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## 1. KEY CONTACTS

| Aquatics GB Event Director                                                                                                                                                        | Venue Contact                                                                                                                                       |
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| Holly Martindale<br>Aquatics GB<br>SportPark, 3 Oakwood Drive<br>Loughborough<br>LE11 3QF<br><a href="mailto:holly.martindale@aquaticsgb.com">holly.martindale@aquaticsgb.com</a> | Ponds Forge International Sports Centre<br>Sheaf Street<br>Sheffield City Centre<br>Sheffield<br>S1 2BP<br>0114 223 3400<br><a href="#">Website</a> |

| Entries Administrator and Meet Director                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Barry Saunders<br><a href="mailto:agbnational.entries@aquaticsgb.com">agbnational.entries@aquaticsgb.com</a> |

## 2. GETTING TO THE VENUE

**What3Words:** [///enable.slave.slot](#)

### Travelling to the venue



**By Bus/Tram/Train:** Visit [Travel South Yorkshire](#) to plan your journey.



**By Bike:** Use the [Sheffield City Council Cycling webpage](#) to help plan your route.



**By Car:** It is recommended to park at Q-Park Castlegate for Ponds Forge International Sports Centre. Additional parking information provided below.



**On Foot:** You can find directions and an estimated walking time using the Google Maps app.

## 3. KEY DATES AT A GLANCE

|                                        |                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Team Entry Final Deadline</b>       | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July @ 17:00                            |
| <b>Individual Entry Final Deadline</b> | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July @ 12 noon                        |
| <b>Training Date</b>                   | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                                  |
| <b>Team Leader Meeting</b>             | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July @18.00                           |
| <b>Competition Dates</b>               | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July |

#### **4. ENTRY CONFIRMATION**

Please note that no paper confirmations will be sent out to competitors.

A list of processed Olympic Pathway processed entries is available [here](#).

A list of Para Pathway MC processed entries is available [here](#).

Competitors are requested to check the detail in their entries carefully and inform the Entries Administrator immediately of any errors. Please note that entry times cannot be updated now that entries have closed unless, an entry time was inputted incorrectly by the entry system.

A draft programme is available [here](#).

**National Entries Administrator – Barry Saunders**

**Email – [agbnational.entries@aquaticsgb.com](mailto:agbnational.entries@aquaticsgb.com)**

'Late entries' for Individual events can be submitted until **12:00 noon on Wednesday 15th July** for which the accompanying entry fee shall be twice that of the initial acceptance period.

##### **4.1. TEAM ENTRIES**

Team Entries can be submitted until **17:00 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** via the link [here](#) at an entry fee of £32 per relay team.

Relay-only swimmers can purchase an accreditation for £6 [here](#) by inputting their membership number in the box provided and following the instructions to payment.

Names of swimmers for relay teams (who must be on the meet database before the competition) shall be submitted electronically to the recorders using a Team Declaration Form. The completed form must be submitted to the recorders at least **60 minutes** before the advertised start of the session in which the relevant team event takes place. Teams not complying with this instruction will lose their right to compete.

Please submit a Team Declaration Form [here](#).

##### **4.2. WITHDRAWALS**

To ensure validity, withdrawal of an athlete from either a heat or final of an event can only be carried out by Team Staff members of the athlete's club who are in possession of a Coach, Team Manager or Chaperone event accreditation.

We encourage that accreditations are purchased as early as possible to ensure athletes can be withdrawn.

Once a relevant accreditation has been issued team staff will have access via a unique link to submit withdrawals. The unique withdrawal link can be found within the same email as the accreditation.

If an Athlete requires withdrawing prior to the Championships and, a Coach or Team Manager from their club has not yet purchased an accreditation, written confirmation of the withdrawal via email is required from a Coach or Team Manager to [agbnational.entries@aquaticsgb.com](mailto:agbnational.entries@aquaticsgb.com) before a manual withdrawal can be processed.

If a withdrawal cannot be done via the online withdrawal system during the event, due to no Coach or Team Manager from their respective club purchasing an accreditation, Athletes are required to present to the Timing Suite with their accreditation to confirm their identity before a manual withdrawal can be processed.

## **5. ACCREDITATION**

All competitors, coaches, chaperones and support staff must have a valid accreditation to gain access to athlete areas at the event. Accreditation is non-transferable and must be always worn when accessing athlete areas.

