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Event Website

[Aquatics GB Para Winter Meet 2024](#)



Key Deadlines

Session 1 Withdrawal Deadline	18:00, Friday 22 November 2024
Session 2 Withdrawal Deadline	11:00, Saturday 23 November 2024
Session 3 Withdrawal Deadline	18:00, Saturday 23 November 2024



Privacy Policy and Photography Consent

All individuals attending Swim England events are asked to complete the photo consent form below, prior to attending the event:

[PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT FORM](#)

To view further details about how Swim England manages your data, please refer to Swim England Privacy Policy (Policy: [SE1046 Privacy Policy](#))



Travel Insurance

Affiliated clubs and members thereof have the benefit of third party and personal accident insurance effected by Swim England. However, this does not include travel insurance for trips in the UK or abroad, in particular there is no cover for travel or accommodation costs for the cancellation of an event.

Some clubs and members may already have the benefit of their own group or personal travel insurance. For those that do not have travel insurance for this event and wish to get a Sport Travel Insurance quote please click [HERE](#) or contact Howden directly on 0121 698 8052. Alternatively, you can seek cover from another insurance provider.

Team Leader Meeting

It is **not** intended to hold a Team Leader Meeting at this event.

Mobile Phones

Swim England members and volunteers are reminded that the use of mobile phones or devices in changing rooms is prohibited throughout the Aquatics GB Para Winter Meet 2024.

This follows an update to Swim England's safeguarding policy and procedures document, [Wavepower](#), at the beginning of the year.

Swim England has launched a Keep it in Your Locker campaign to raise awareness of the change, which has been introduced to help protect members from instances of inappropriate photos or video footage being taken.

To find out more, and watch a video, please scan the QR code above or click [here](#).



Competition Information

Conditions

The Aquatics GB Para Winter Meet 2024 Conditions can be found on [Competitors Information Page](#) on the Event Website.

Entries

All submitted entries for the Aquatics GB Para Winter Meet 2024 can be viewed online via [SUBMITTED ENTRIES LIST](#).

Competition Schedule* - UPDATED (Approx Session End Times)

