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# NATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

# ENTRY PACK

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## Introduction

This document contains the required information needed to enter Swim England Artistic Swimming National Masters Championships 2026.

Please ensure you read this document carefully as some information may be new to you. All entries must be made online, including payment. Details on how to enter online are included in this document.



## Contacts

Swim England Contact	Venue
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Event Website	
<a href="#">Swim England Artistic Swimming National Masters Championships 2026</a>	



## Key Dates and Times\*

<b>Entries OPEN</b>	<b>12 noon, Wednesday 6 May 2026</b>
<b>Membership Queries Deadline</b>	<b>Wednesday 3 June 2026</b>
<b>Entries CLOSE – including music submission</b>	<b>12 noon, Wednesday 10 June 2026</b>
<b>PRE-EVENT ONLINE BRIEFING</b>	<b>12:30, Tuesday 16 June 2026</b>

<b>Athlete Registration*</b>	<b>07:45, Sunday 5 July 2026</b>
<b>Team Managers Meeting*</b>	<b>08:00, Sunday 5 July 2026</b>
<b>Judges Meeting*</b>	<b>08:30, Sunday 5 July 2026</b>
<b>Scorers Meeting*</b>	<b>08:30, Sunday 5 July 2026</b>

*\*Please note: the timings are subject to change once entries have closed.*



## 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, download [Swim England's Privacy Policy](#).



## Travel Insurance

*Affiliated Swim England 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 contact Howden directly on 0121 698 8052. Alternatively, you can seek cover from another insurance provider.*

*Unfortunately, non-Swim England members do not have the benefit of third party and personal accident insurance effected by Swim England and would therefore need to seek insurance coverage separately.*



## How to Enter

All clubs are asked to read the entry information below and Event Conditions very carefully and to resolve any membership related queries at the earliest opportunity.

All competitors must be Swim England **Club Compete** category members (or Swim Wales and Scottish Swimming equivalent).

Online Entries:	<a href="#">SUBMIT ENTRIES HERE</a>			
Entry Fees	Solo	£33 / competitor	Duet	£60 / Duet
	Team*	£90 / Team	Combo Team	£90 / Team

## Entry Process

### Membership

Competitors must be Swim England **Club Compete** category members or equivalent. Competitors who do not hold current and correct membership category will not be available for selection within the entry system.

Membership Check	<a href="#">MEMBERSHIP CHECK</a>
Membership Queries: All membership queries must be brought to the attention of Membership team <b>by Wednesday 3 June</b> to ensure these can be resolved in good time ahead of entries closing.	T: 01509 640 727 E: <a href="mailto:support@swimming.org">support@swimming.org</a>

### International Entrants

Please email [laura.tatham@swimming.org](mailto:laura.tatham@swimming.org) for specific details on how to enter.



### Entry Confirmation

Once payment window has closed, all successful entries can be viewed online:

All confirmed entries can be viewed online:

[CONFIRMED ENTRIES](#)

Clubs and competitors are asked to check their details carefully and contact the Events Team with any errors as soon as possible. A Confirmation Pack will be circulated to all entrants once the entry deadline has passed.

### Entry Deadline

Entries **CLOSE**

**12 noon, Wednesday 10 June 2026**

All entries and the appropriate entry fee must be received by the above closing deadline. An entry is not complete until the payment is processed and a confirmation email from PayPal has been received. Late entries, entries made without payment or incorrectly completed will not be accepted.

### Competition Passes

Whilst there is no accreditation in operation at this event, competition passes will be issued as follows by the Athlete Services team upon registration:

- **Athletes:** a pass will be issued for each competing athlete
- **Club Team Staff:** prior application is required in order to be issued with a competition pass

Please complete the below application form ahead of the event.

