

**AQUATICS GB NEXT GEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 (50m)**

**16<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2026, PONDS FORGE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE, SHEFFIELD.**

**PARA-SWIMMING SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS**

**1) General Conditions**

- a) The Meet Conditions for the Championships shall apply to the Multi Classification (MC) Para-Swimming events except where varied by any of the supplementary conditions.
- b) The MC Para events shall be held under relevant World Para Swimming (WPS) Swimming and Competition Rules utilising British Para-Swimming Points (BPSP).
- c) All classes of swimmers, S1 – S14 will compete together.

**2) Eligibility**

- a) All competitors must have an authorised WPS Classification, British Swimming Classification, Virtus or British Blind Sport Classification, which is held on the Home Country Membership Database at the time of entry.
- b) Swimmers must be of a minimum age of 12 years as of 31st December 2026.
- c) Any swimmer identified as having achieved a British Para-Swimming points score as shown below
  - 600 or higher for S14
  - 550 or higher for S5-10
  - 500 or higher for S11-S13
  - 400 or higher for S1-S4

based on a swim between 1st September 2025 and 10th May 2026 as listed on British Para-Swimming long course rankings will be **considered** for invitation in that/those events.

- d) Invitations will be extended to the 3 highest points scorers in each group on or over the points shown above and remaining spaces will be offered to the highest points scorers across all 4 groups to the maximum number of entries shown in the table below.

	<b>Max Entries</b>		<b>Max Entries</b>
<b>50 Free</b>	20	<b>50 Br</b>	10
<b>100 Free</b>	30	<b>100 Br</b>	20
<b>200 Free</b>	20	<b>50 Fly</b>	10
<b>400 Free</b>	20	<b>100 Fly</b>	20
<b>50 Back</b>	10	<b>150IM</b>	10
<b>100 Back</b>	20	<b>200IM</b>	20

e) Times from time trials or split times will not be taken into account in the invitation process.

### 3) The Events

a) The following events are open for invitation by both male and female swimmers and will be swum as separate male and female events:

<b>Freestyle</b>	50m	S1 - S13
	100m	S1 - S14
	200m	S1 - S5 & S14
	400m	S6 - S13
<b>Backstroke</b>	50m	S1 - S5
	100m	S1 - S14
<b>Breaststroke</b>	50m	SB1 - SB3
	100m	SB4 - SB9, SB11 - SB14
<b>Butterfly</b>	50m	S1 - S7
	100m	S8 - S14
<b>Individual Medley</b>	150m	SM1 - SM4
	200m	SM5 - SM14

### 4) Meet Procedure

- a) All results will be determined by the highest point score utilising the British Para-Swimming Points (BPSP) system.
- b) Heats
  - i) Heats will take place in every event regardless of the number of entries.
  - ii) For heats only, Para Pathway and Olympic Pathway athletes will be combined and compete together, seeded on time. Finals will be swum separately.
- c) Finals
  - i) The top 10 swimmers as determined by BPSP from the heats will progress to a final, plus two reserves. There will be a limit of 3 swimmers per classification. Any additional final spaces will be filled from the ranking list regardless of classification apart from the 100m Freestyle where the S14 classification will have a separate final to the MC 100m Free final
- d) If required, due to a dead heat of equal points which results in the number of finalists exceeding ten a swim-off may be used to determine swimmers for a final – unless in the same class whereby the faster time will progress.
- e) Final lane allocation will be seeded by qualification time and spearheaded.

## **5) Administration**

- a) All coaches and personal care attendants will be required to obtain a Poolside Accreditation from the Aquatics GB Website in advance of the meet. You must print your own pass in advance of the Meet. Pouches and lanyards will be available to collect in the foyer. Personal care attendants will only be permitted for swimmers where assistance is permitted on the code of exceptions. Such attendants will be excluded from any restrictions and will be given the same accreditation as the swimmer for whom they have personal care responsibilities.
- b) A swimmer who has assistance as specified above may have both a coach and a personal care assistant present. The personal care attendant accreditation will be free of charge.

## **6) Medals**

- a) Medals will be awarded on a multi-class basis to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd highest BPS point scorers in the final of each event.
- b) If there are less than four competitors in any one event, then a minus one rule will apply.
- c) If there is only one competitor in a final, then a medal shall be awarded if he/she improves their entry time for their classification in that event.