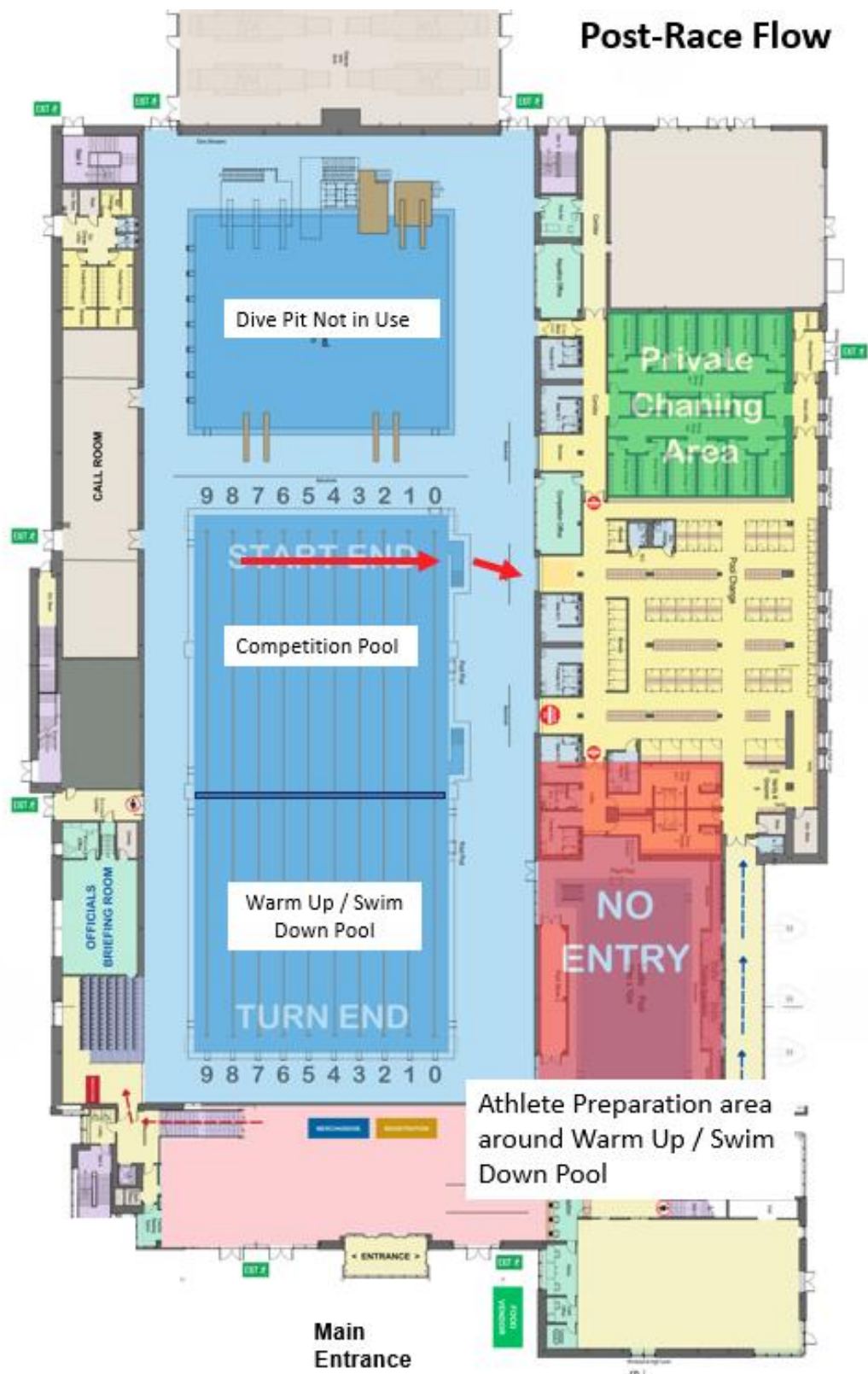
Saturday 23 November					
Session 1					
Warm Up	07:45	Start	09:00	Approx Finish	11:00
S1-S14 100m Freestyle		Open/ Male			
S1-S14 100m Freestyle		Female			
SB1-SB3 50m Breaststroke		Open/ Male			
SB1-SB3 50m Breaststroke		Female			
SM5-SM14 200m Ind.Medley		Open/ Male			
SM5-SM14 200m Ind.Medley		Female			
SM1-SM4 150m Ind.Medley		Open/ Male			
SM1-SM4 150m Ind.Medley		Female			
Session 2					
Warm Up	12:00	Start	13:15	Approx Finish	15:35
S1-S13 50m Freestyle		Open/ Male			
S1-S13 50m Freestyle		Female			
SB4-SB14 100m Breaststroke		Open/ Male			

SB4-SB14 100m Breaststroke		Female			
S1-S7 50m Butterfly		Open/ Male			
S1-S7 50m Butterfly		Female			
S1, S2 & S6-S14 100m Backstroke		Open/ Male			
S1, S2 & S6-S14 100m Backstroke		Female			
Sunday 24 November					
Session 3					
Warm Up	07:45	Start	09:00	Approx Finish	11:00
S1-S5 50m Backstroke		Open/ Male			
S1-S5 50m Backstroke		Female			
S6-S13 400m Freestyle		Open/ Male			
S6-S13 400m Freestyle		Female			
S1-S5 & S14 200m Freestyle		Open/ Male			
S1-S5 & S14 200m Freestyle		Female			
S8-S14 100m Butterfly		Open/ Male			
S8-S14 100m Butterfly		Female			

***Please Note: All session start times are subject to last minute changes. Any new session times will be notified when the draft programme is issued.**

Pre-Race and Post Race Flows





Warm Up - UPDATED

Warm Up will take place in both Pools. Both pools are 10 lanes – 25m. Warmups will commence 75 minutes before the start of the session and end 15mins before.

