events, the Promoter reserves the right to further restrict the number of entries in any event, in which case, the swimmers with the fastest submitted times shall take preference.
- 5.13 Any invalid entry shall be rejected.
- 5.14 By submitting an entry, entrants are accepting that entries will be processed using a computer system. Entrants may request that details are not displayed on the web site but need to be aware that entry confirmation and results are not made available in any other form.
- 5.15 Photographs may be taken and used to promote the sport by Swim England South East, and/or made available for download and purchase. All photography will conform to the "Swim England Photography and Photographing Swimmers Policy". Swimmers, or parents of swimmers under 18 years of age on the day of competition, may request that such photographs are not taken by completing a form to be made available on request before the closing date of the competition.
- 5.16 Swim England South East will be providing a live video stream of this competition. It is not practical to exclude individual swimmers from that coverage.
- 5.17 Refund of Fees. Once entries have been confirmed, entry fees will only be refunded if the swimmer is unable to swim on medical grounds (this includes being instructed to self-isolate because of COVID). A request for refund of fees, must be uploaded to the competition website using the "Submit Files" function no later than 28 days after the last day of the competition.

6. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

- 6.1 All entries will be confirmed by e-mail to the person who submitted the entry, and a list of accepted and rejected entries will be made available via the competition web site as soon as possible after the closing date.
- 6.2 Entries may be corrected at any time up to the closing date. Subsequent to this date, only errors introduced by Swim England South East may be corrected.

7. MEET PROCEDURE

- 7.1 There shall be separate events for males and females.
- 7.2 A withdrawal system will be in operation. Club representatives are expected to submit withdrawal forms via the competition web site for swimmers who are not intending to swim no later than 10pm on the day before the event. Notification of withdrawals by phone or e-mail will not be accepted. (Except for 800m/1500m freestyle, where withdrawals may be made up to 1 hour before the start of the session).
- 7.3 Withdrawals are final. Requests to reinstate a swimmer who has been withdrawn will not be accepted.
- 7.4 Heats and Finals**
- 7.4 All events in this competition shall be decided on heat times and places (heat declared winner).

- 7.2 Swimmers shall be seeded according to their entry time, slowest to fastest. All heats shall be spearheaded.
- 7.3 Competitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the clerks of the course in time for their race. There shall be no call for missing competitors.
- 7.4 For some or all events, swimmers may be instructed to report to the clerks of the course at the starting blocks.

8. ACCESS TO POOLSIDE

- 8.1 Access to poolside is restricted to swimmers for the purpose of warm-up and competing, coaches/team managers in possession of poolside passes, accredited officials and assigned volunteers.
- 8.2 Spectators will not be allowed on the pool deck or on the poolside seating at any time.
- 8.3 If swimmers are permitted to remain on poolside throughout a session, they are **not** allowed to carry a bag larger than a small draw string bag onto poolside.
- 8.4 If swimmers are assembled in an area off poolside between events, each swimmer will be issued with a see-through plastic bag to contain items required when on poolside. Other bags must not be brought onto poolside.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1 The first, second and third placed swimmers or teams in each individual event shall be awarded medals.
- 9.2 The first, second and third junior swimmer in each individual event shall be awarded medals. A Junior swimmer shall be aged 16 years or under as at midnight on the 31st December **2021**. Junior results shall be determined as follows:

Junior Swimmers shall be placed in accordance with heat times.

- 9.3 There will be no presentations. Awards may be collected from the medals table in the foyer shortly after the results of the event have been announced.
- 9.4 Medals must be collected by the competitor or their representative during the competition. Unclaimed medals will NOT be posted on after the competition.

10. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 10.1 Every individual participating in this competition in any capacity, must complete an online health declaration no earlier than 3 days before the start of the competition.
- 10.2 Every individual participating in this competition in any capacity, must take COVID 19 test no earlier than 2 days before the start of the competition. A lateral flow test (available free from the NHS) is acceptable. If the test shows a positive result, the individual may not participate in the competition.

11. SUPPLEMENTARY DISABILITY SWIMMING CONDITIONS

11.1 The general conditions for Swim England South East Swimming Championships shall apply to the Disability Swimming events except where they vary by any of the following conditions.

11.2 Multi-disability events will conform to guidelines provided by World Para Swimming:

- 50m Freestyle S1-S13
- 100m Freestyle S1-S14
- 200m Freestyle S1-S5, S14
- 400m Freestyle, S6-14
- 50m Backstroke S1-S5
- 100m Backstroke S1, S2(male only), S6-S14
- 50m Butterfly S2- S7
- 100m Butterfly S8-S14
- 50m Breaststroke SB1-SB3
- 100m Breaststroke SB4-SB9, SB11-14
- 75m Individual Medley SM1-SM4 (without butterfly)
- 100m Individual Medley SM5-SM13
- 150m Individual Medley SM1-SM4 (without butterfly)
- 200m Individual Medley SM5-SM14

11.3 Eligibility

11.3.1 All swimmers must have an authorised Para Swimming, British Swimming, INAS-FID or British Blind Sport classification, which is held on the British Swimming or Para Swimming classification database at the time of entry.

11.3.2 Qualifying standards shall apply, and all swimmers may qualify with either a Long Course (50m) or Short Course (25m) entry time. Entry times must have been achieved no earlier than 1st October 2019.

11.4 Competition Format

11.4.1 The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able-bodied programme. Swimmers will be integrated on a time-banded basis in all events with the exception of the 75m and 150m Individual Medley.

11.4.2 Disabled swimmers will also be placed in the open/junior competitions. Disabled swimmers may enter events which are not included in the multi-classification programme, on the same basis as able-bodied swimmers.

11.4.3 Placing shall be determined by the three swimmers who either achieve a time better than or is closest to the equivalent British Long Course record relevant to their own classification (using the version of the Disability Points Calculator available from British Swimming on the 4th November 2021). Times recorded in heats are used to determine placings.

11.4.4 The male and female SM1-SM4 75m and 150m Individual Medley events may be combined, dependent upon the number of entries.

11.4.5 All events will be heat declared winners.

11.5 Awards

11.5.1 The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event on a multi-classification basis shall receive an award. Conditions 9.3 and 9.4 shall apply.

12. DISPUTES/CHANGES TO CONDITIONS DISPUTES/CHANGES TO CONDITIONS

12.1 Any dispute related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall be determined by the Promoter.

12.2 If it is not possible to configure the pool for a short course competition, the competition shall run as a long course competition.

12.3 Once the license has been granted for this competition, no changes to conditions are permitted without the explicit approval of the Swim England South East Licensing Panel.