**If the pass is forgotten, lost or mislaid, a replacement pass will be re-issued for a fee of £10.00 payable at the Sport Information Desk.**

### New Accreditation Zones

To support the safe and effective management of the event, the venue will operate a zoned accreditation system.

Accreditation passes will grant access only to the areas necessary for an individual's role. Access to accreditation zones will be restricted to those without the appropriate accreditation.

We kindly ask all attendees to respect these access restrictions and follow any instructions given by event staff or security personnel.

### **5.1. ATHLETES**

Your accreditation was sent to you by email in PDF format upon completion of your entry.

Please print and bring with you to the event where you can collect a pouch and lanyard from the Sport Information Desk.



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If you are unable to find the accreditation link within the confirmation email, you can issue yourself a replacement via the links below:

|                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Olympic Pathway Accreditations</b> | <a href="#">HERE</a> |
| <b>Para Accreditations</b>            | <a href="#">HERE</a> |

### 5.2. COACHES, TEAM STAFF AND CHAPERONES

All coaches, team staff and chaperones must have a valid photo to gain access to the pool deck. Applications for coach/chaperone passes will be charged at £26.00 per Aquatics GB Championships.

**A valid DBS check, safeguarding qualification and fulfilment of the minimum qualification/requirement for the specific role (stated below) you are undertaking is required.**

|                                             | Application Links    |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Swim England members</b>                 | <a href="#">HERE</a> |
| <b>Scottish Swimming/Swim Wales members</b> | <a href="#">HERE</a> |
| <b>Sports Science/Sports Medicine</b>       | <a href="#">HERE</a> |
| <b>International</b>                        | <a href="#">HERE</a> |

Accreditations will be emailed to you in PDF format to print out and bring to the event, please ensure you print these before arriving at the venue. Pouches and lanyards will be provided.

### 5.3. DBS/PVG AND SAFEGUARDING

#### **Swim England**

All Swim England clubs and license applicants will have completed a DBS application regardless of any previous check carried out through another organisation unless this has been registered with the DBS Update Service [www.gov.uk/db-update-service](http://www.gov.uk/db-update-service). If you hold a disclosure that has been registered with the DBS Update Service, and you have not yet given the Swim England written consent to check the status, please submit your original disclosure certificate along with a completed consent form to [db@swimming.org](mailto:db@swimming.org). Please also email [db@swimming.org](mailto:db@swimming.org) for a DBS Update Service Consent form.

#### **Scottish Swimming/Swim Wales**

For queries regarding PVG for Scottish Swimming members, please email [wellbeingprotection@scottishswimming.com](mailto:wellbeingprotection@scottishswimming.com). For queries regarding DBS for Swim Wales members, please email [welfare@swimwales.org](mailto:welfare@swimwales.org).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Scottish Swimming, Swim Wales and International Poolside Passes must be created and sent manually. They will be sent out prior to the event if you have the appropriate Safeguarding checks and qualifications on file.

### 5.3.1. MINIMUM QUALIFICATION/REQUIREMENTS (SPECIFIC TO ACCREDITED ROLE)

- Coaches - Coaching Qualification or Assistant Coach Certificate
- Team Manager – Team Manager Training Module 1 or 2 Certificate
- Chaperone – Club authorisation to be acting in loco parentis on behalf of the Club

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure a DBS is in place and a pass has been purchased to attend the event. Under no circumstances will any person be allowed entry to accredited areas without the relevant safeguarding checks in place and pass issued.

