

# SWIM ENGLAND NATIONAL OPEN WATER FESTIVAL 2018

Swim England Team2K

Sunday 29 July | Rother Valley Country Park

## Confirmation Pack

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## CONTACTS

### Swim England

#### Events Team

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### Venue

#### Rother Valley Country Park

Mansfield Road,  
Wales Bar  
Sheffield  
S26 5PQ

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## KEY DATES

<b>Team2k competition date</b>	From 10am, Sunday 29 July 2018
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## SWIM ENGLAND PRIVACY POLICY AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

All individuals attending Swim England events are asked to complete:

[PRIVACY POLICY AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT FORM](#)

Please make sure this is filled in prior to the event.

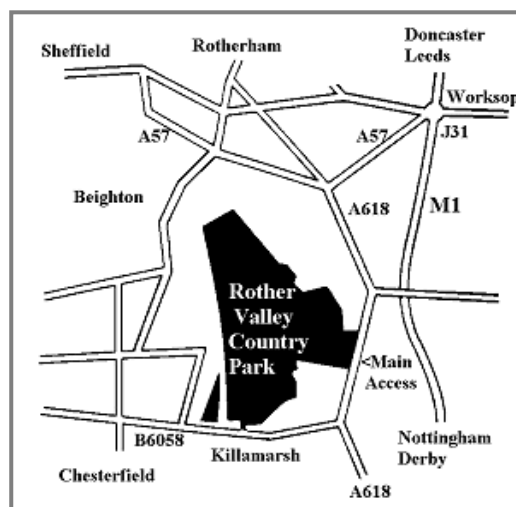
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### VENUE

#### Travel

We advise you to not use the above postcode in your Sat Nav to find the venue, as it takes you to an industrial estate nearby.

From Junction 31 of M1, take A57 towards Sheffield. At the roundabout take A618 towards Mansfield, Wales Bar and Clowne. At the traffic lights go straight on and the park entrance is at the bottom of the hill on the right.



#### Parking

Parking is available onsite charged at £5.00\* per car or motorcycle per day at the gatehouse. Once past the gatehouse please follow the signage to the Water Sports and Activity Centre and the spectator and competitor car park.

\*Car parking cost may be subject to change by the park.

#### The Park

The 750 acre park hosts a number of walking and cycling routes which link into the Transpennine Trail and Sustrans Route 6. Bicycles are available to hire from the Water Sports and Activity Centre. Photographic ID will be required to hire a bicycle.

There are 5 lakes within the park, with the competition being held in the Main Lake which is 1 mile long. The Nature Reserve offers fantastic bird watching with over 260 different varieties of birds recorded over the past two years.

#### Local Caravan and Camping Sites

Camping facilities will not be available at the park, however there are some local sites:

Site	Location	Distance
Horseshoe Fishing Pond & Caravan Park	Wales Bar	1.6 miles
Poolsbrook Country Park Caravan Club Site	Staveley	7.1 miles
Thrybergh Country Park	Rotherham	11.6 miles

## COMPETITION INFORMATION

### Entries

All submitted entries for the Swim England Team2K will be uploaded to the event website. All entries should be checked to ensure they are correct. If there are any entry errors, please contact the Events Officer as soon as possible.

### Schedule\*

Swim England Team2k (mass participation)					
	Reg. time	Briefing	Warm up	Start	Cap colour
Team2k	08:30 – 08:45	09:00	09:30	10:00	Flo Pink

*\*Please note: The Event Schedule is subject to last minute changes.*

### Registration

Upon arrival, please ensure you report to the registration desk between the times listed above for your specific race.

Here you will check in for your race(s) and collect your race pack, containing your, swimming cap, race numbers and timing chips. You will also be asked to sign a Medical Declaration Form (see page 6) – without this you will not be able to participate in the competition.

### Briefing

Briefing will take place on the water's edge by the start/finish. It is essential that ALL team members are present at the briefing as important information will be provided about the race and safety procedures will be explained. All competitors will be marked in and out of briefings to ensure everyone has received the information.

All team members must attend the briefing at the time detailed above. Any swimmer who has not attended the briefing will not be able to swim.

### Changing

Group changing facilities, toilets and 50p lockers for personal belongings are available at the Water Sports and Activity Centre. Boxes for footwear will be provided before entry on to the pontoon.

### Warm up

Warm up will be available to competitors near the Team2K start area at the time specified above.

### Medical Declaration

IMPORTANT – Please read this carefully, as you will be required to sign this at the event. Please make sure you are familiar with all the below points. Any queries should be raised with Swim England Events Team, (nationalevents@swimming.org).

1. I am aware of the need to seek appropriate medical advice if I have concerns as to the state of my health. I have not been informed by any medical practitioner and I do not have any knowledge of any medical condition which would make it inadvisable for me to participate in Open Water Swimming/Masters Swimming events or any other associated activities. Accordingly I hereby certify that I am physically fit and well to participate in any such training and events.
2. I am aware of and appreciate the inherent risks involved in such training and competition including the possibility of injury and accident. I undertake to always conduct myself in a responsible and professional manner.
3. I undertake at all times to use my best endeavours to train and compete in a safe and proper manner and not to do anything which would expose myself or fellow swimmers to unnecessary risk or injury.
4. I further undertake at all times to take all reasonable safety measures for the protection of myself and fellow swimmers and to inform the Referee of any concerns I may have as regards to safety.
5. I acknowledge that at Open Water Swimming/Masters Swimming events British Swimming Ltd, Swim England or anybody affiliated thereto, cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal belongings and that I must take all reasonable steps against any such loss or damage.