Apply for Team Staff Passes

[Apply for Team Staff Pass HERE](#)

### Pre-Event Information Online Briefing

Pre-event Information online briefing

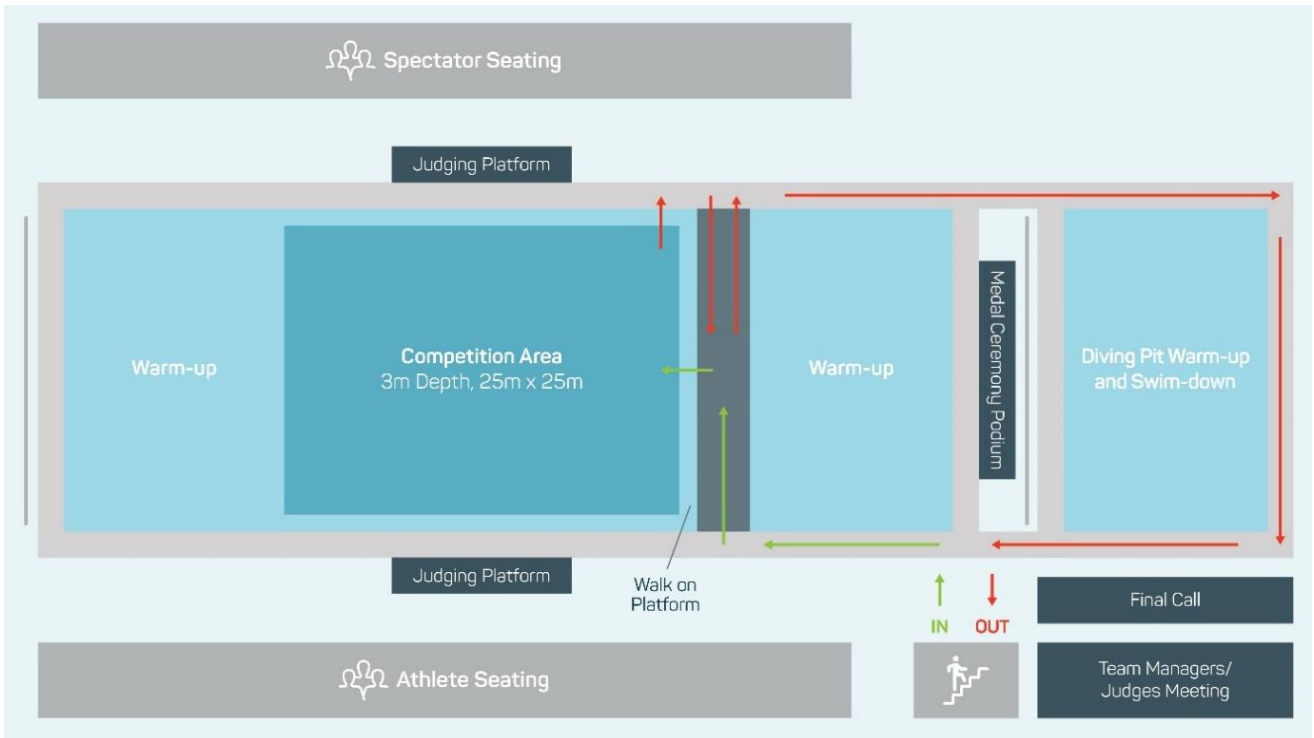
12:30, Tuesday 16 June 2026

[JOIN MEETING HERE](#)

One representative from every club due to participate at the event (this can be a coach or team manager) is encouraged to attend an online pre-event briefing to hear all the key event information.

There is no requirement to sign up in advance. Although this is not a mandatory briefing, we strongly encourage participation.

## Competition Information Pool and Platform Information



The 50m pool will be split with a boom, which will serve as the walk on platform at 3m pool depth.

<b>Warm up Pods:</b> 2m throughout	<b>Competition Area:</b> 3m throughout
<b>Diving Pit:</b> 5.8m throughout	

Medal ceremonies will take place at the diving pit end of the pool.

### DRAFT Schedule\*

\*Schedule and exact timings will be confirmed after 10 June, once entries have closed.

<b>08:30</b>	General Warm Up (no Music)
	<b>Technical Duet + Technical Mixed Duet</b>
	<b>Free Combination</b>
	<b>Technical Team</b>
	<b>Technical Solo</b>

As per clause 1.2 of event Conditions, judging and scoring shall be in accordance with European Aquatics Masters Artistic Swimming Rules.

