

EVENT CONDITIONS

1. General Conditions

- a) The British Swimming Managing Board (“the Board”) reserves full powers over the British Swimming Championships (50m), including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the Championships venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control.
- b) The event conditions may be revised in response to any operational limitations that change between the publication of these conditions and the meet itself. In addition to a change in conditions, limits may need to be placed on entry numbers which could result in some swimmers achieving a consideration time not being admitted to the meet. In the event that conditions need to be altered or there is a need to restrict numbers, British Swimming will provide as much notice as possible. In the event of entries being limited and some entries being subsequently declined, entry fees will be refunded in full.
- c) The Competition shall be held under World Aquatics Rules (WAQUA), World Para-Swimming (WPS) rules and regulations where relevant, the British Swimming Judicial Code and any additional conditions (printed in the respective Meet Information). Where WAQUA Rules do not provide (e.g. Health and Safety Regulations or Child Protection Guidelines) the requirements of Swim England shall apply to events held in England.
- d) Entries - These are only accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales **or** competitors who have Great Britain as their WAQUA and WPS recognised ‘sport nationality’ and are a member of a club within a Federation that is affiliated to WAQUA, WPS and that WAQUA, WPS or the UK Government has not deemed ineligible to compete. Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for age and nationality verification to the British Swimming Events Officer.
- e) Junior competitors (Olympic pathway).
 - a. Junior Age Groups defined by WAQUA and European Aquatics (EAQUA) in relation to WAQUA World Junior Championships and the EAQUA European Junior Championships (EJC);
 - i. male competitors born 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 or 2010
 - ii. female competitors born 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 or 2010
- f) Finals
 - a. Only competitors who have Great Britain as their WAQUA and WPS recognised ‘sport nationality’ and are eligible to represent Great Britain at the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, 2024 EAQUA Junior Championships, (by the first day of competition, 2nd April 2024) may progress to any Final in a recognised Olympic or Paralympic event available in Paris 2024. It is the responsibility of individual swimmers to comply with this requirement. The Meet Director and Associate Director Performance Strategy and Operations shall have the power to sanction any failure to conform to this.
 - b. Competitors who have registered a change of ‘sport nationality’ with British Swimming at least one month prior to the first day of competition at the 2024 British Championships **may** be allowed to compete in finals. In these circumstances, the final decision will rest with the British Swimming Associate Director, Performance Strategy and Operations at his absolute discretion. All eligible competitors for the finals will be seeded, by age group or classification, into the respective finals (see section 4).

2. The Events

Individual events:

- I. 50m*, 100m*, 200m*, 400m*, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
- II. 50m*, 100m*, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
- III. 150m*, 200m*, 400m Individual Medley

*Para MC events

**Para MC athletes have the ability to swim up a class in line with the WPS rules and regulations.

Para MC event	Male finals eligibility	Female finals eligibility
50m Freestyle	S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,S6,S7,S8,S9,S10,S11,S12,S13	S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,S6,S7,S8,S9,S10,S11,S12,S13
100m Freestyle	S1-S12	S1-S12
200m Freestyle	S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,S14	S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,S14
400m Freestyle	S6,S7,S8,S9,S11,S12,S13	S6,S7,S8,S9,S10,S11,S12,S13
50m Backstroke	S1,S2,S3,S4,S5	S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
100m Backstroke	S1-S14	S1-S14
50m Breaststroke	SB1,SB2,SB3	SB1,SB2,SB3
100m Breaststroke	SB4,SB5,SB6,SB7,SB8,SB9,SB11,SB12,SB13,SB14	SB4,SB5,SB6,SB7,SB8,SB9,SB11,SB12,SB13,SB14
50m Butterfly	S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,S6,S7	S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,S6,S7
100m Butterfly	S8,S9,S10,S11,S12,S13,S14	S8,S9,S10,S11,S12,S13,S14
150m Individual Medley	SM1,SM2,SM3,SM4	SM1,SM2,SM3,SM4
200m Individual Medley	SM5,SM6,SM7,SM8,SM9,SM10,SM11,SM12,SM13,SM14	SM5,SM6,SM7,SM8,SM9,SM10,SM11,SM12,SM13,SM14

