



Masters

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 25M

ENTRY PACK

23 – 25 October 2026 | Ponds Forge, Sheffield



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| Event Website | |
| All Key Championships information can be found on: EVENT WEBSITE | |



Key Dates

|  | Review and update your personal data by no later than 12 noon, Thursday 27 August Swim England Membership Check Here | |
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| ENTRIES | PHASE ONE | PHASE TWO |
| Individual Entries OPEN | 12 noon Wednesday 2 September 2026 | 12 noon, Friday 25 September 2026 |
| Individual Entries CLOSE | 12 noon, Wednesday 23 September 2026 | 12 noon, Friday 9 October 2026 |
| Team Relay Entries OPEN | 12 noon, Monday 28 September 2026 | 12 noon, Monday 5 October 2026 |
| Team Relay Entries CLOSE | 12 noon, Monday 5 October 2026 | 12 noon, Friday 9 October 2026 |
| Relay Only Swimmers Entries OPEN | 12 noon, Wednesday 2 September 2026 | |
| Relay Only Swimmers Entries CLOSE | Midnight, Thursday 22 October 2026 | |



Important – Membership Data and Entry Information

To ensure a smooth entry process ahead of the transition to the new Swim England membership system, we advise all members to review their membership data **by 12 noon, Thursday 27 August**.

Please check that all key membership details required for your entry - such as your club(s) and membership category - are correct. The data recorded on the system as of 27 August will be used for the first phase of entries. Any changes made after this date will not be reflected in the initial entry submission and cannot be amended.

[MEMBERSHIP CHECK HERE](#)

If any information needs updating, please contact your club in the first instance, as only the clubs can make changes to membership records.

However, qualifying times, listed on Rankings achieved after 27 August will still be considered.

If you have any questions accessing your membership data please contact support@swimming.org. Please include event title in the email subject line. This helps the team identify and action your query as quickly as possible.



Photography and Video 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](#)). (See Policy SE 1046) and [Wavepower](#) and retained for a period 5 years.



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.

Qualifying Times

To view the Qualifying Times for each Phase of the entry process please visit the [Competitor Information page](#) of the event website.



How To Enter

Entry Fees

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| Individual Entry Fee | £15.50/entry |
| Team Entry Fee (no registration fee required) | £25/team |
| Relay ONLY swimmer Fee* | £2/swimmer |

**Important information: If you are only entering a relay, not swimming in an individual event, you must enter the Championships via the Individual Entries online entry system (see below).*

Important Information About the Entry Process

Please note, when the system opens for entries, events may appear to be fully booked soon after opening. This is due to the way our entry system operates in order to avoid oversubscriptions.

- When a swimmer enters the system, a place is **temporarily held** in all events for which they are eligible, while they complete the entry and payment process.
- During this time, events may appear as unavailable (colour coded in Red) to other swimmers.
- If the entry is not completed within the allotted time, or the swimmer chooses not to enter a particular event, the temporarily held places are automatically released back into **the system** and become available for others to book.

Recommendation:

If an event appears full (colour coded in Red), we recommend checking back after 10 minutes, as spaces may reopen if previous entries are not finalised (providing entries have not exceeded the cap for that event).

Individual Entries

All entries are to be submitted online

[Submit Individual Entries Here](#)

1. Enter your Swim England membership number or family name, click on 'Enter'.
2. If you are a member of more than one club, you will be asked to select which club you wish to represent for this entry.
 - 2.1. **PLEASE NOTE: Changes to clubs will NOT be allowed under any circumstances, so be sure to select the correct one on entry.**
3. The entry system will automatically populate with your best times listed in British Masters and Swimming Rankings achieved since 1 October 2024:
 - 3.1. Your eligible events will be indicated by a tick box in the Entry column. Please untick those events you do not wish to enter.
 - 3.2. **If only swimming in relay events**, you enter with no events ticked.
4. To proceed click 'Add to the entry list', review your selections and proceed to payment. Please follow the payment instructions.
5. Para Swimmers with a recorded classification in British Rankings are exempt from the requirement to meet the published qualifying times but must have a time registered on the Masters or Swimming databases, since 1 October 2024, for the event they wish to enter.

