

Swim England South East Festival of Swimming Conditions 2021

1. Swim England South East will hold competitions in support of the British Swimming/Swim England Festival of Swimming as follows:

- Ages 16/Over – Wycombe Leisure Centre, 24th/25th July 2021
- Ages 15/Under – K2, Crawley, 31st July/1st August 2021

2. The events shall be conducted in accordance with Swim England Laws and Technical Rules of Swimming. Back-stroke ledges and a supplementary strobe will be provided. These championships will be licensed as a level 1 long course competition.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

3.1 General

3.1.1 The Championships shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by Swim England, who, on the date of submission of entry, are members of a club affiliated to Swim England South East and who shall not have entered Festival of Swimming competitions in any other region.

3.1.2 A swimmer must have been a Swim England registered member of the club in whose name they are entered at least 30 days prior to the first day of the Competition.

3.1.3 For all events a swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on 31st December 2021.

4. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

4.1 Individual Events

Age 13, Age 14, Age 15, Age 16, Age 17, 18/Over	
100m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
200m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley
400m	Freestyle, Individual Medley

5. ENTRIES

5.1 Entry fees shall be £7 per individual event.

5.2 Entries shall be submitted via the online entry system on the competition web site.

<https://www.swimmeets.org/calendar/showevent.php?id=955>

Entries submitted online are not finally accepted until the club entry declaration sheet, completed and signed by a designated club representative, has been submitted to the competition web site.

5.3 Clubs may submit files of entries in .SD3, .CL2 or .HY3 format. The meet files for this competition will be available, in .EV3 and .HYV format, from the competition web site before the entry system is opened.

Clubs may submit separate files of short course and long course times. Swim England South East will select the time most advantageous to the swimmer. Both files must be submitted together. Swimmers will not be charged twice if they submit two entries for the same event.

Submission of a file or files of entries will replace all previous entries submitted for swimmers from that club.

- 5.4 All entries to this competition are deemed to be club entries, and are subject to the submission of the club entry declaration sheet, authorised by an appropriate officer of the club to confirm that:
1. Entries conform to the conditions for this competition
 2. The club accepts liability to pay the appropriate entry fee

- 5.5 All entries must be submitted on or before 20:00 on 14th July 2021.

All club entry declaration sheets must be uploaded to the competition web site, using the "Submit Files" function, by 20:00 on 17th July 2021.

If the entry confirmation form is not submitted by that date, the club will be advised and warned by e-mail, and a further 72 hours allowed to make the submission. Failure to make the submission by this final submission date will result in the club's complete entry being rejected.





- 5.6 After all entries have been processed, clubs will be invoiced by e-mail for the fees for accepted entries. Payment must be received within 7 days of the issue of the invoice.

- 5.7 For all individual events, the Swim England South East Swimming Group shall set base level qualifying times. Both short course and long course qualifying times shall be published. Swimmers must submit a time for each event. Submitted times may be either short and/or long course. All non-short course (25m) times will be automatically converted by the use of the published Swim England Equivalent Performance Tables for the purpose of accepting entries and seeding.

[NOTE: Although this is a long course competition, the majority of entry times will be short course times. To minimise the number of times that have to be converted, short course times will be used for accepting entries and seeding.]



Subsequent to the closing date, improved times will not be accepted.

The following times shall be acceptable for this competition:

-  Level X times (from 1st October 2020)
-  Times from licensed meets at any level from 1st April 2021.
-  LC times set under level X conditions (subject to declaration from the referee that the appropriate conditions were met)
-  For clubs that do not have access to a SC or LC pool, times from 20m, 33m, 36yd competitions set under level X conditions (subject to declaration from the referee that the appropriate conditions were met, and by prior arrangement only)



- 5.8 The capacity of the competition is governed by the maximum number of swimmers that are allowed in the centre (not just in the pool hall). That number will be agreed with the pool operator and depends on

-  Prevailing restrictions imposed by the UK Government.

-  Prevailing guidance from Swim England
-  Any restrictions imposed by the pool operator

This number is an ABSOLUTE limit which cannot be exceeded.

The number of swimmers that can be accepted per event will depend on the pattern of entries. The maximum number of swimmers will be set with the objectives of

-  Accepting the same number of swimmers for each event in a session
-  Accepting as close to the maximum number of swimmers as possible.

The number of swimmers to be accepted for any event will not exceed 24.

This may mean that the number of swimmers accepted per event may be different from session to session.

- 5.9 Acceptance will be based on the fastest submitted times up to the limit of entries for the event. If two or more swimmers are tied for the final place in an event, neither/none of the swims will be accepted if to do so would exceed the maximum number of swimmers in that session.
- 5.10 Only entries with times that are equal to or faster than the published base times will be accepted. **This does not mean that all entries with times that are equal to or faster than the base time will be accepted.**
- 5.11 Any invalid entry will be rejected.
- 5.12 By submitting an entry, entrants are accepting that entries will be processed using a computer system. Entrants may request that details are not displayed on the web site, but need to be aware that entry confirmation and results are not made available in any other form.
- 5.13 Photographs may be taken and used to promote the sport by Swim England South East, and/or made available for download and purchase. All photography will conform to the “Swim England Photography and Photographing Swimmers Policy”. Swimmers, or parents of swimmers under 18 years of age on the day of competition, may request that such photographs are not taken by completing a form to be made available on request before the closing date of the competition.
- 5.14 Refund of fees. Once entries have been confirmed, entry fees will only be refunded if the swimmer is unable to swim on medical grounds. (This includes a positive COVID test within 7 days of the competition or a requirement to self-isolate). A request for refund of fees, must be uploaded to the competition website using the “Submit Files” function no later than 28 days after the last day of the competition.



6. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

- 6.1 All entries will be confirmed by e-mail and a list of accepted and rejected entries will be available via the competition web site as soon as possible after the closing date.
- 6.2 Entries may be corrected at any time up to the closing date. Subsequent to this date, only errors introduced by Swim England South East will be corrected. **Because of the limit on the total number of swimmers, this could result in swimmers being rejected after initial acceptance.**

7. MEET PROCEDURE

- 7.1 There shall be separate events for males and females.
- 7.2 A withdrawal system will be in operation. Club representatives are requested to submit online withdrawals for swimmers who are not intending to swim no later than 23:59 on the day before the competition. Withdrawals are from the complete competition, not individual events. **The online withdrawal system will be the only mechanism for submitting withdrawals.**
- 7.3 Withdrawals are final.
- 7.4 Because of the limit on the total number of swimmers, there will not be reserves. If a swimmer withdraws, there will be an empty lane.
- 7.5 **Heats**
- 7.5.1 The results of all events shall be determined by heat times and places. (Heat Declared Winner system).
- 7.5.2 Swimmers from different age groups swimming in the same event on the same day will be seeded together. All events shall be seeded from slowest to fastest. All heats shall be spearheaded.
- 7.6 All competitors must present themselves to the clerks of the course in the designated marshalling area when called. Swimmers must conform to the published marshalling conditions. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the race.
- 7.7 **Results**
- 7.7.1 Results will NOT be posted anywhere in the centre. Live and accumulated results will be published on the swimmeets website at www.swimmeets.org/live .

This will include

-  Heat by heat results, showing the heat result and the cumulative result of heats swum to date
-  Full results organised by event and club

8. **ACCESS TO THE CENTRE/POOLSIDE**

- 8.1 Access to the **centre** is restricted to swimmers **competing in the session**, coaches and team managers in possession of poolside passes, accredited officials and assigned volunteers.
- 8.2 Swimmers are only permitted to enter poolside when invited to do so by designated marshals for the purpose of warm-up or competing in their event.
- 8.3 For warm-up, each swimmer will be directed to a specific lane. Swimmers must warm-up in their designated lane. There will be no sprint lanes during warm-up.
- 8.4 Each swimmer will be issued with 1 large see through plastic bag. This is the only bag that swimmer may carry onto poolside. This rule will be strictly enforced.








9. **AWARDS**

9.1 There will be no awards for this competition. After the event, swimmers will be issued certificates showing their results.

9.2 All times will be submitted to Swim England/British Swimming for aggregation into the National Festival of Swimming results.

10. **SUPPLEMENTARY DISABILITY SWIMMING CONDITIONS**

10.2 Eligible swimmers (see 10.3 below) may enter the following events:

-  100m Freestyle S1-S14
-  200m Freestyle S1-S5, S14
-  400m Freestyle S6-S16
-  100m Backstroke S1, S2 (males only), S6-S14
-  100m Butterfly S8-S14
-  100m Breaststroke SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14
-  200m Individual Medley SM5-SM14

10.2 The general conditions for this competition shall apply to the Disability Swimming events except where they vary by any of the following conditions.

10.3 **Eligibility**

10.3.1 All swimmers must have an authorised Para Swimming, British Swimming, INAS-FID or British Blind Sport classification, which is held on the British Swimming or Para Swimming classification database at the time of entry.

10.3.2 There shall be no qualifying standards because of the lack of opportunity for competition in the period leading up to the competition. All swimmers will be expected to be of Regional Standard and in active training. The organisers reserve the right to ask for confirmation from the swimmers coach.

10.4 **Competition Format**

10.4.1 The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able-bodied programme. Swimmers will be integrated on a time-banded basis in all events.

10.4.2 Disabled swimmers will also be placed in the age group competitions as appropriate. Disabled swimmers may enter events which are not included in the multi-classification programme, and entries will be considered on the same basis as other swimmers.

10.4.3 Placing shall be determined by the three swimmers who either achieve a time better than or is closest to the equivalent British Long Course record relevant to their own classification (using the version of the Disability Points Calculator available from British Swimming on the 22nd July 2021).

10.4.4 No awards will be awarded. All times will be submitted to Swim England/British Swimming for aggregation into the National Festival of Swimming results.

11. **DISPUTES/CHANGES TO CONDITIONS**

11.1 Any dispute related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall be determined by the Promoter.

- 11.2 If it is not possible to configure the pool for a long course competition, the competition shall run as a short course competition. However, if this occurs, results will not be able to be submitted to Swim England/British Swimming for aggregation into the National Festival of Swimming results.
- 11.3 Once the license has been granted for this competition, no changes to conditions are permitted without the explicit approval of the Swim England South East Licensing Panel.

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