

NORTHERN WAVE MANCHESTER MASTERS 2026

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2026

ENTRY PACK

KEY CONTACTS

Northern Wave (Manchester) SC

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VENUE

Manchester Aquatics Centre, 2 Booth St East, Manchester M13 9SS, United Kingdom

HOW TO ENTER

ENTRY FEES

Competition Registration Fee	£10.00
50m – 200m Events	£8.00
400m Event	£12.00
Team Events	£16.00

ENTRY DEADLINE

All individual and team entries close at 11.59pm on Saturday 1st August 2026. In order to ensure the smooth running of the event the Promotor may decline, or close entries earlier should timing capacities for each session be reached prior to the closing date. The 400m freestyle event however will only have 2 heats and will close once full. Entries and appropriate payments must be received by this deadline. No late entries will be accepted.

HOW TO ENTER

Entries **MUST** be made using the online entry system, the link for which will be available on the Northern Wave website (<https://northernwave.org/nwmm-2026>). Para Swimmers must indicate their disability classification or provide a valid Certificate of Swimming Disability issued by Swim England (or ASA) at the time of entry.

PAYMENT OF ENTRIES

Payment of entries will be made directly on the online entry system.

MEDICAL DECLARATION

Please read the following information carefully:

- a. I am aware of the need to seek appropriate medical advice if I have any concerns as to the state of my health. I have not been informed by any medical practitioner and I do not have knowledge of any medical condition which would make it inadvisable for me to participate in the Masters competition. Accordingly, I declare that I am physically fit and well to participate in the competition.
- b. I undertake at all times during the competition 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 of injury.
- c. I acknowledge that Northern Wave, or anybody associated with the organisation of the competition cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to my personal belongings and that I must take all reasonable steps against any such loss or damage.
- d. I hereby agree to abide and be governed by the rules and regulations of the competition as set out in the Event Conditions. Submission of an entry will confirm that I have read and understood the above provisions and agree to abide by them.

WITHDRAWALS

The withdrawal process relies upon swimmers' co-operation and courtesy to fellow competitors. Swimmers who fail to arrive for their heat create empty lanes which, if they had been used by others, could reduce the length of sessions.

To ensure that the meet runs efficiently, it is essential that those not intending to compete notify the Competition Secretary (nwmm@northernwave.org) up to and including Friday 7th August 2026. On the day, withdrawals need to be made in person or by a swimmers' representative to the timing suite 1 hour prior to the commencement of the session in which they were due to swim (both for individuals and relays).

Withdrawals on medical grounds must be supported by medical evidence or at the discretion of the promoter.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

EVENT PROGRAMME

Session 1	Session 2
Date: Saturday 8 th August 2026	Date: Saturday 8 th August 2026
Warm-up time: 11.00 am / Start time: 12.00 pm	Warm-up time: 2.45 pm / Start time: 3.30 pm
Event 101 – Mixed 400m Freestyle	Event 201 – Mixed 200m Individual Medley
Event 102 – Mixed 200m Backstroke	Event 202 – Mixed 100m Freestyle
Event 103 – Mixed 100m Breaststroke	Event 203 – Mixed 50m Backstroke
Event 104 – Mixed 50m Butterfly	Event 204 – Mixed 200m Breaststroke
Event 105 – Mixed 200m Freestyle	Event 205 – Mixed 100m Butterfly
Event 106 – Mixed 100m Backstroke	Event 206 – Mixed 50m Breaststroke
Event 107 – Mixed 50m Freestyle	Event 207 – Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay
Event 108 – Mixed 200m Butterfly	Event 208 – Female 4x50m Freestyle Relay
Event 109 – Mixed 4x50m Medley Relay	Event 209 – Open/Male 4x50m Freestyle Relay
Event 110 – Female 4x50m Medley Relay	
Event 111 - Open/Male 4x50m Medley Relay	

WARM UP / COOL DOWN

The competition pool will be available for warm up ahead of sessions (see above). The competition pool will not be available between sessions. The diving pool will also be available for warm up and cool down.

SWIMWEAR

Swimmers are reminded that to qualify for a British, European or World Masters record their swimwear must be compliant with World Aquatics (formerly FINA) requirements.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

The draft programme will be posted on the Northern Wave website as soon as possible after the closing date for the competition. This will include estimated session start times.