## Music Submission

Music Submission **CLOSE**

12 noon, Wednesday 10 June 2026

Once an entry has been submitted, an email will be sent to the email provided at the time of entry confirming acceptance of the entry along with the music submission instructions.

The email will contain a link to the music upload facility. All clubs should upload music for all their participating teams and competitors via this facility, using the correct naming conventions. Clubs will have the ability to review their submitted files and upload replacements if necessary up until the submission deadline. If a club has not received an email with the link for their music upload facility, please contact the Swim England Events team soon as possible.

Music should be uploaded online, using the correct naming conventions:

- Select the piece of music you wish to use for your entry
- The max file size of the music you can upload is 50MB, please note it might take a little time to upload if the file is large
- The current supported file types are, mp3 and wav
- Use the following naming convention for your music files:
  - Event\_Club name\_Age Group\_Swimmer(s) Surname/Team.
  - *Example: Duet\_Rushmoor\_30-39\_SmithJones*

## Athlete Registration

Athlete Registration\*

07:45, Sunday 5 July 2026

*\*Timings are subject to change and dependent on number of entries received. Further information will follow in Confirmation Pack.*

## Changing Rooms

Changing rooms are located on the ground floor level of the venue and will not be allocated. Further information on the management of the changing rooms will be communicated within the event Confirmation Pack.

## Team preparation Area and Athlete Seating

Team preparation areas will be made available behind the Athlete Seating tribunes.

Directional signage will be in place to direct teams to Athlete Seating and Team Preparation Areas, which will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the venue, through the pool hall doors.

Teams will be allocated a specific Team preparation area. There will be no mirrors made available by the event nor access to boiling water. Teams are asked to be self-sufficient and come prepared.

## Training, Warm Up and Swim Down

Training in the competition pool will be made available prior to the competition with no music. A full warm up schedule will be available once all entries have been confirmed and published in the event Confirmation Pack.

## Order of Swim

Once entries have closed, the order of swim will be included within the Confirmation Pack.

## Technical Meetings

<b>Team Managers Meeting*</b>	<b>08:00, Sunday 5 July 2026</b>
<b>Judges Meeting*</b>	<b>08:30, Sunday 5 July 2026</b>
<b>Scorers Meeting*</b>	<b>08:30, Sunday 5 July 2026</b>

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## Anti-Doping

<b>Anti-Doping Rules</b>	<a href="#">Anti-Doping Rules</a>
<b>Swim England – further support</b>	<a href="mailto:antidoping@swimming.org">antidoping@swimming.org</a>
<b>Information on medications</b>	UKAD website, <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Medications check</b>	Global DRO, <a href="#">Medications Check</a>
<b>How to apply for TUE</b>	UKAD website, <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>National TUE Pool check</b>	UKAD website, <a href="#">click here</a>

By entering this event the athlete consents to report to Doping Control, if requested, at any time during this event and agrees to abide by the Aquatics GB Anti-Doping Rules (2021), which Swim England is signed up to.

If an athlete is tested through doping control at an event, they should ensure they provide detail of all medications (prescribed or over the counter and including dosage) and supplements taken within the last 7 days in advance of the test on the Doping Control Form. Any previously disclosed medications or supplements to the athlete's club and/or talent programme are still required to be included on the doping control form.

### Medications

- Medication should be checked via Global DRO (see above).
- If the medication being taken is prohibited in or out of competition, a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) may be required.

### Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)

- If an athlete IS WITHIN the National TUE Pool they are required to obtain a TUE before using a prohibited medication or method. Athletes can check if they are within the National TUE Pool via UKAD website (see above) and by selecting 'aquatics'.
- If an athlete is NOT within the National TUE Pool but using a prohibited medication or method and is subject to doping control they are required to apply for a retroactive TUE as soon as possible after doping control. A retroactive TUE must be submitted to UKAD (UK Anti-Doping) within five (5) working days of the testing taking place.

All athletes are subject to 'Strict Liability' which means an athlete is wholly responsible for any banned substance found in their system, no matter how it got there.