Relay Teams Entries

All entries are to be submitted online

[Submit Relay Team Entries Here](#)

1. If you are the person responsible for entering your relay team, use the above link '[Submit Relay team Entries HERE](#)' to enter your relay team(s).
2. Select which club you wish to represent, the age category and events you wish to compete.
 - 2.1. **PLEASE NOTE: Following acceptance of a team entry, changes to age groups are permitted, up to 22 October 2026 but still subject to a maximum of 2 Relay Teams from each club per event and age category.**
3. Click '**Submit**', review your selections and proceed to payment. Please follow the payment instructions.
4. Please see section below '*ONLY SWIMMING IN RELAY EVENT(S)*' for instruction on entering relay only swimmers.

Only Swimming in Relay Event(s)

Swimmers wishing to enter and compete in relay events only are still required to submit an entry into the Championships as individual swimmers via the Individual Entries online system (see section *Individual Entries* above) with accompanying entry fee.

Entry Caps – Individual Entries

As per the event conditions, this year entries will be split across two phases:

Phase One – subject to capacities:

- competitors may register for up to four individual events maximum.

Phase Two – subject to capacities:

- those who have registered for events during Phase One have the option to increase the number of events further and up to a maximum of eight individual events in total for the Championships.
- entries are open to all swimmers, not only those who registered during Phase One, and up to eight individual events in total for the Championships.

Entry Caps – Relay Entries

Phase One – subject to capacities:

- clubs are limited to entering a maximum of one team in any one age group in each event
- individual competitors can only swim in one team in each event.

Phase Two – subject to capacities:

- Subject to capacity, a club may enter one additional team in any one age group in each event.

Entry Confirmation

All successfully submitted entries will be published online and can be viewed as follows:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Individual Entries | ONLINE ENTRY VIEWER |
| Relay Entries | ONLINE ENTRY VIEWER |

All entries must be made online and payment must be made in full to complete the entry process. Please follow the payment instructions.

All entrants will receive two emails at the time of payment: one confirming receipt of payment and one from the entry system confirming your entry.

Your entry is not complete until your payment has been processed and you have received a confirmation email. Please contact Swim England Events if you have any issues (nationalevents@swimming.org).

If after you have submitted your entry you find you have missed an event, you may go back and make additional entries, as long as it does not exceed the cap. If you wish to withdraw from an event, please follow the withdrawal procedure. Please note refunds will not be made. All entries are bound by the Conditions of Entry.

After Phase Two entries have closed a Competitors Information Pack with further details about the competition will be distributed to competitors.



Competitor Information

Conditions

Event Conditions can be viewed on [p.8](#) of this document and on the Competitor Information page of the event website.

Schedule of Events

Please view the [Event Schedule](#) online via the Competitor Information Page [here](#).

Withdrawals

Entry fee refunds will NOT be made for withdrawals, unless on medical grounds with a supporting doctor's note to be presented.

Withdrawals before midday Thursday 22 October 2026:

- Email mastersrecorder@swimenglandvolunteers.org

Withdrawals after midday Thursday 22 October 2026:

- To ensure that the meet runs efficiently it is essential that those not intending to swim inform the resolution desk as soon as possible of their withdrawal.
- As per the Event Conditions, clause 6.3: A competitor who does not present themselves to compete in an event, without complying with the correct withdrawal procedure, will be withdrawn from all their remaining events including relays. Competitors wishing to be reinstated may do so on the payment of an administration fee of £10, before the cut off time for withdrawals for the session in which they wish to compete.
- A full process of withdrawals will be outlined in the Competitor Information Pack.

Warm Up and Swim Down

Warm up will take place in the competition pool prior to each session. Warm up and swim down facilities will be available in the Diving pit throughout the competition. Further information will be included in the Competitor Information Pack.

Swimwear

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

Warm Up Marshals

We need warm up marshals at the start of each session to create a safe and pleasant warm up. If available, please offer your time for one (or more) sessions to help supervise. For those new to this role a description of the duties is available.

If you can help out, please contact nationalevents@swimming.org.



Health Declaration

Please read the following information carefully:

1. 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 any knowledge of any medical condition which would make it inadvisable for me to participate in the National Masters Championships (“the Championships”). Accordingly, I declare that I am physically fit and well to participate in the Championships.
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 during the Championships 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.
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.

Submission of an entry will confirm that you have read and understood the above provisions and agree to abide by them. In addition, health declaration forms may be required to be submitted closer the Championships in line with risk assessments and will be communicated closer to the event.



