

BERKSHIRE & SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASA

A sub region of the Swim England South East



30th MASTERS OPEN MEET

Sunday, 6 September 2026
Short Course at
Bracknell Leisure Centre

*Featuring 400m and 800m
Freestyle events.*

ENTRY AND INFORMATION PACK

Promoter:

Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire ASA

Meet organiser:

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INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS AND PROMOTER'S CONDITIONS

General information

The event is promoted by the Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire ASA, but is open to all Swim England "Club Compete" members, Scottish Swimming "Athlete" members, and Swim Wales "Club – Competitive" members

The venue is Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 9SE.

Bracknell Leisure Centre has two 6 lane 25m pools. One is the competition pool with electronic timing, the other the training pool for a constant warm up/swim down. It has a spectator gallery for swimmers use as well as around the training pool area. There are Male and Female changing rooms and cubicles in a changing village. The lockers take a returnable £1 coin. A secondary strobe for deaf swimmers may be available on request. S15 swimmers wishing to use the secondary strobe should contact the organisers when entering. Backstroke ledges are available. Parking is free at the centre, vehicles need to be only within the appropriate marked bays to avoid any penalties. There is also a café serving hot drinks and minimal snacks. The café has an indoor seating area.

The meet will be run in accordance with Swim England Laws and Technical Rules of Racing.

Events will be swum in two sessions, as follows (NB session times are provisional and will be confirmed once entries have closed)

First session:	Registration by 9:15 am	Warm up 9:15 am.	Events start 10:00 am.
Second session:	Registration by 1.00 pm	Warm up 1:00 pm.	Events start 1:30 pm.

Estimated finish time 5:00pm

Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy

In line with the Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy events are held in the following categories:

Female – Swimmers with a birth sex of female and categorised as female in the Swim England on-line membership system.

and

Open/Male – Swimmers with a birth sex of male, Trans or non-binary swimmers and any swimmers not eligible for the female category.

For the avoidance of doubt, swimmers eligible for the Female category may not enter the Open/Male category. Further details on the policy and the definitions can be found at <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/transgender-competition-policy-update/>

Awards and age groups

With the exception of the BSBASA special awards (see below), the awards are open to all swimmers eligible to enter.

Age Groups are: 18/24, 25/29, 30/34, 35/39, 40/44, 45/49, 50/54, 55/59, 60/64, 65/69, 70/74, 75/79, 80/84, 85/89, 90/94 and 95 plus.

All ages are at 31st December 2026. Swimmers in the 18/24 age group must be 18 or over on 6 September 2026. Heats will be arranged based on the submitted entry times, from slowest to fastest. The fastest heat will be spearhead seeded. There are no qualifying times, but swimmers should enter an estimate of the time they expect to be able to swim. Over the top starts may be used, except for backstroke. The 100m Individual Medley and all events of 200m and over will be swum in mixed open/male & female heats.

Depending on entries and the availability of officials, we may run some or all events using less than 6 lanes.

All events will be decided on a Heat Declared Winner basis. Medals will be awarded to first, second and third places in each age group for each event. For the mixed open/male & female events, there will be separate awards for each age group in each of the open/male and female categories.

A trophy will be awarded to the BSBASA club with the highest combined team score. A separate trophy will be awarded to the visiting (i.e. non BSBASA) club with the highest combined team score. Club points will be awarded for the top six places, six points for first place, five for second place, and so on with one point for sixth place.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 Female category and top 3 Open/Male category swimmer of the meet. The winners will be decided using a points based method with age adjusted points calculated using a similar method to the British Swimming Master Decathlon Competition. The awards will be made based on the points for the best five individual swims (of any distance and stroke combination).

Results will be available on the Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire ASA website <http://bsbasa.org> as soon as possible after the meet, and will be submitted to Masters Rankings and the Masters Decathlon Competition. We will also be posting the results at <https://bsbasa.org/results> (accessible on a smartphone) ASAP after each event finishes.

In addition to the above awards there will be additional awards open only to swimmers who are competing for clubs affiliated to the Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire ASA. A gold, silver and bronze medal will be awarded to the BSBASA Open/Male category and Female category swimmers placed first, second and third overall in each individual event. Placing will be determined using a points based method with age adjusted points calculated using a similar method to the British Swimming Masters Decathlon Competition.

Entry procedure

All swimmers must be current

- Swim England “Club Compete” members, or
- Scottish Swimming “Athlete” members, or
- Swim Wales “Club – Competitive” members

at the time of entering.

Swimmers affiliated to other World Aquatics governing bodies may not enter.

You can check your membership record at:

- Swim England - <https://www.swimmingresults.org/membershipcheck>
- Scottish Swimming - <https://www.scottishswimming.com/membership/membership-check>
- Swim Wales - <https://www.swimwales.org/membership-checker>

IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD DOES NOT CONFIRM THAT YOU MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ABOVE – DO NOT ENTER.