## General Information

All event updates and additional information will be published on the [Swim England Artistic Swimming National Masters Championships 2026](#).



## Venue Information

### [Ponds Forge International Sports Centre](#)

Sheaf Street

Sheffield

S1 2BP

(Use S1 1AA if using a Sat-Nav System)

## Car Parking

There is no event car parking at Ponds Forge and we advise using public transport to get to the venue.

ANPR is in operation. Please use alternative car parks.

The nearest parking is across the road at Castle Gate Q-Park, Broad Street, next to Travel Lodge. At Q-Park, you will receive an entry ticket. This can be scanned at Ponds Forge reception to receive a discount to your Q-Park parking. Please ensure you scan your ticket prior to leaving the venue.

**Note:** these are suggested based on locality to the venue but have not been verified by Swim England.

## Catering

The café in Ponds Forge will be fully operational and be providing hot and cold food, snacks and beverages for competitors, spectators and others involved in the event.

The café will be open at the following times throughout the event weekend: 07:30 – 19:00.

## First Aid

There will not be a doctor present at these Championships. Pool staff will administer first aid where necessary. If medical assistance is required, please approach the nearest Swim England staff member, volunteer or member of Ponds Forge staff, who will contact a first aider.

The nearest hospital is:

### **Northern General Hospital Accident and Emergency Dept**

Northern General Hospital

Herries Rd

Sheffield

S5 7AU

It is 2.9 miles away, just under a 15-minute drive.



## Spectators Tickets

Tickets will be available to purchase via the event Welcome Desk on the day of the event, at the following price:

### Day Ticket

**£9.50**

Under 12s free or charge

## Merchandise

A limited stock of event hoodies and t-shirts will be made available to pre-order and, subject to availability, will be made available for purchase on venue.

**Pre-orders OPEN: Wednesday 13 May**

**Pre-orders DEADLINE: Friday 29 May**

**Pre-order event merchandise**

**[Pre-order HERE](#)**

Please note there are other events merchandise items on sale at the same time for other Artistic Swimming events. Please ensure you are ordering the correct (above design) event merchandise items.

Pre-orders will be available for collection at the event via the Welcome Desk team.





## Event Conditions

### 1. General Conditions

- 1.1. The Artistic Swimming Leadership Group (“the Group”) reserves full powers over the Artistic Swimming Masters Championships (“the Championships”), including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the Competition venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control.
- 1.2. The Championships shall be held annually under European Aquatics Masters Artistic Swimming Rules. Where European Aquatics rules do not provide (for example: Health and Safety regulations and guidelines), the requirements of the Swim England shall apply.
- 1.3. The Group shall decide any matters arising that are not covered by these conditions, subject to conformity with Swim England Regulations.
- 1.4. Entries will only be accepted from:
  - 1.4.1. competitors registered as members of Swim England
  - 1.4.2. competitors from Scottish Swimming, Swim Wales and countries affiliated to World Aquatics.
- 1.5. In line with Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy, to be eligible for the Mixed Duet a pairing must consist of one competitor from each of the following eligibility categories:
  - 1.5.1. Female Eligibility Category – athletes with a birth sex of female. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England’s Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering, the ‘Female’ category competitors confirm that their birth sex is female.
  - 1.5.2. Open Eligibility Category – athletes with a birth sex of male, Trans or Non-Binary competitors and any competitor not eligible for the Female category.
- 1.6. The age specified shall be the age of the competitor as at midnight on the 31 December in the year of the competition.
- 1.7. Competitors must be Swim England Club Compete registered members or equivalent if competing under 1.4.2.
- 1.8. By entering this event, Competitors consent to report to Doping Control if requested at any time during this event. Competitors also agree to abide by Aquatics GB & UKAD Anti-Doping Rules. (For further information, see [Link](#).)
- 1.9. In the unlikely event the Championships is cancelled, Swim England shall not be liable for any expenditure incurred by competitors or clubs in relation to the Championships.
- 1.10. The Group reserves the right to close entries before the published entries deadline subject to entries capacity.