This is an open Warm Up for all Athletes.

Athletes must be accompanied by a coach and support staff at all times.

Lane 0 General-Diving Lane throughout, no turning on the boom (Both Pools)

*Lane 1 reserved for S5 and below in the Competition Pool (Slow in the Non-Comp Pool)

Lane 2 Slow

Lane 3 Slow

Lane 4 Medium

Lane 5 Medium

Lane 6 Fast

Lane 7 Fast

Lane 8 VI only in the Competition Pool (Fast in the Non-Comp Pool)

*Lane 9 General-Diving Lane throughout, no turning on the boom (Both pools)

Athletes and Support Staff must follow the instructions of the Warm Up Marshals

*Difference between the two pools during warm up.

Warm Up and Swim Down

The pools are available for warm up and swim down during and after competition (15 minutes after).

Please follow the instructions on the scoreboard. Speak to the warm-up marshals if you have any problems

Warm Up protocols must be adhered to, failure to do so may exclude an athlete from the competition.

Warm Up rules do apply, i.e. no bungies, fins and/or hand paddles. Snorkels are permitted.

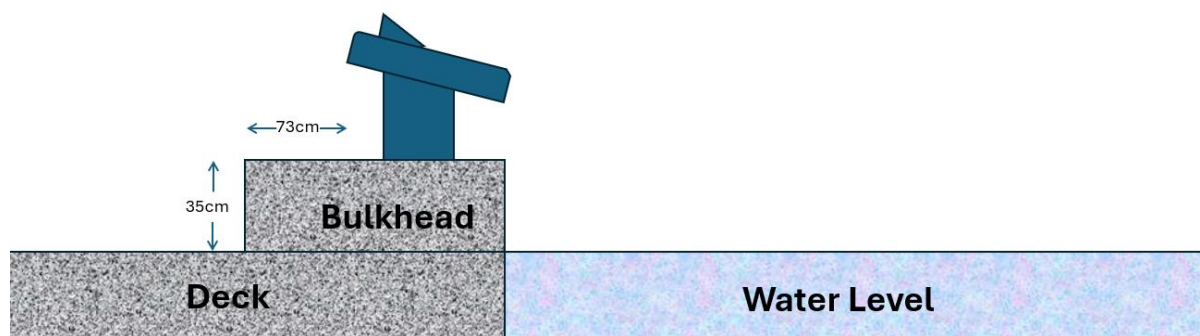
Key Protocols

- This event is operating a clear deck policy and as such Team Leaders, Coaches, Swimmers and Support staff should not encroach onto the competition pool.
- Adhere to the instruction of the Field of Play marshals when accessing poolside for warm up or competition at all times.
- Competitors are encouraged to use the lockers to safely store their belongings. Lockers are available in the competitor changing rooms. Belongings brought into the venue are brought at competitors and team staff's own risk. Swim England will not be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items.

Start End

Due to the design of the swimming pool, it is not possible to put ramps up to the bulkhead where the Starting Blocks are secured.

Wheelchair users made need to leave their chair at the end of the pool, sliding onto the bulkhead or enter the water from the side.



Athlete Preparation Area

The Athlete's Preparation area is around the Warm Up / Swim Down pool which is on the left as the athletes come out of the changing room.

There is not a lot of seating available around the pool, therefore athletes and support staff are encouraged to bring their own camping chair or similar.

Call Room

The call room is situated under the Spectator Seating. Athletes should attend the call room in good time in order to be checked in and processed. Athletes are expected to attend on their own unless the athlete has a Code of Exception A, Y, T or E.

The pool deck adjacent to the diving pit is also part of the call room and support staff must treat it in that way.

Athletes must report to the Call Room 15 mins prior to the start time of their heat as shown on the Start Sheet.

