

AQUATICS GB SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024 (50m)

20TH – 26TH JULY 2024, PONDS FORGE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE, SHEFFIELD.

MEET CONDITIONS

1) General Conditions

- a) The Aquatics GB Managing Board (“the Board”) reserves full powers over all Aquatics GB Championships. Including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the Championships venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control. The appointed Meet Director shall be the promoting body’s representative.
- b) The Competition shall be held under relevant World Aquatics (formerly FINA) Swimming Rules and the Aquatics GB Judicial Code. Where World Aquatics (WA) rules do not provide guidance, e.g. Health and Safety Regulations or Child Safety Guidelines the requirements of Swim England shall apply for events held in England.

2) Eligibility

- a) Entries - will be by invitation only, from performances recorded in the designated Qualifying Window. The 28 top ranked swimmers in the four (4) younger age groups will be invited for each event, with the exception of the 800m and 1500m events where 20 will be invited. *In the 18 years & over age group, 36 swimmers will be invited with 12 places guaranteed for the 18 years old swimmers, with the exception of the 800m and 1500m events where there are no guaranteed places, and the top 20 swimmers will be invited.* Entries will be accepted from competitors registered as members of an Aquatics GB home nation federation i.e. Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales.
- b) Swimmers must be eligible to represent Great Britain as their recognised WA Sport Nationality or a foreign national who lives and trains in a GB club or programme for the majority of the year. Competitors from countries that World Aquatics or the UK Government have deemed ineligible to compete shall not be permitted to enter. Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for age and nationality verification to the Aquatics GB Events Officer not later than 1500 hours on the day before the competition begins.
- c) A competitor must be a registered member of the club in whose name they are entered at the date of making the original entry. This club must be offered by the online entry system. Where swimmers are members of multiple clubs, they must opt to compete in the name of one club only – this relates to both individual and relay events and must be the same club for all entries made by the competitor.
- d) Individuals entering as ‘relay only’ competitors must be registered as members of the club for which they are competing. Acceptance of entry will only be complete upon payment of the required fee.

3) The Events

a) Individual Events

*50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m & 1500m Freestyle

*50m, 100m & 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly

200m & 400m Individual Medley

***No 50m events for the 13/14 girls & boys**

Qualification for all 50m events is via the rankings for the equivalent 100m event in the 15, 16, 17 years age groups. Qualification for the 50m events in the 18+ years is via ranking times.

b) Team Events

4x100m & 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley

4) Age Groups

- a) Individual Events
 - Male *13/14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years, 18 years and over
 - Female *13/14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years, 18 years and over
- b) Team Events
 - Male/Female 14-16 years, 17 years and over
- c) Ages at midnight on 31st December 2024

5) Entries

- a) The Qualifying Window will run from Friday 8th March 2024 - Sunday 12th May 2024 (inclusive). Following the closure of this qualifying period, an invitation list will be created.
- b) Entries will open on Monday 20th May 2024 and close at 1700 on Thursday 4th July 2024.
- c) Those who fail to accept their invitation within this timescale but still wish to compete will be allowed to submit 'late entries' until 1700 on Thursday 18th July 2024 for which the accompanying entry fee shall be twice that of the initial acceptance period.
- d) Only the time offered by the invitation system will be accepted for entry.
- e) All competitors are required to comply with the online entry process and pay the required fees. Payment of the required fee must be made for all entries at the time of entry. Entries will be confirmed following receipt of full payment of fees due.

6) Team Events

- a) Entry accepted solely from clubs affiliated to SE, SS or SW as a result of performance in qualifying rounds at the designated qualifying SE/SS/SW events.
- b) The 30 fastest teams in each event will be invited to compete in the Aquatics GB Summer Championships 2024, from performances recorded in the designated Qualifying Window, irrespective of location within England, Scotland or Wales. (Age Groups: 14-16 years & 17+ years).
- c) Clubs must confirm their invitation to compete by 1700 on Thursday 18th July 2024.
- d) Entry confirmation will be by means of an online system. Payment of the required fee must be made for all team entries at the time of entry via the online system.
- e) Team Declaration Forms must be completed and submitted to the Recorders at least 60 minutes before the start of the session in which the team is competing.

7) Para-Swimming Events

- a) The Aquatics GB Summer Championships includes a programme of para-swimming events, 23rd – 26th July 2024. Details of the meet conditions for all para-swimming events can be found within the supplement to this document.

8) Administration

- a) Coaches, team managers and chaperones will be required to obtain a poolside accreditation pass by means of an online application in advance of the closing date. Coaches, team managers and chaperones must print their own pass.
- b) Competitors must print their own accreditation. A link will be provided in the email sent to them confirming acceptance of their entry.

- c) Admission to the pool and athlete only areas will only be allowed with a valid accreditation.
- d) Should a competitor withdraw from all events they have entered then their accreditation will become invalid and entry to the athlete areas will not be permitted.
- c) A charge will be levied for lost, mislaid or forgotten passes.

9) Meet Procedure

- a) All events shall have Heats and Finals, with the exception of the 800m & 1500m Freestyle and the 4x200m Freestyle Team Events which will be Heat Declared Winner.
- b) Heats shall be seeded in accordance with World Aquatics.
- c) The following age groups will have a Final: -
 - Male *13/14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years, 18 years and over
 - Female *13/14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years, 18 years and over
- d) The fastest ten competitors from the heats will be allocated a place in the respective Final plus two reserves.
- e) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure.

10) Withdrawal Procedures

- a) Heats
 - i) Withdrawals must be made by 12 noon on the day before all competition days.
- b) Finals
 - i) 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 individual event in the Session in which they have qualified for the next round. The withdrawal shall be made via the official process.
 - ii) Reserves will be released upon publication of the Finals start sheets.
 - iii) If a reserve is brought in at short notice, the event will not be re-seeded.

11) Call Room

- a) Swimmers must report to the competition stewards in the call room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is the swimmers responsibility to report in good time for their event.
- b) Competitors must enter the Call Room 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in its confines until led onto the pool deck for their race. Upon entry, the athlete must ensure that they report to a Steward and be registered as being present in the Call Room.
- c) Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the call room area during the finals at any time.

12) Awards

- a) Medals shall be awarded to the competitors placed first, second and third in each Final and each age group in all HDW events.

13) Doping Control

- a) Competitors taking part in the Meet may be subject to random doping control.
- b) Competitors are required to have photo identification with them at all times. An official meet accreditation for this Championship (incorporating an appropriate photograph) will be acceptable for this purpose.