Swim England

Masters National Swimming Championships 2026 (25m)

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1. General Conditions

- 1.1. The Championships Promoter is the Swim England Masters Swimming Leadership Group (“the Group”) who reserve full powers over the Go Cardless Swim England National Masters Swimming Championships (25m) including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the Championships venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control. The duties of the Promoter will be delegated to a nominated representative at the event who will have authority to decide matters not covered in these conditions.
- 1.2. The Championships shall be held annually under World Aquatics Masters Swimming Rules unless otherwise provided for in these Event Conditions or Swim England Regulations. These Rules apply to all those taking part in the Championships. For conditions not covered by World Aquatics Rules (for example, Health and Safety regulations and other guidelines), the requirements of Swim England shall apply. Para Swimming events are governed by WPS rules unless otherwise provided for in these Event Conditions.
- 1.3. For individual and team events, competitors must be registered with Swim England as Club Compete members, or equivalent with Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales. Temporary Swim England members are not eligible to enter these Championships.
- 1.4. The age of competitors shall be determined as at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition. All competitors must be 18 years or over on the first day of the Championships.
- 1.5. A competitor can only compete for one club in the Championships and must be a registered member of that club on the day their initial entry is accepted.
- 1.6. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the ‘Female’ category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female. The Open/Male category is for athletes with a birth sex of male, Trans or Non-Binary competitors and any competitor not eligible for the Female category.

2. Individual Events

- 2.1. Individual events for both Open/Male and Female competition shall be:

50m, 100m, 200m, 400m 800m and 1500m Freestyle
50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly
100m, 200m and 400m Individual Medley

- 2.2. All events are Heat Declared Winner within each individual age group.
- 2.3. Competitors in the 50m events will be seeded according to their entry time and will compete as far as possible against those from within their relevant age group taking part in the event.
- 2.4. Each heat will be spearhead seeded.

2.5. The age groups for individual events shall be for Open/Male and Female:

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 18-24 years | 40-44 years | 60-64 years |
| 25-29 years | 45-49 years | 65-69 years |
| 30-34 years | 50-54 years | 70-74 years |
| 35-39 years | 55-59 years | 75-79 years |

And in five year bands as high as necessary.

3. Team Events

3.1. Team events shall be:

| | | |
|----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 4 x 50m | Freestyle and Medley | Open/Male, Female, Mixed |
| 4 x 100m | Freestyle and Medley | Open/Male, Female, Mixed |
| 4 x 200m | Freestyle | Open Male, Female, Mixed |

3.2. Mixed teams shall consist of two competitors of each eligibility category (Open/Male and Female) swimming in any order.

3.3. All events are Heat Declared Winner within each team age group.

3.4. The age groups for Masters Team events shall be:

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 100-119 years | 200-239 years |
| 120-159 years | 240-279 years |
| 160-199 years | 280-319 years |

And in 40-year increments as high as necessary.

3.5. The combined ages of the team members at midnight on 31 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 31 December in the year of competition.

3.6. There shall also be team events for teams with the combined ages at midnight on 31 December in the year of competition of 72 years and above with all team members being aged 18 years or over on the first day of the Championships.

3.7. Following acceptance of a team entry, changes to age groups are permitted, up to 22 October 2026 but still subject to a maximum of 2 Relay Teams from each club per event and age category.

4. Individual Entries

4.1. Individual entries will be managed in two phases.

4.1.1. Phase One: Entries submitted between 12 noon 2 September to 12 noon 23 September 2026.

4.1.1.1. For entrants who have achieved or bettered the Phase One entry qualification time.

4.1.2. Phase Two: Entries submitted between 12 noon 25 September to 12 noon 9 October 2026.

4.1.2.1. For entrants who have achieved or bettered the Phase Two entry qualification time.

4.2. Entries shall not be accepted unless received by the Championships Recorder prior to the closing date published in the Entry Pack and accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.

- 4.3. The Promoter reserves the right to close entries progressively before the closing date of 12:00 noon on 9 October 2026 and reject entries should individual events reach maximum capacity.
- 4.4. Times submitted for entry shall be achieved between 1 October 2024 and the date the entry is submitted. Such times shall be entered on a British Rankings (Rankings or Masters) database. Improved times submitted after entry will not be included. Athletes over the age of 80 are exempt from the requirement to meet the published qualifying times but must have a time registered on a British Rankings database for the event they wish to enter that was achieved after 1 October 2024.
- 4.5. Times may be achieved in either 25m or 50m pools. 50m times to be converted to 25m format.
- 4.6. Entrants may enter no more than 8 individual events over the two phases with a maximum where applicable of 4 entries in Phase One.