Tapping Devices, Starting Devices and Modified Costumes

All devices and Modified Costumes must be checked by a Technical Official and logged.

Unapproved devices and Costumes will lead to disqualification.

Devices and Costumes should be checked and approved during the warm up adjacent to the timing suite on pool deck.

Medical Taping

All medical taping must be approved by the Referee prior to the start of **each** session and shall only be approved as per Rule 6.6.2.1

The referee will be available during the last 30 minutes of every warm up.

Start Lists and Results - **UPDATED**

The official start lists will be available as soon as possible following the conclusion of classification.

Results will be provided by the On Venue Results (OVR) system and published online.

Start lists and results can be found online [here](#). QR codes linking to the live site will be posted around the venue.

IMPORTANT - The Initial result will be draft until the classifiers have confirmed the classification of those new athletes. For this reason, the Medals will not be available for collection until this process is complete.

Withdrawals

A Medical Withdrawal is the **ONLY** withdrawal possible under WPS rules. Medical Withdrawals must be reported no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the session

Medical Withdrawal forms will be available at the Front of House Desk

£10 fine for non-compliance – the athlete will be withdrawn from future events until the fine is paid to the event office.

Protests and Appeals

These are as per World Para Swimming Rules with the exception that the deposits are £25.00 each.

In the event of a Jury of Appeal, the Technical Director will operate as the Technical Delegate and chair the Jury.

The Technical Director is an accredited World Para Swimming International Technical Official.

Medals

Medals will be awarded on a multi-classification basis to the first three placed competitors in each age band, based on British Para-Swimming Points for each event **in World Para Swimming Championships Events per classification only.**

Medals will be awarded in the following events:

50m Freestyle	– S1-S13	50m Breaststroke	– SB1-SB3
100m Freestyle	– S1-S14	100m Breaststroke	– SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14
200m Freestyle	– S1-S5 & S14	50m Butterfly	– S1-S7
400m Freestyle	– S6-S13	100m Butterfly	– S8-S14
50m Backstroke	– S1-S5	150m IM	– SM1-SM4
100m Backstroke	– S1-S2 & S6-S14	200m IM	– SM5-SM14

Medals will be awarded to Open/ Male and Female competitors in each age group and each event.

WPS minus 1 rule applies (WPS rule 10.14.1).

Medal Presentations

There will be no presentations, swimmers will collect their medal from the Front of House desk in the foyer.



Accreditation

Accreditation must be worn at all times inside the venue within accredited areas. Accreditation will be issued on an individual and event basis and is non-transferrable.

Competitor Accreditation

Competitors entered into the event will receive their free accreditation via email once their entries have been successfully submitted. Competitors' accreditation must be printed in advance and brought to the event.

Competitors must print their own accreditation. A link will be provided in the email sent to them confirming acceptance of their entry. Overseas Competitors will be required to supply a suitable photograph.

Coach, Team Manager and Chaperone Accreditation

All team staff must apply for accreditation.

All accreditations must be printed and worn by all team personnel and made visible at all times.

In order to obtain an accreditation, coaches, team managers and chaperones must fulfil the following criteria, as required by their role, when applying for a pass to attend any Swim England National events:

1. **DBS:** You must have a valid Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) with Barred List check.
2. **Safeguarding Certificate:** All coaches, team managers and chaperones are required to have an approved and in date safeguarding certificate recorded with the Swim England's Membership department.
3. **Minimum Qualification/Requirements (specific to the role):** Coaches must have a qualification in line with the Swim England [Coaching Policy](#). Team Managers must have the appropriate Team Manager module for the competition and Chaperones must only be in attendance on a 1:1 support basis for an athlete as per the [Team Manager, Coach and Chaperone Policy](#). In the instance of para-swimmers, Tappers or Disability Support personnel would act in a 1:1 capacity with a specific athlete.