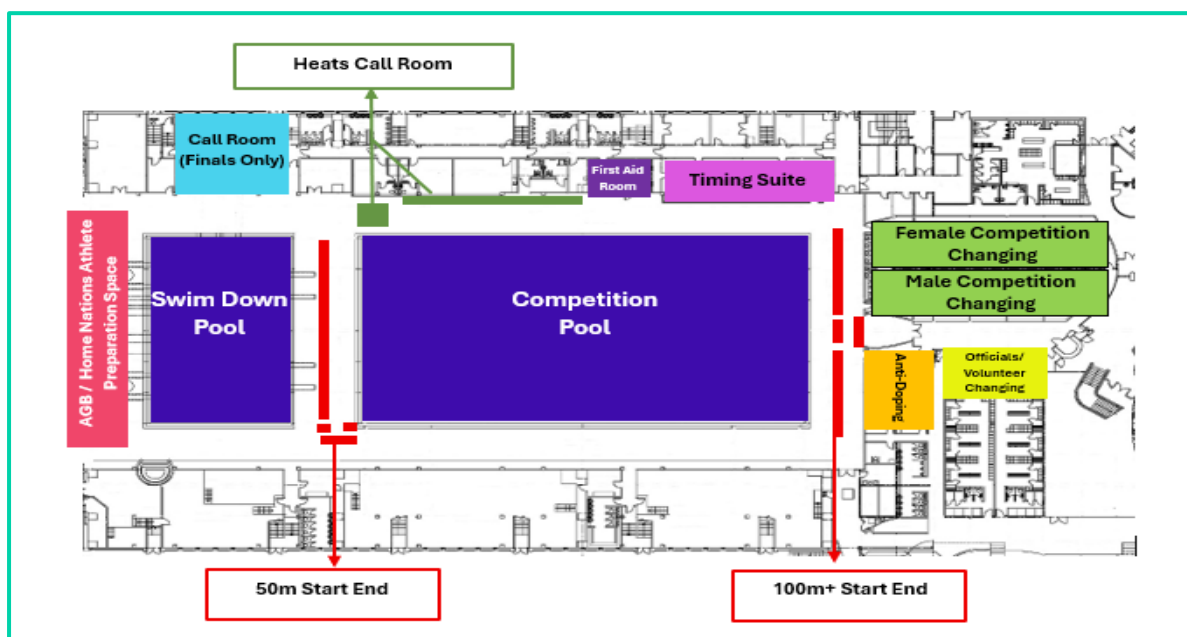
Please email [british.events@aquaticsgb.com](mailto:british.events@aquaticsgb.com) if you have any queries.

## 6. COMPETITOR INFORMATION

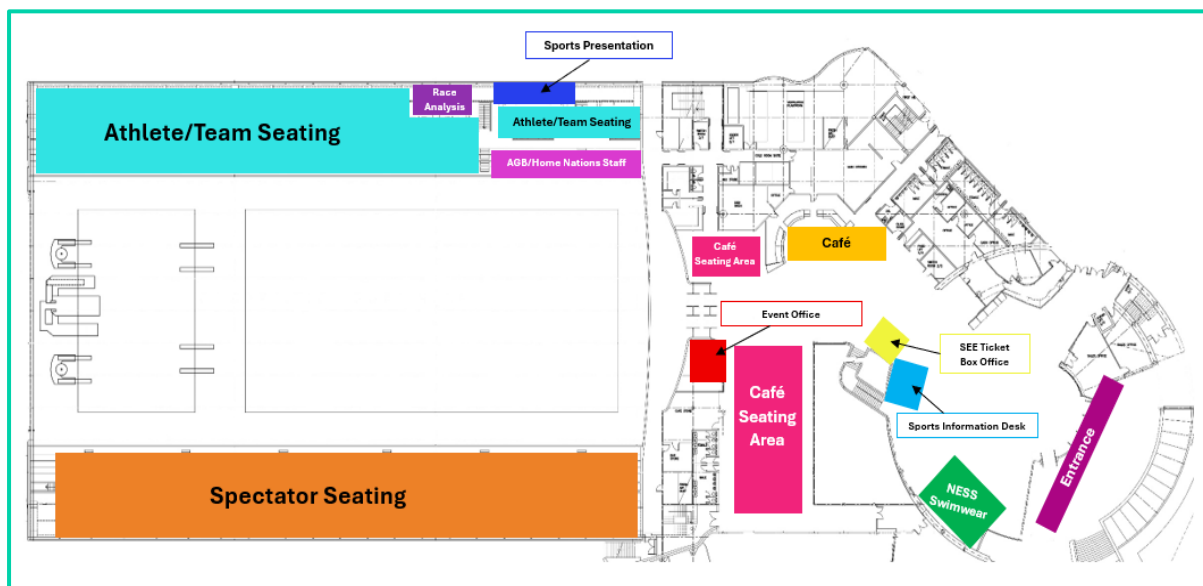
### 6.1. VENUE

#### 6.1.1. VENUE ORIENTATION

#### Ground Floor



## First Floor



### 6.2. SCHEDULE AND CONDITIONS

The Schedule and Conditions for Aquatics GB Swimming Championships 2026 are available on the Aquatics GB website [here](#).

#### 6.2.1. SCHEDULE CHANGES

The following changes have been made to the schedule:

- Due to no submitted entries at the moment, both the Men's and Women's 150m Individual Medley events have been removed.