I hereby agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of the ASA and all other laws and regulations applicable including the Swim England Safety Laws.

### Swimwear

If wetsuits are to be worn, please ensure you wear a swimsuit underneath. If you are not keen on getting cold, and for those swimmers not used to open water, we would recommend it. Wetsuits will have to be swim specific ones which have been designed for triathlons – these will provide extra buoyancy and warmth. WrightSport will be available on site representing TYR as the wetsuit supplier and hire firm.

### Results

Live results will be available via the [Swim England National Open Water Festival webpage](#). Visit the webpage of the event for features and event information.

### Medical

The course will be marshalled by safety boats and first aiders to assist anyone experiencing any issues. An ambulance and first aiders will also be in attendance.

### Team2k course

Access to the start will be at the far right of the water front by the sailing club. Prior to accessing the start area, for safety reasons, it is your responsibility to ensure that the race numbers provided to you in your race pack are clearly displayed on your hat and back of your hands throughout the race. You will also be checked by the chip timing company to ensure all chips are securely fastened.

The event will start over timing mats as you head down the ramp into the water. All times will start on an individual basis, therefore there is no need to rush at the start if you don't wish. Swimmers will then exit the water over a different timing mat, time will stop. During the change-over of swimmers, the time is dead, therefore this will not count towards your team time.

The event officials will brief you regarding the course before the race, therefore we ask you to please pay attention to this and ask them any questions before the start of the race. As each leg swimmer comes out of the water and over the OUT timing mat, the clock will stop before the next swimmer goes over. This time will be dead time and will not count towards your final team time.

### Timing and Results

The race will be electronically timed.

It is important that you wear the wrist banded timing chip you have been provided with to ensure your timing is registered.

Unofficial results will be available to view online and onsite. Confirmed results will be posted on the [Swim England National Open Water Festival pages](#).

### Medals

Medals will be awarded to all team members at the end of the race.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

All updates and additional information will be uploaded to the [Swim England National Open Water Festival pages](#).

### Festival Village

The Festival Village will be located on The Green at Rother Valley Country Park, with something for all the family and friends.

Event registration will be located inside the main event marquee where competitors will be able to register and collect their race packs. This is also the main information point for the event and where you will be able to purchase exclusive event specific merchandise – the ideal memento for all from the event!

The Village will also house numerous exhibitor stands and for those with young children, there will be manned bouncy castles, alongside an activities tent for all their colouring needs, the perfect way to occupy them!

There will be a food concession van selling a range of hot and cold food and beverages to fuel you during the course of the day, and also an ice cream to cool you down in the warm weather (fingers crossed!).

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### Merchandise

A limited stock of event merchandise will be available to purchase at the event.

To avoid disappointment, [pre-order event merchandise online now](#) and then simply collect the purchased items on the day of the event. Order your now and don't miss out!

**TYR Swim England National Open Water Festival Hoodie - £39.00.** TYR product and individually event branded.



**TYR Swim England National Open Water Festival t-shirt - £18.00.** TYR product and individually event branded



**Swim England water bottle - £6.00.**



**Swim England cotton shopper bag - £3.00.**  
Both uniquely Swim England branded.

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We also have a selection of bundles available to pre order OR to buy at the event. The details of these bundles and the items included can be found below:

- **Wetsuit Bundle:** Hoodie, Bag, Pin Badge and Pen - **£42**
- **Buoy Bundle:** T-shirt, Bag, Pin Badge and Pen - **£25**
- **Boat Bundle:** Bag, Bottle, Pin Badge and Pen - **£10**

### Event Information Desk

The Event Information desk can be found in the main event marquee located on the Festival Village green. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the event team.

### Accommodation

Make a weekend of the Swim England National Open Water Festival and take advantage of the special reduced local hotel rates! IHG are offering all competitors and spectators a reduced rate on selected local hotels, please see below for details. Just click on the hotel names for more details;

HOTEL*	DISTANCE FROM VENUE
<a href="#">Holiday Inn Rotherham Sheffield</a> - Sat £90/Sun £65 B&B per night  To book call 0800 40 50 60, and quote "SE2" or book online: once dates are selected click book now and website will open up a new page where a section will be visible to add the group code "SE2"	9 miles
<a href="#">Holiday Inn Express Sheffield</a> – Sat £95/Sun £59 B&B per night  To book call 0114 252 6511, quote "Swim England Rother Valley Championships"	10 miles
<a href="#">Holiday Inn Doncaster A1M Jct36</a> - Sat £95/Sun £75 B&B per night.  To book call 01302 314 100 and quote "Swim England"	16 miles
<a href="#">Holiday Inn Barnsley</a> - from £65 B&B per night  To book call 01226 299 571 and quote "Swim England"	21 miles

*A limited number of rooms are available at each hotel. Please note Swim England is not responsible for the condition and facilities during your stay. The above hotels are a recommendations based on proximity to the venue.*

### Food and Drink

The Stables Café will be open between 08:00 and 17:00 daily.

A variety of hot and cold food and drinks will also be available to purchase from the catering van located at the Festival Village. Breakfast options will be available, including sausage and bacon rolls, porridge and a range of healthy snacks.

### Spectator entry

Spectator entry is free of charge, so feel free to bring as many supporters with you as you like!

### Parking

Parking is charged by the Country Park at £5 per car.

## **CONDITIONS**

The Swim England Team2k event guidelines can be found on the [Team2K webpage](#).