Further Information and How to Guide	<u>Accreditation Information</u>
Poolside Accreditation Pass Charge – Full Event	£12.00
Apply for Accreditation – England	Apply for Accreditation
Apply for Accreditation – Welsh, Scottish & Overseas	Apply for Accreditation

Misplaced Accreditation Passes

A £10 re-print charge will be applied on all lost, stolen or forgotten passes if a swimmer, coach etc. arrives at the event without their accreditation. Accreditation checks will be carried out at the event and entry into the event will be denied without the accreditation pass.



Medical

There will be a Paramedic Ambulance and crew in attendance to assist in an emergency. Pool staff will administer first aid where necessary. If medical assistance is required, please approach the nearest Swim England staff member, volunteer or venue staff.

Midland Metropolitan Hospital

Grove Lane
Smethwick
B66 2QT

7 mins from the Aquatic Centre, 2.1 mile

Location of Defibrillator:

Echo Fire & Medical Event Team
Swim England Events Office
Venue Main Entrance reception

Anti-Doping

Whether by accident or on purpose, doping is against the rules of the sport. Swim England and British Swimming promote a culture of doping-free sport. Competitors are advised that Anti-Doping control may take place during this event.

Please ensure competitors keep their accreditation on person at all times, as this will be used for identification. For further information, please refer to Anti-Doping section:

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/anti-doping/>

Please note that in accordance with the International Standards for Testing, it is the competitor's responsibility to provide all information and dosage for any medications and supplements taken on the doping control form, at the point of doping control.

Strict liability means competitors are responsible for any banned substance found in their system, no matter how it got there.

All medications should be checked on www.globaldro.com

If support is required, or there is a query about any medications, supplements or the anti-doping rules around this, please contact Diane Elliot at diane.elliott@swimming.org.

General Information



Venue Information

[Sandwell Aquatics Centre](#)

Smethwick

B67 7EP

0300 012 0121

SACinfo@slt-leisure.co.uk

Clean Air Zone

Birmingham City County Council operates a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and covers an area of the city centre within the A4540 Middleway.

- Further information can be found [here](#).
- Check if your vehicle qualifies for Clean Air Zone [here](#).

Public Transport

[West Midlands Journey Planner](#)



Car Parking

Free on-site car parking is available.



Food and Drink

A café serving a full range of refreshments including drinks, hot and cold snacks.



Event Merchandise



Event Hoodies on-venue sales

Event hoodies will be available to purchase at the event, subject to availability.

Swim England Merchandise

A limited supply of Swim England merchandise will be available to purchase at the Front of House desk.



Spectators Tickets

They will then be available to purchase on venue throughout the Championships, subject to availability. All ticket holders will be issued with a wristband(s) after purchase has been made.

Ticket Type		Price
Championship Pass	All 3 sessions	£19
Saturday 23 November	Session 1	£7.50
Saturday 23 November	Session 2	£7.50
Sunday 24 November	Session 3	£7.50



Security

Spectators, competitors and team staff are asked to be extra vigilant and take care not to leave their belongings unattended. Any concerns should be reported to event or venue staff.

Meet the stars from the Paris Paralympics - **UPDATED**

From the Eiffel tower to the Sandwell Aquatics Centre, come and meet the Paralympians from Paris with their medals.

Athletes from Team GB will be in the café area from 11:30 to 12pm for you to have your picture taken with their medals. Please be respectful of the athletes' medals.

There will be a special guest appearance with Perry the Bull, the mascot of the commonwealth games 2022! Can you fit all the athletes and Perry the Bull into your pictures? Please tag @swim_england into your social media post.



Event Photography

Official event photography will be provided by [Will Johnston Photography](https://www.willjohnstonphotography.com). Please see below for the exclusive offer open to competitors of Swim England



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P H O T O G R A P H Y

Will Johnston Photography is proud to be the official photography provider for this event.

Photographs are available on our website:
[willjohnstonphotography.com](https://www.willjohnstonphotography.com)

Order within 48 hours of the event and save up to 20% on prints and gifts.