#### 6.2.2. TRAINING SCHEDULE

Training will be available on the following dates and times:

| Date                            | Time                                |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July | 10:00-20:00 (Competition Pool Only) |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July  | 16:00 – 20:00                       |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July    | 11:30 – 15:45                       |
| Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July  | 14:45 – 15:45                       |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | 14:45 – 15:45                       |

No training booking system will be in place; therefore, athletes will need to wait if the pools are at capacity.

Training cannot take place during Competition warm-ups due to high entry numbers and set pool capacities that must be followed within Health and Safety regulations.

### 6.2.3. TRAINING AIDS

- Personal training equipment (pull buoys, kickboards) may be used during training, warm-up and swim down in the competition pool.
- The use of fins and hand paddles is not permitted in the Competition Pool. They may only be used in the warm-up and swim-down pool, unless otherwise directed by a member of the Field of Play team.
- The use of bungee cords is not permitted in either pool at any time

### 6.2.4. SESSION TIMES

Please note that times are subject to change

| Date                                  | Session     | Session Start Time | Estimated Finish Time |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | 1 (Heats)   | 08:30              | 11:30                 |
|                                       | 2 (Heats)   | 12:45              | 15:35                 |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>    | 3 (Heats)   | 08:45              | 11:30                 |
|                                       | 4 (Finals)  | 17:00              | 19:30                 |
| <b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | 5 (Heats)   | 08:45              | 11:25                 |
|                                       | 6 (Heats)   | 13:00              | 14:30                 |
|                                       | 7 (Finals)  | 17:00              | 19:30                 |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>    | 8 (Heats)   | 08:45              | 12:00                 |
|                                       | 9 (Heats)   | 13:00              | 13:30                 |
|                                       | 10 (Heats)  | 14:00              | 14:55                 |
|                                       | 11 (Finals) | 17:00              | 20:10                 |
| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>    | 12 (Heats)  | 08:45              | 11:15                 |
|                                       | 13 (Heats)  | 13:00              | 13:30                 |
|                                       | 14 (Heats)  | 14:00              | 15:00                 |
|                                       | 15 (Finals) | 17:00              | 19:25                 |
| <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>   | 16 (Heats)  | 08:45              | 11:30                 |
|                                       | 17 (Heats)  | 13:00              | 14:30                 |
|                                       | 18 (Finals) | 17:00              | 19:35                 |
| <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b> | 19 (Heats)  | 08:45              | 11:35                 |
|                                       | 20 (Heats)  | 13:00              | 13:30                 |
|                                       | 21 (Heats)  | 14:00              | 14:35                 |
|                                       | 22 (Finals) | 17:00              | 20:30                 |

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#### **6.2.5. WARM UP AND SWIM DOWN**

All Heats and Finals Warm-ups will be split into 25-minute blocks.

Para Swimmer warm-up will be at the direction of AGB Para Swimming.

Warm up sessions will be structured as necessary based upon Event order and Gender in compliance with the venue bather loading.

Warm up will end 5 minutes prior to the start of the session.

Swim down will be available in the diving pit where a one-out, one-in system will be in operation when the Diving Pool reaches capacity as per the pool capacity notice above.

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The warm-up schedule will be as follows:

| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                          | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                        | Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                                | Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                                                                    | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                                                                           | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                                   | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HEATS                                                   | HEATS                                               | HEATS                                                         | HEATS                                                                                           | HEATS                                                                                                  | HEATS                                                           | HEATS                                                                                     |
| <b>Day One</b><br>Warm Up: 7:45am                       | <b>Day Two</b><br>Warm Up: 7:25am                   | <b>Day Three</b><br>Warm Up: 7:25am                           | <b>Day Four</b><br>Warm Up: 7:25am                                                              | <b>Day Five</b><br>Warm Up: 7:25am                                                                     | <b>Day Six</b><br>Warm Up: 7:25am                               | <b>Day Seven</b><br>Warm Up: 7:25am                                                       |
| <b>Start: 8:30am</b><br>Men's 1500m Freestyle<br>H.D.W. | Men's 400m Ind. Medley<br>Women's 200m Freestyle    | Women's 100m Backstroke<br>Men's 200m Butterfly               | Men's 400m Freestyle                                                                            | Men's 200m Breaststroke<br>Women's 200m Butterfly                                                      | Women's 100m Freestyle<br>Men's 200m Backstroke                 | Men's 200m Freestyle<br>Women's 200m Backstroke                                           |
| <b>Warm Up: 12:00pm</b>                                 | <b>Warm Up: 7:50am</b>                              | <b>Warm Up: 7:50am</b>                                        | <b>Warm Up: 7:50am</b>                                                                          | <b>Warm Up: 7:50am</b>                                                                                 | <b>Warm Up: 7:50am</b>                                          | <b>Warm Up: 7:50am</b>                                                                    |
| <b>Start 12:45pm</b><br>Women's 1500m Freestyle H.D.W.  | Men's 100m Breaststroke<br>Women's 50m Breaststroke | Women's 100m Breaststroke<br>Men's 100m Freestyle             | Women's 400m Freestyle<br>Men's 100m Backstroke                                                 | Men's 100m Butterfly                                                                                   | Women's 400m Ind. Medley<br>Men's 50m Freestyle                 | Men's 50m Butterfly<br>Women's 100m Butterfly                                             |
|                                                         | <b>Warm Up 8:15am</b>                               | <b>Warm Up 8:15am</b>                                         | <b>Warm Up 8:15am</b>                                                                           | <b>Warm Up 8:15am</b>                                                                                  | <b>Warm Up 8:15am</b>                                           | <b>Warm Up 8:15am</b>                                                                     |
|                                                         | Men's 50m Backstroke                                | Women's 200m Ind. Medley                                      | Women's 50m Butterfly<br>Men's 50m Breaststroke                                                 | Women's 200m Breaststroke                                                                              | Women's 50m Backstroke                                          | Men's 200m Ind. Medley<br>Women's 50m Freestyle                                           |
|                                                         | <b>Start 8:45am</b>                                 | <b>Start 8:45am</b>                                           | <b>Start 8:45am</b>                                                                             | <b>Start 8:45am</b>                                                                                    | <b>Start 8:45am</b>                                             | <b>Start: 8:45am</b>                                                                      |
|                                                         |                                                     |                                                               |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |                                                                 |                                                                                           |
|                                                         |                                                     | Warm Up: 12:30pm<br>Start: 1pm<br>Men's 800m Freestyle H.D.W. | Warm Up 12:30pm<br>Start: 1pm<br>Women's 14/16 4x100m Free<br>Women's 17+ 4x100m Free           | Warm Up: 12:30pm<br>Start: 1pm<br>Men's 14/16 4x100m Free<br>Men's 17+ 4x100m Freestyle                | Warm Up: 12:30pm<br>Start: 1pm<br>Women's 800m Freestyle H.D.W. | Warm Up: 12:30pm<br>Start: 1pm<br>Men's 14/16 4x100m Medley<br>Men's 17+ 4x100m Medley    |
|                                                         |                                                     |                                                               |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |                                                                 |                                                                                           |
|                                                         |                                                     |                                                               | Warm Up: 1:30pm<br>Start: 2pm<br>Men's 14/16 4x200m Free H.D.W.<br>Men's 17+ 4x200m Free H.D.W. | Warm Up: 1:30pm<br>Start: 2pm<br>Women's 14/16 4x200m Free<br>H.D.W.<br>Women's 17+ 4x200m Free H.D.W. |                                                                 | Warm Up: 1:30pm<br>Start: 2pm<br>Women's 14/16 4x100m Medley<br>Women's 17+ 4x100m Medley |
| TRAINING                                                | FINALS                                              | FINALS                                                        | FINALS                                                                                          | FINALS                                                                                                 | FINALS                                                          | FINALS                                                                                    |
| 4pm – 8pm                                               | <u>Warm Up</u><br>Men: 4:05pm<br>Women: 4:30pm      | <u>Warm Up</u><br>Men: 4:05pm<br>Women: 4:30pm                | <u>Warm Up</u><br>Women: 4:05pm<br>Men: 4:30pm                                                  | <u>Warm Up</u><br>Women: 4:05pm<br>Men: 4:30pm                                                         | <u>Warm Up</u><br>Women: 4:05pm<br>Men: 4:30pm                  | <u>Warm Up</u><br>Men: 3:05pm<br>Women: 4:30pm                                            |
|                                                         | <b>Start: 5pm</b>                                   | <b>Start: 5pm</b>                                             | <b>Start: 5pm</b>                                                                               | <b>Start: 5pm</b>                                                                                      | <b>Start: 5pm</b>                                               | <b>Start: 5pm</b>                                                                         |

### 6.2.6. POOL CAPACITY NOTICE

To ensure warm-ups, swim down and training at the Speedo Aquatics GB Next Gen Championships 2026 can take place safely within the Health and Safety regulations, we must follow the pool capacities set out by Ponds Forge ISC and Everyone Active for both the Competition and Diving Pools.

