

Aquatics GB Swimming Championships 2026 - Conditions

1) General Conditions

- a) The Aquatics GB (AGB) Managing Board (“the Board”) reserves full powers over the Aquatics GB Championships (50m), 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.
- b) The event conditions may be revised in response to any operational limitations that change between the publication of these conditions and the Championships. In addition to a change in conditions, limits may need to be placed on entry numbers. In the event that conditions need to be altered or there is a need to restrict numbers, AGB 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 (AQUA), 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 AQUA or WPS Rules and Regulations do not provide (e.g. Health and Safety Regulations or Safeguarding n Guidelines), the requirements of Swim England shall apply to events held in England.
- d) This Event is approved by WPS and AQUA for times achieved to be recorded in the appropriate rankings.
- e) Entries will only be accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales **or** competitors who have Great Britain as their AQUA or WPS recognised ‘sport nationality’ and are a member of a club within a Federation affiliated to AQUA or WPS and that those bodies 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 AGB Events Officer prior to competition commencing
- f) Junior competitors – Olympic Pathway
 - i) Junior Age Groups defined by AQUA and European Aquatics (EA) in relation specifically to the 2026 EA European Junior Championships – male and female athletes born 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 or 2012
- g) Should a Protest be made, it will be dealt with under the British Swimming Judicial Code or WPS rules as relevant.

2) The Events

a) Olympic Pathway Swimming

i) Individual events:

- 1) 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
- 2) 50m, 100m, 200m, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
- 3) 200m, 400m, Individual Medley

b) Paralympic Pathway Multi-Classification (MC)

<i>WPS MC Event</i>	<i>Men's Finals eligibility</i>	<i>Women's Finals eligibility</i>
50m Freestyle	S1 - S13	S1 - S13
100m Freestyle	S1 – S12 & S14	S1 – S12 & S14
200m Freestyle	S1 - S5 & S14	S1 - S5 & S14
400m Freestyle	S6 - S13	S6 - S13
50m Backstroke	S1 - S5	S1 - S5
100m Backstroke	S1 - S14	S1 - S14
50m Breaststroke	SB1 - SB3	SB1 - SB3
100m Breaststroke	SB4 - SB9 & SB11 - SB14	SB4 - SB9 & SB11 - SB14
50m Butterfly	S1 - S7	S1 - S7
100m Butterfly	S8 - S14	S8 - S14
150m Individual Medley	SM1 - SM4	SM1 - SM4
200m Individual Medley	SM5 - SM14	SM5 - SM14

3) Entries

- a) All competitors will be required to complete the online entry documentation in full and pay the required entry fee(s) in order for their entry to be processed. Full instructions will be included in the Entry Pack.
- b) Both Olympic pathway and Para Pathway entries shall open on 26th January 2026 and be received by the appropriate National Entries Administrator (“the Administrator”) by no later than **1700 on Tuesday 17th March 2026**.

- c) Only times achieved in a 50m pool are accepted for entry, no converted times will be accepted.
- d) Entry times for all individual Olympic Pathway swimming events from Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales members must be recorded in the AGB Rankings (www.swimmingresults.org) from swimming competitions designated or licensed for entry into national competitions since 1st January 2025. Any other entrant must show acceptable proof of a submitted time achieved since the above date.
- e) Entry times for all individual Para Pathway events will be based upon AGB Para Swimming Points (AGBPSP) from Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales. Entrants must be recorded in the AGB Para Swimming Rankings from swimming competitions designated or licensed for entry into national competitions since 1st January 2025.
- f) Entries will be considered where the submitted time converts an AGBPSP score of no less than 600 points for that event. At the discretion of the AGB Para Swimming Head Coach or designate, additional British entries may be permitted. These additional entries will need to be approved and processed before the start of competition by the Para swimming GB Head Coach or designate.
- g) Split times from a race (individual or relay) are not acceptable for entry in Olympic Pathway or Para Pathway events. The only exception is the first leg of a relay, provided that the time is recorded on AGB Rankings.
- h) A competitor may only compete in the name of one club or recognised approved programme at the competition.
- i) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedures.

