

AQUATICS GB NEXT GEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 (50m)

16TH – 22ND JULY 2026, 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 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.
- b) The number invited will be as follows;

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	13/14yrs	15yrs	16yrs	17yrs	18yrs	19yrs+
50 Freestyle		24	24	24	24	20
100 Freestyle	20	24	24	24	24	20
200 Freestyle	20	24	24	24	24	20
400 Freestyle	20	24	24	24	24	20
800 Freestyle	18	18	18	18	18	16
1500 Freestyle	18	18	18	18	18	16
50 Breaststroke		24	24	24	24	20
100 Breaststroke	20	24	24	24	24	20
200 Breaststroke	20	24	24	24	24	20
50 Butterfly		24	24	24	24	20
100 Butterfly	20	24	24	24	24	20
200 Butterfly	20	24	24	24	24	20
50 Backstroke		24	24	24	24	20
100 Backstroke	20	24	24	24	24	20
200 Backstroke	20	24	24	24	24	20
200 I.M	20	24	24	24	24	20
400 I.M	20	24	24	24	24	20
	= No Event available					
	= Qualification through Stroke distance up, e.g entry into the 50m events will only be available to those who achieve the 100m time in the corresponding event.					

- c) 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 WA or WPS recognised 'sport nationality' and are a member of a club within a Federation affiliated to WA 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 Aquatics GB Events Officer prior to competition commencing
- d) 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.

- e) 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 18years and 19+ 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, 19 years and over

Female 13/14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years, 18 years, 19 years and over

b) Team Events

Male/Female 14-16 years, 17 years and over

c) Ages at midnight on 31st December 2026

5) Entries

- a) The Qualifying Window will run from Friday 6th March 2026 - Sunday 10th May 2026 (inclusive). Following the closure of this qualifying period, an invitation list will be created.
- b) Entries will open on Monday 18th May 2026 and close at 1700 on Thursday 2nd July 2026.
- c) Those who fail to accept their invitation within this timescale but still wish to compete will be allowed to submit 'late entries' until 1200noon on Wednesday 15th July 2026 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 Next Gen Championships 2026, 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 Tuesday 14th July 2026.
- 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 Next Gen Championships includes a programme of para-swimming events. 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) For heats only, Para Pathway and Olympic Pathway athletes will be combined and compete together, seeded on time. Finals will be swum separately.
- c) The following age groups will have a Final: -

Male	*13/14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17/18 years, 19 years and over
Female	*13/14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17/18 years, 19 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.

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

Competitors taking part in the Meet may be subject to random doping control.

- a) 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.
- 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](#).