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championships will be by means of an online entry system. All competitors will be required to complete the online entry documentation in full and pay the required fee in order for their entry to be processed. Full instructions will be included in the Entry Pack.
- b) Entries shall open on 29th January 2024 and be received by the appropriate National Entries Administrator (“the Administrator”) by no later than **1700 on Tuesday 12th March 2024**. **Please note that for the 2024 Championships no entries beyond the closing date will be accepted. Entries for the Para MC events will be by invitation only. All invitations and acceptances should also be completed by 1700 on Tuesday 12th March.**
- c) Only times achieved in a 50m pool are accepted for entry, no converted times will be accepted.
- d) Entry times for all individual events from Swim England, Scottish Swimming, Swim Wales and Northern Ireland entrants must be recorded in the British Swimming Rankings from swimming competitions designated or licensed for entry into national competitions since 1st January 2023.
- e) Split times of a race (individual or relay) are not acceptable for entry in Olympic or Para MC events. The only exception is the first leg of a relay, if the time is recorded on the British Rankings site.
- f) A competitor may only compete in the name of one club at the competition.

4. Meet Procedure

- a) All events shall have Heats and Finals except for the 800m Freestyle and 1500m Freestyle which will be heat declared winner.
 - a. Heats of all events will be scheduled in the morning heats session. The fastest heat of the 800m and 1500m Freestyle will be swum in the Finals session (as per 4a). Heats will be swum using 10 lanes.
- b) There will be the following finals, swum (where appropriate) in the order of:
 - a. one 'Junior' Final (World Aquatics World Junior and LEN European Junior age group, see 1f) in all other events.
 - b. One Open 'B' Final
 - c. one 'Paris Para' Final for MC competitors
 - d. one Open 'Paris' Final
- c) The fastest eight competitors from the heats irrespective of age shall be allocated places in the Open Final, plus two reserves.
- d) The next eight fastest competitors from the heats irrespective of age shall be allocated places in the Open 'B' Final, plus two reserves.
- e) The next fastest eight age-eligible competitors shall be allocated places in the Junior Final. A competitor in the Junior final may also be a reserve for the Open Final and will be moved to the Open Final as necessary.
- f) In specified events, the ten highest points scoring Para competitors shall be allocated places in the 'Paris Para' MC Final, otherwise the eight highest points scoring competitors shall be allocated places.
- g) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedures.

5. Withdrawal from Heats

- a) Withdrawals must be made by the end of the Team Leader Meeting for day one swims, and by 12 noon on the day before for all subsequent days. **All withdrawals must be made using the online system.**

6. Withdrawal from Finals

- a) Finalists and reserves, not wishing to swim, shall notify the Chief Recorder of their intention to withdraw no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last event in the session in which they have qualified for the next round. The withdrawal shall be made **by using the online system.**
- b) Reserves will be released upon publication of the Finals session start lists.

7. Call Room

- a) Competitors must report to the Competition Stewards in the Call Room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is an athlete's responsibility to report in good time for their event. Upon entry, the athlete must ensure that they report to a Steward and be registered as being present in the Call Room.
- b) All competitors are required to report to the Call Room in sufficient time and be available to parade for their event. They must enter the Call Room 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in its confines until lead onto the pool deck for their race.

c) Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the call room area during the finals at any time unless they have a recognised code of exception for those athletes on the Paralympic pathway.

8. Medals

a) Medals shall be awarded to the competitors placed first, second and third in the Open A Final and to the first second and third competitors on Para points, across all finals.

9. Officials

a) Technical Officials shall be selected from lists approved by British Swimming and will meet the WAQUA and WPS rules for approved Meets.

10. Doping Control

a) Competitors taking part in the Championships may be subject to random doping control.

b) Competitors are required to bring with them identification that is required by UKAD and WADA.

11. Team Leader Meeting

a) It is a requirement for a representative from all clubs with competitors entered in these Championships to attend the Team Leader Meeting. Provisionally this will take place at 1800 on Monday 1st April 2024 by Zoom online, the link to be notified in the Meet Confirmation Pack.

British Swimming Event Planning Group

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