

Swim England North West

2024 Summer Swimming Championships (50m)

Meet Conditions

License Number:
Level 1 Meet

1. General Conditions

The Swim England North West Regional Management Board (the Board) reserves full powers over all Regional Swimming Championships. Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the Swimming Management Group and their nominated representative at the event.

The Swimming Management Group have the authority to cancel, postpone or change the Championships venue and or form should it be deemed necessary due to circumstances beyond their control. The structure, programme and delivery of the event will be subject to Government (National or Local) Swim England or Facility guidelines.

The Championships shall be competed annually on dates decided by the Swimming Management Group.

The entry fees will be set annually by the Swimming Management Group.

The Event shall be held under Swim England Regulations and the relevant World Aquatics/World Para Swimming rules.

2. Events

a. Individuals Events:

50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle

50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly

200m and 400m Individual Medley

b. Relay Events:

4 x 100m & 4 x 200m Freestyle Teams

4 x 100m Medley Teams

c. All individual and relay events are available for both open and female competitors.

d. The schedule of events shall be published in addition to these conditions.

3. Entries

Individuals and Relays

In line with the Swim England transgender and non-binary competition policy the following definitions apply:

Female Athletes with a birth sex of female

Open Athletes with a birth sex of male, trans or non-binary competitors and any competitor not eligible for the female category

By entering the 'Female' category, an athlete confirms that their birth sex is female.

Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered with Swim England at the closing date for entries as member of a club affiliated to Swim England North West Region.

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.

Individual Championship events for each gender will comprise of 11/12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17/Over.

Relay Event Age Groups shall be 14-16 years and 17/Over.

All members of a Relay Team must be from the same club.

A swimmer entered in the name of one club in the individual events may not compete in the name of another club in the team events.

Ages as at 31st December 2024.

All competitors are required to comply with the entry process and pay the required fees.

Entries together with the appropriate fees must be received by the Championship Manager no later than the published closing time and date.

Closing date for individual and relay entries will be Midnight on Wednesday 3rd April 2024

Entry times achieved in either 50m pool or converted 25m times are permitted.

Entry times must have been achieved at a Level 1, 2, 3 Licensed Meet between 20th April 2023 and the closing date for entries.

Submitted entry times shall be used for seeding and rejection purposes as required; once a time has been submitted improved times will not be permitted.

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.

Competitors are to follow policies and procedures of the event these may include protocols which are dependent on the Government (National or Local), Swim England or facility guidelines at the time.

4. Meet Procedure

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.

Heats and Finals will be seeded in accordance with World Aquatic Rules. The fastest eight swimmers in each of the age groups will compete in the finals. Two reserves for all finals will, where possible, be identified.

Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawals procedures.

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.

5. Para Swimmers

The conditions for the Swim England 2024 Summer Regional Swimming Championships (50m) shall apply to Para competitors except where varied by supplementary Para Swimming conditions to the Championships.

It is expected that a secondary strobe should be available for use on request by athletes.

Swim England North West will endeavor to provide a technical official who holds either World Para Swimming qualification or who have completed Swim England Para Swimming officials training to act as a liaison for the Referee where Para Swimmers are competing.

6. Withdrawal from Heats and Team Declarations

Withdrawals from Heats must be made no later than **60 minutes** before the advertised competition start time of the relevant session on the prescribed form.

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

17 year & Over - 5.00pm on Wednesday 17th April, 2024
14/16 year - 5.00pm on Wednesday 1st May, 2024

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.

All Team entries must include either an actual or realistic estimated entry time.

7. Withdrawal from Finals

Finalists and Reserves not wishing to compete in the final must withdraw no later than 15 minutes after the announcement of the Finalists for the event. Withdrawal must be by use of the official withdrawal method (details to follow with the accepted entries).

Reserves will be released upon publication of the finalist start list.

Should a reserve be brought in at short notice the event will not be re-seeded.

Any swimmer who, having qualified for a Final, fails to swim without having been withdrawn from the Final in the official format, shall incur a penalty fee of £10.00 per Final. The responsibility for payment of the fee shall rest with the club under whose name the entry was made in the official.

8. Call Room

Swimmers must report to the Competitor Stewards in the Call Room for Heats and Finals and follow their direction. It is the competitor's responsibility to report in sufficient time and be available to parade for their event.

All competitors are required to report 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in the confines until led on to the deck for their race.

Coaches, Team Staff and Chaperones will not be allowed to enter the Call Room.

9. Awards

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

There will be no awards for Relay Events.

Supplementary Para Swimming Conditions

1. General Conditions

The Swim England North West Regional Management Board (the Board) reserves full powers over all Regional Swimming Championships. Event Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the Swimming Management Group and their nominated representative at the event.

The Event shall be held under Swim England Rules and the relevant World Para Swimming rules.

2. Events

a. Individual Events:

i. Freestyle

50m - S1 to S14

100m – S1 to S14

200m – S1 to S5 and S14

400m – S6 to S14

ii. Backstroke

50m – S1 to S5

100m – S6 to S14

iii. Butterfly

50m – S1 to S7

100m – S8 to S14

iv. Breaststroke

50m – SB1 to SB3

100m – SB4 to SB9 and SB11 to SB14

v. Individual Medley

200m – SM5 to SM14

3. Entries

Para Swimmers may enter events:

Where they meet their classification Para qualifying time, or without reference to their classification they meet the able bodied qualifying time.

Where there is no Para Qualifying time, they meet the able bodied qualifying time. At the time of entry, competitors must indicate their classification or provide a valid Certificate of Exception issued by Swim England.

The schedule of consideration times shall be published in addition to these conditions.

4. Meet Procedure

The competition format will be based upon Para Swimmers inclusion within the schedule of events. Swimmers will be seeded within the able-bodied programme on their submitted times.

5. Awards

Awards shall be made to the Para Swimmers competitors place first, second and third in each event based upon Para Swimming Points.

Where there are less than four competitors in an event a minus one rule will apply.

Where there is a single competitor in an event, that competitor must achieve faster than their entry time to receive an award.