We will be checking compliance with the above and any entries that do not comply will be rejected without further correspondence. The entry fees paid will be refunded. Scottish Swimming and Swim Wales members should indicate with their entry that they are members of those organizations to assist us to carry out the checks.

Entries open on 29 June 2026. All entries must be made and paid for online. Payment can be made via credit/debit card. The on-line entry system can be found at <https://bsbasa.org/meet/bsbcm26>. Entries made to date can be found at <https://bsbasa.org/entries/bsbcm26>.

The closing date for entries is midnight on 21 August 2026. Any entries made but not paid at the closing date will be deemed to be invalid and may not be accepted. Entries received after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the promoter.

Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. We may need to close entries before 21 August if the meet reaches capacity before that date. Furthermore, we may need to close entries for the longer distance events whilst still keeping entries open for the other events. Where we close entries early, any entries made but not paid for at that time may not be accepted.

Once the meet has closed for entries (midnight on 21 August 2026, or earlier as above) no refunds will be made for entries withdrawn after that time for any reason. Furthermore, no refunds will be made to swimmers who fail to register by the published time, including those who cannot attend due to illness.

Swimmers who have chosen to hide their Swim England membership data cannot be checked and so will be rejected. Such swimmers must contact the promoter, masters@bsbasa.org, before entering.

A swimmer may only swim for one club at the meet and must be a registered member of that club.

By entering, all swimmers are confirming that

- They are Swim England "Club Compete", Scottish Swimming "Athlete", or Swim Wales "Club - Competitive" registered swimmers, with their Registration Number as provided in the on-line entry process
- They have read and understood the Promoter's Conditions and accept them,
- They are a member of the entered club
- The date of birth entered and entry times are correct,
- In the case of swimmers entering in the female category, their birth sex is female.

The entry fees are:

50m & 100m events	£7.50 each
200m events	£9.50 each
400m Freestyle	£13.00 each
800m Freestyle	£16.00

Registration procedure

No cards will be issued. Confirmation of accepted entries will be posted on the Berks & S Bucks website <http://bsbasa.org> as soon as possible after the closing date (this should be no later than 28 August 2026). Competitors should check the confirmation of accepted entries carefully. Most errors can be corrected prior to the meet. It is most unlikely that errors can be corrected on the day. An Information for Competitors document will also be published. This will contain important information about the meet and it is important that competitors refer to this.

The meet will be run on a “registration basis”. That is, swimmers will need to sign in for each event that they have entered to signify that they are present and intend to swim in that event. Registration will close when the warm up starts for the relevant session. Swimmers who have not registered prior to this time may be able to swim in any empty lanes in the first heat but otherwise will not be able to swim. Full details of the registration process will be posted on the BSBASA website.

Use of data

Entries for this meet must be made via the on-line entry system. You can see how the data collected will be used at <https://bsbasa.org/WebEntry/dataPolicy.html>. The data collected will be transferred to the BSBASA meet management system (also held on computers). This information (together with the meet results) may be used

- to contact entrants and their clubs regarding entries and the running of the meet
- to publish entry information on the BSBASA website once entries have closed
- to publish results at the meet venue and on the BSBASA websites
- to publish start lists and results on a mobile application see https://bsbasa.org/MeetResults/privacy_policy.html for the privacy policy of the mobile application
- for submitting the results to Swim England Rankings and the Decathlon Competition
- to send results to competing clubs (for their swimmers only)

When entering, entrants will be offered the opportunity to elect to receive information about future similar events. Entrants who do not make this election will only be contacted in relation to this meet.

By entering the meet, entrants are consenting for their data (and that of the swimmers) to be used as above.

Programme of events

The programme of events for the meet is set out in a separate document.

Warm-up facilities

The Competition Pool will be available for warm-up before the start of each session; see the summary programme for warm up timings. The training pool will be available throughout the meet.

Records

The pool at Bracknell does not have the appropriate pool length certificate and Swim England are no longer accepting record applications for times set at Bracknell. This does not affect Masters Rankings or the Decathlon competition, and times from the meet will still be submitted and accepted for these.

Other conditions

Competitors are responsible for arriving at the start in good time to swim in their designated heat. Heat start list will be posted as soon as possible after registration has closed, bearing in mind that it does take some time to process registered swimmers in the meet management system.

Any matter not covered by the above conditions shall be determined by the BSBASA Performance Swimming Events Committee, and in the case of matters requiring a decision during the meet by as many of its members who are available.

The Promoter reserves the right to amend any of the conditions in this document and the programme of events to ensure the smooth running of the Meet.

In the event of the meet being cancelled for whatever reason event entry fees will be refunded. The promoter accepts no responsibility for any consequential costs. The promoter is not responsible for any swimmer loss or damage occurring during the meet.