5. Team Entries

- 5.1. Team event entries will be managed in two phases.
 - 5.1.1. Phase One Entries submitted between 12 noon 28 September to 12 noon 5 October 2026.
 - 5.1.1.1. Clubs are limited to entering one team in any one age group in each event.
 - 5.1.2. Phase Two Entries submitted between 12 noon 5 October to 12 noon 9 October 2026.
 - 5.1.2.1. Subject to capacity a club may enter one additional team in any one age group in each event.
- 5.2. Entries shall not be accepted unless received by the Championships Recorder prior to the closing date published in the Entry Pack and accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.
- 5.3. Swimmers wishing to compete in Team Relay events only are required to submitted an individual online entry not later than midnight, Thursday 22 October 2026.
- 5.4. The Promoter reserves the right to close entries progressively before the closing date of 12:00 noon on 9 October 2026 and reject entries should team events reach maximum capacity.

6. Withdrawals

- 6.1. Withdrawals must be made before the cut off times to be published in the Confirmation Pack.
- 6.2. All withdrawals shall be made in the prescribed manner.
- 6.3. Should an individual or team competitor not withdraw in the prescribed manner and not compete in an event they shall be withdrawn from all remaining events including relays.
- 6.4. Should a competitor who has been removed from competition by virtue of condition 6.3 wish to apply to be reinstated they may apply on payment of a fee of £10 prior to the closure of withdrawals for the event(s) they wish to be considered for. Such application will be considered and determined by the Meet Director.

6.5. Entry fee refunds will NOT be made for withdrawals, unless on medical grounds with a supporting doctor's note to be presented.

7. Awards

7.1. Awards shall be made to competitors placed first, second and third in each age group in each individual event.

7.2. Awards shall be made to those teams placed first, second and third in each age group in each team event.

7.3. Awards shall also be presented to those competitors who achieve British, European or World records.

7.4. There shall be a top team trophy 'The Otter Cup' awarded to the club who achieve the criteria set out for the award.

| Placing | Individual & Team (Relays) Points |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 1st | 7 |
| 2nd | 5 |
| 3rd | 4 |
| 4th | 3 |
| 5th | 2 |
| 6th | 1 |

8. Competition Cancellation and Abandonment

8.1. In the instance that the Competition is cancelled or abandoned: Full refunds of entry fees to the championships will be offered to all competitors.

8.2. No refunds will be offered for any other expenses incurred in relation to the championships.

Swim England

Masters National Swimming Championships 2026 (25m)

Supplementary Para-Swimming Conditions

1. General Conditions

- 1.1. The Championship Conditions shall apply to the Para-Swimming events except where varied by any of the following conditions.

2. Events

- 2.1. All events are open to para swimmers. The events listed below are identified as Para Medal events using Age Adjustment and British Para Points for classified swimmers from S1 to S14:

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 50m Freestyle | S1 - S13 |
| 100m Freestyle | S1 - S14 |
| 100m Backstroke | S1,2 & S6 - S14 |
| 100m Breaststroke | SB4 - SB14 |
| 100m Butterfly | S8 - S14 |
| 100m Ind. Medley | SM5 - SM13 |

3. Eligibility

- 3.1. S1-S10, SB1-SB9, SM1-SM10 - All competitors must have an authorised British Swimming or WPS Classification, which is held on the British Swimming or WPS Classification Database at the time of entry.
- 3.2. S11-S13 - All competitors must have an authorised British Blind Sport (BBS), British Swimming or WPS Classification, which is held on the British Swimming or WPS Classification Database at the time of entry.
- 3.3. S14 - All competitors must have an authorised Virtus, authorised UKSA (S64) or WPS Classification, which is held on the British Swimming or WPS Classification Database at the time of entry.
- 3.4. All competitors with a recorded classification in British Rankings are exempt from the requirement to meet the published qualifying times but must have a time registered on the Masters or Swimming databases, since 1 October 2024, for the event they wish to enter that was achieved within the window specified in the Meet Conditions 4.4.

4. Competition Format

- 4.1 Para entrants will be integrated into event heats by way of entry time

5. Support Staff

- 5.1. A competitor may have support staff in attendance at both ends of the pool only if their code of exception has A, Y or T.

6. Awards

- 6.1. Awards shall be made on a multi-age and multi-class timed final basis to those competitors placed first, second or third in each event.
- 6.2. Placings shall be determined based upon age adjusted times and British Para-Swimming Points.