### 2. Method of Entry

- 2.1. Online entries system – contact – National Events Department, Pavillion 3, SportPark, Oakwood Drive, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3QF.
- 2.2. Entries shall be submitted online to Swim England Events Department together with the appropriate fees no later than the set closing deadline.
- 2.3. Up to three competitors can be named on duet entries, up to 10 named for team entries and up to 12 named for combination entries.
- 2.4. If relevant, all music information must be registered with The Limited Manufacturing License, Mechanical-Copyright Protection Society (MCPS).
- 2.5. All music shall be submitted electronically prior to the competition and details will be published in the Championships Entry Pack.

### 3. Events and Age Categories

- 3.1. The events shall be as follows:
  - 3.1.1. Technical Solo
  - 3.1.2. Technical Duet
  - 3.1.3. Technical Mixed Duet
  - 3.1.4. Technical Team
  - 3.1.5. Free Combination
- 3.2. Solo: 18-24, 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and over
- 3.3. Duet: 18-24, 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and over
- 3.4. Team: 18-24, 25-34, 35-49, 50-64, 65 and over
- 3.5. Free Combination: 18-24, 25-39, 40-64, 65 and over
- 3.6. The average age of the competitors in a routine shall be determined by adding the ages of the actual swimmers, dividing by the number of swimmers (not including the reserves and dropping any resulting fraction or decimal. (As per World Aquatics MAS 1.6)

### 4. Competitors

- 4.1. Teams shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members and a maximum of eight (8) members.
- 4.2. Free Combination shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members and maximum of ten (10) members.
- 4.3. Competitors in Duet, Team and Free Combination must be from the same club.

### 5. Time Limits

	Technical Routines
<b>Technical Solos</b>	2 minutes 00 seconds
<b>Technical Duets</b>	2 minutes 20 seconds
<b>Technical Mixed Duet</b>	2 minutes 20 seconds
<b>Technical Teams</b>	2 minutes 50 seconds
<b>Free Combination</b>	3 minutes 30 seconds
There shall be no minimum time limit	
Time limits include ten (10) seconds deck work	

### 6. Entry Qualifications and declarations

- 6.1. Competitors may enter a maximum of three events plus Free Combination.
- 6.2. Competitors who competed in any Solo or Duet events at the 2026 Senior National Championships are not eligible to compete in Solo or Duet events in Masters.
- 6.3. Goggles may be worn.
- 6.4. The final competitor names should be handed to the Referee no later than one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the event they are due to compete in.
- 6.5. The Team Manager must inform the Chief Recorder (in writing) of any changes of competitors at least one (1) hour prior to each event.
- 6.6. Competitors shall report to the Clerk of the Course no less that 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.
- 6.7. Clubs may enter more than one free team in an age group providing the total number of swimmers who actually swim from that club is 9 competitors or more (e.g. the A team is 5 competitors, the B team can consist of 4 competitors)
- 6.8. Clubs will be expected to provide judges for the events as follows:
  - 6.8.1. Clubs with 1-10 Swimmers to provide 1 judge
  - 6.8.2. Clubs with 10-15 Swimmers to provide 2 judges
  - 6.8.3. Clubs with 15 swimmers or over to provide 3 judges

**7. Technical Rules, Scoring and Judging**

- 7.1. The competition rules, including judging and scoring shall be in accordance with European Aquatics Masters Artistic Swimming Rules [here](#) (beginning on Page 8)
- 7.2. When the Routine starts in the water, the time allowance for the walk-on of the competitors from the designed starting point to the achievement of a starting position in the water shall not exceed 30 seconds. Timing shall commence when the first competitor moves past the starting point and end when the last competitor assumes a starting position.
- 7.3. Timing of the routines shall start and finish with the accompaniment. Timing of deck movements shall end as the last competitor leaves the deck. Routines may start on the deck or in the water, but they must finish in the water.
- 7.4. The accompaniment and judging shall begin upon a signal from the referee or the appointed official. After the signal the competitor(s) must perform the routine without interruption.

**8. Order of appearance**

- 8.1. The order of swim in each event shall be by random draw.

**9. Awards Ceremony**

- 9.1. Medals shall be awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each event.