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.
- b) Heats
 - i) Heats of all events will be scheduled in the morning session each day. Para Pathway and Olympic Pathway athletes will be combined and compete together, seeded on time. The fastest heat of the 800m and 1500m freestyle will be swum in the Finals session (as per 4a).
 - ii) Heats will be swum using 10 lanes.
- c) Finals
 - i) Only competitors who have Great Britain as their AQUA or WPS recognised 'sport nationality' as of 14th April 2026 and are eligible to represent Great Britain at 2026 international competitions may progress to a final.

- ii) It is the responsibility of individual swimmers to comply with this requirement. The Meet Director and Performance Strategy and Operations Director or their designates shall have the power to sanction any failure to conform to this.
- iii) Competitors who have registered a change of 'sport nationality' to Great Britain with Aquatics GB at least 28 days prior to the first day of competition may, at the discretion of the Performance Strategy and Operations Director or delegate be allowed to compete in finals. This includes any junior athletes who have previously competed for another nation, but under World and European Aquatics rules remain eligible for future GB selection.
- d) Finals session part one shall be swum using 10 lanes for Open Olympic and Para Pathway B finals as required, together with Junior finals.
Finals session part two will be swum using 8 lanes and comprise of Open A finals, for both Olympic and Para Pathway events.
- e) In **all** events there shall be a minimum of 19 entries to enable a 'B' Final to take place.
- f) There will be the following finals, swum (where appropriate) as follows:
 - i) Finals session part one
 - (1) Open Para Pathway MC 'B' Final (subject to 4e)
 - (2) Open Olympic Pathway 'B' Final (subject to 4e)
 - (3) Junior Final as defined in (1f)
 - ii) Finals session part two
 - (1) Open Para Pathway MC 'A' Final
 - (2) Additional Para S14 only finals for the 100m freestyle
 - (3) Open Olympic Pathway 'A' Final
- g) Olympic Pathway Finals
 - i) The fastest eight competitors from the heats irrespective of age shall be allocated places in the Open 'A' Final, plus two reserves.
 - ii) Subject to the required number of entries (4e) the next ten fastest competitors from the heats born 2007 or earlier shall be allocated places in the Open 'B' Final, plus two reserves.
 - iii) Following identification of the 'A' finalists (Para 4gi) the next fastest ten age-eligible competitors shall be allocated places in the Junior Final, plus two reserves.
 - iv) A competitor in either the Junior Final or B Final may also be a reserve for an Open A Final and will be moved to the Open Final as necessary.
- h) Para Pathway MC Finals
 - i) The eight highest points scoring Para competitors shall be allocated places in the Open Para Pathway MC 'A' Final, plus two reserves. In the event that the

required number of entries (4e) are not received and only an A final will run, priority will be given to Internationally Classified athletes and any remaining spaces will be allocated to the next highest point scorers who hold a National Classification.

- ii) Subject to the required number of entries (4e) the next ten highest points scoring Para competitors shall be allocated places in the Para MC Open 'B' Final, plus two reserves.
- iii) For the 100m freestyle event, there is a separate final for S14 athletes. The eight fastest eligible S14 athletes will be allocated to this final. S14 athletes will not be eligible for any other 100m freestyle final.
- iv) A competitor in the B Final may also be a reserve for the A final and will be moved to the A Final as necessary.
- v) All Para MC Finals will be seeded by time in accordance with WPS rule 10.10.1.3.1

5) Withdrawal Procedure

- a) Heats
 - i) Withdrawals from Heats for all competition days must be made by 12 noon on the day before the day of competition.
- 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 event in the session in which they have qualified for the next round.
- c) All withdrawals must be made using the online system

6) 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.

7) Awards

- a) Awards shall be made to the competitors placed first, second and third in the Olympic Pathway Open Final
- b) Awards shall be made to the competitors placed first second and third based upon AGBPSP across all Para Pathway MC Finals.

8) Technical Officials

- a) Technical Officials shall be selected from lists approved by Aquatics GB and will meet the WA or WPS rules for approved Meets.

9) Doping Control

- a) Competitors taking part in the Championships may be subject to random doping control and are required to bring with them identification that is required by UKAD and WADA
- b) By entering this event you/your child (if athlete is under 18), consent to report to Doping Control if requested at any time during this event. You further agree to be bound by the [British Swimming Anti-Doping Rules 2021](#).

10) 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 13th April 2026** the means of delivery to be notified in the Meet Confirmation Pack

Aquatics GB
World Class Leadership Team
9th December 2025