

# BRITISH RANKINGS

## The regulations and requirements in association with British Rankings.

This document sets out the rules and requirements to ensure that times achieved by swimmers may be included into the British Ranking system. It must be remembered that data held in British Rankings is included in the Ranking systems of other outside agencies such as, Ligue Européenne de Natation (LEN) and the Federation Internationale de Natation. (FINA)

**Athletes:** The British Ranking system is linked to the central database therefore it is vital that any submission must match the data held centrally. This means that all swimmers must be registered in the central database as either Swim England category 1, Swim England category 2, Scottish Swimming Swimmer or Swim Wales equivalent (1,2,4)

### SWIM ENGLAND

Swim England category 1 swimmers may compete in competitions restricted to their own club and other low level competitions. They may only swim in level 4 Licensed Meets.

[http://www.swimming.org/assets/uploads/library/Definition\\_of\\_low\\_level\\_competition\\_Jan-2013\\_v1.pdf](http://www.swimming.org/assets/uploads/library/Definition_of_low_level_competition_Jan-2013_v1.pdf)

For all Open competitions swimmers must be registered as Swim England category 2.

### SCOTTISH SWIMMING

For all competitions swimmers must be registered as a Scottish Swimming swimmer.

### SWIM WALES

For all competitions swimmers must be registered as Swim Wales category 1, 2 & 4.

All personal details, full name, date of birth and representative club must match. For example a swimmer registered as Elizabeth with data submitted using the name Lizzie is likely to fail.

**Competitions:** All competitions included in the system must be of a required standard. England, Scotland and Wales have adopted schemes to licence competitions at various levels. Please note that each of the Home countries has adopted a different licensing system and therefore not all levels are of an equivalent standard. However, each meet is attributed with a level when included in the rankings.

Meets licensed at level 1 (Long Course) and level 2 (Short Course) are acceptable for use as entry into National Championships, subject to the relevant condition of the respective Championships. In England for a meet to be licensed as a level 1 (Long Course) or a level 2 (Short Course) the venue must hold a Certificate of Pool Length.

**Combining Licence Meet Levels:** Meets cannot be run with two levels integrated. If two licence levels are to be run these must be separate events under two different licence numbers. Results should be submitted to rankings as separate files under each Licence number.

**Times achieved at level 3 or level 4 competitions are not acceptable for entry into British or English National Championships.**

In Scotland level 1 (National and District meets) and level 2 (Club accredited meets) are acceptable for use as entry into National Championships, subject to the relevant condition of the respective Championships

All licensed meet organisers must submit their results to the Rankings department within 5 working days of the event. Occasionally there are difficulties with the software and this may delay a set of results being included.

### Pools:

Swims from 50m Pools are included in the Long Course Rankings.

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Swims from 25m, 33.3m and 36.6yds are included in the Short Course Rankings.

Swims from pools with multiple lengths less than 100m are not included in any Rankings. This includes 25yds, 33.3yds, 50yds.

Note: Some 25m pools become too short when electronic timing equipment is installed. In such instances times are not acceptable as qualification for National Championships. Data from such pools may be included in the Rankings as a meet licensed at a lower level.

**Results not included in Rankings:**

- Skins Events
- Split Times – with the exception of National Records- see notes(a)(b)(c)
- Swim Offs- unless identified and submitted separately see note (d)
- Results from Overseas Meets unless competing as part of a National Team or permission to swim abroad has been obtained. See note (e)

(a) The first leg of a representative team event selected by British Swimming, Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales and the first leg of a team at National Championships will be included in the rankings.

(b) A split time, either for intermediate distance or as a lead off swimmer in a team event, which breaks a National Record will be included in the rankings.

(c) Any swimmer who sets a National Record at an event other than a National Championship or part of an overseas National Team is required to submit a record application and forward it to [records@swimming.org](mailto:records@swimming.org) for ratification. Following this the time will be included in the rankings.

(d) Swim off results need to be included manually therefore they must be submitted separately to ensure they are not missed.

(e) Clubs, Squads and Individuals who have obtained permission to compete abroad may have results included in the rankings providing the competition is accepted for rankings by the relevant Home Country Federation. Any individual athlete who relocates to train and/or study must similarly obtain such permission. All permits must be obtained in advance. The application form is available from [Internationalpermit@swimming.org](mailto:Internationalpermit@swimming.org) or via the website using the link below.  
<http://www.swimming.org/library/documents/1214/download>

Results from such overseas competitions may be included providing they are achieved in competitions equivalent in status to meets licensed in England, Scotland or Wales. Results must be submitted within 28 days of the competition in a suitable format for uploading into Rankings. Please contact [rankings@swimming.org](mailto:rankings@swimming.org) to obtain full information before travelling.

Foreign swimmers who join a British club may register their achieved times for meets requiring times in rankings. Only times obtained in the previous 12 months will be accepted. They will need to e-mail [Rankings@swimming.org](mailto:Rankings@swimming.org) with their times and relevant details. We will need the links to the web sites with the results and meet information. Times must have been achieved at the standard of a Level one for Long Course and Level two for Short Course. No other times will be accepted. Any additional times from overseas meets will be subject to the normal published procedure.

**Database:** The on-line database is updated on a daily basis.

Frequently asked questions:

The athlete does not appear in the Rankings

- Not registered in the correct category
- Under 8 years of age

The time is missing from the database:

- Results not received.
- Results received however, not suitable for input and are returned to the competition promoter

An extract of a minute concerning the handling of data from English meets held at more than one licensing level.

# Swim England Swimming Leadership Group - Meeting of Regions

Minutes of the meeting held 22 June 2019

SportPark, Loughborough

## **19/8 Combined Meet Levels**

- 19/8.1 It was confirmed that meets cannot be run with two levels integrated.
- 19/8.2 If they wish to run at two levels then it must be for different events, swum separately under two different licence numbers and with two different sets of results produced. This will allow the results to be entered into Rankings at the correct level.