REFRESHMENTS

A café will be in operation at the meet selling drinks and light refreshments.

EVENT CONDITIONS

1. General Conditions

- a. The Northern Wave Committee reserves full powers over the swimming competition. Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the Northern Waves gala sub-committee and their nominated representative at the event.
- b. The Event shall be held under Swim England Rules and the relevant World Aquatics / Swim England / World Para Swimming rules.
- c. For individual and team events, competitors must be registered with Swim England as Club compete swimmers, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales equivalent.
- d. The age of competitors shall be determined as at midnight on 31st December in the year of competition. All competitors must be 18 years or over on the day of the competition.
- e. Swimmer categories are defined as follows: Women – swimmers with a birth sex of female and categorised as female in the Swim England online membership system. Male/open – swimmers with a birth sex of male, trans- or non-binary swimmers, and any swimmers not eligible for the women’s category. Swimmers eligible for the women’s category may not enter the male/open category. The word mixed used in the schedule of events means that women and open/male category swimmers will swim together in the event.
- f. A competitor can only compete for one club in the competition and must be a registered member of that club on the day they enter.
- g. A secondary strobe will be available for use on request.

2. Events

- a. The individual events shall be (for both men and women):
50m, 100m, 200m Freestyle / Backstroke / Breaststroke / Butterfly / Individual Medley, and 400m Freestyle.
- b. All events are Heat Declared Winner within each individual age classification. In each event, competitors will be seeded according to their entry time and will compete against those with similar times from the various age groups taking part in the event.
- c. The age groups for individual events shall be for men and women:

18-24 years	40-44 years	60-64 years	80 - 84 years
25-29 years	45-49 years	65-69 years	85 – 89 years
30-34 years	50-54 years	70-74 years	90 – 94 years
35-39 years	55-59 years	75-79 years	95+

In five-year bands as high as necessary.

3. Team Events

- a. The team events shall be: Open/Male, Female and Mixed in both the 4 x 50m Freestyle and 4 x 50 Medley Team Relays.
- b. At the organiser's discretion, relay heats may consist of Open/Male, Female and Mixed teams to ensure optimum use of the pool.
- c. All team events will be Heat Declared Winner within each team age group classification.
- d. The age group for Masters team events shall be:
100-119 years 200-239 years 320 - 359 years
120-159 years 240-279 years 360 – 399 years
160-199 years 280-319 years
In 40-year increments as high as necessary.
- e. The combined ages of the team members at midnight on 31st December in the year of competition must fall within the age band given above with the proviso that all team members must be 25 years of age or older on the 31st December in the year of competition.
- f. There shall also be team events for teams with the combined ages at midnight on 31st December in the year of competition of 72 years and above with all team members being aged 18 years or over on the day of the competition.
- g. Any mixed team shall consist of two competitors of each gender (2 Open/Male and 2 Female swimmers) who may swim in any order.

4. Entries & Withdrawals

- a. All entries shall be received by the Competition Administrator by the closing date, accompanied by payment.
- b. The Promoter reserves the right to close entries before the published closing date should the event reach maximum capacity.
- c. Competitors and teams whose entries have been accepted are expected to swim unless they have formally withdrawn in accordance with the withdrawal policy.

5. Awards

- a. Medals will be awarded to individuals placed in the top three in each event.
- b. Relays – medals to be awarded to the winners of each age category.

6. Data Protection Statement:

Entries to the meet will be held on computer and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of an entry. You agree that we may publish your Personal Information as part of the results of the competition. Your information will only be shared in relation to your participation in the event (e.g. the list of entrants,

results and event reports and may be shared on the Northern Wave website, social media pages or in emails sent by the organiser).

Northern Wave privacy policy: <https://northernwave.org/northern-wave-privacy-policy/>

We may pass such information to the governing body or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of insurance, licences or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Information may include but not be limited to name, club affiliation, events, results & age category.

7. Photography

Photography will be taking place at this event. All official photo and video footage will be taken in line with Swim England Wave power guidance and used by the club for communication and marketing purposes. If you have any questions or need any adjustments to be made, please contact nwmm@northernwave.org. Competitors are reminded to use the changing room facilities, where the use of mobile phones is not permitted.