During warm-ups and training, coaches must always supervise their athletes with lane capacity to be overseen by Field of Play volunteers to ensure these are adhered to. If capacity was to be exceeded in either Pool at any time all athletes will be asked to vacate, and the pools will be closed until it is deemed safe and appropriate to reopen.

When the Diving Pool hits capacity a one out, one in system will be in operation to replicate what was in place at the Speedo Aquatics GB Next Gen Championships 2025 and will be continuously monitored by Field of Play volunteers. Athletes will not be able to enter the Diving Pool unless they are permitted to do so. If the pool is at capacity, please advise your athletes that they must wait until space becomes available.

Therefore, please may we ask that you comply with the measures in place so that the event can run as safely as possible.

### 6.3. BIOGS

Please ensure all your Biogs information is updated prior to the entry deadline. This will ensure accurate information is used during the event by the in-venue and livestream commentators. Your Biogs account can be accessed [here](#).

### 6.4. DOPING CONTROL

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. 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](#).

**If an athlete is subject to doping control**, they should ensure they provide detail of all medications (prescribed or over the counter and including dosage) and supplements taken within the last 7 days in advance of the test and (where the sample collected is a blood sample) blood transfusions within the previous three (3) months, on the Doping Control Form. Any previously disclosed medications or supplements to your club and/or your home nation do not form any part of doping control.

Please check your medications via <https://www.globaldro.com/uk/search>

If the medication you are taking is prohibited in or out of competition you may require a TUE. Please read the details below.

#### Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)

If an athlete **IS WITHIN** the National TUE Pool they are required to obtain a TUE before using a prohibited medication or method. You can check if you are within the National TUE Pool via <https://www.ukad.org.uk/national-tue-pool> and selecting 'aquatics'.

If an athlete is **NOT** within the National TUE Pool but using a prohibited medication or method **and** is subject to doping control they are required to apply for a retroactive TUE and you should contact Jane Smith ([jane.smith@aquaticsgb.com](mailto:jane.smith@aquaticsgb.com) or 07917 834785) as soon as possible after doping control. A retroactive TUE must be submitted to UKAD within five (5) working days of the testing taking place.

You can find out more information about Medications on the UKAD website <https://www.ukad.org.uk/medicine>

If you require support or have a query about any medications, supplements or the anti-doping rules please contact Jane Smith at Aquatics GB via [jane.smith@aquaticsgb.com](mailto:jane.smith@aquaticsgb.com) or 07917 834785

Strict Liability means an athlete is wholly responsible for any banned substance found in their system, no matter how it got there.

As a safety precaution and in line with best practice, we recommend that if you or your athlete is required to attend doping control, another individual remains on site to accompany you or the athlete to their destination afterwards, to ensure they are not alone.

### 6.5. GENERAL COMPETITOR INFORMATION

#### 6.5.1 LAP CARDS AND BELLS

World Aquatics regulations require the use of lap cards and a warning signal (bell or whistle) for individual 400m Freestyle events. However, World Para Swimming regulations remain unchanged.

Para athletes will be seeded according to their entry times. As a result, **lane officials will not provide lap cards or a warning signal at the 350m turn for Para swimmers competing in 400m Freestyle events.**

### **6.5.2 TEAM LEADER MEETING**

It is strongly recommended that a representative from all clubs with swimmers entered in this meet should attend the Team Leader Meeting which will take place at **18:00 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** in the Skyline Suite at Ponds Forge.

Non-attendance could result in swimmers being disadvantaged or not able to compete due to them or their coach not being aware of any changes required for the running of the competition.

Timelines for finals sessions will be available following the team leader meeting.

### **6.5.3 INSPECTION OF PARA DEVICES AND TAPING**

A WPS Official will be available on the Field of Play in front of the Timing Suite at the below times and dates to have Devices and Medical Taping checked prior to competition except on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July where the checks will take place in the Skyline Suite.

| Date                                                           | Time                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                                | After Team Leader Meeting |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | 07:30 – 08:00             |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | 07:45 – 08:15             |

### **6.5.4 MEDICAL**

A Paramedic will be present at the event from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. They will be located within the lowest set of tribunles nearest the scoreboard on the Athlete/Team Seating side.

Please note Ponds Forge Staff will be the first responder to all incident's poolside

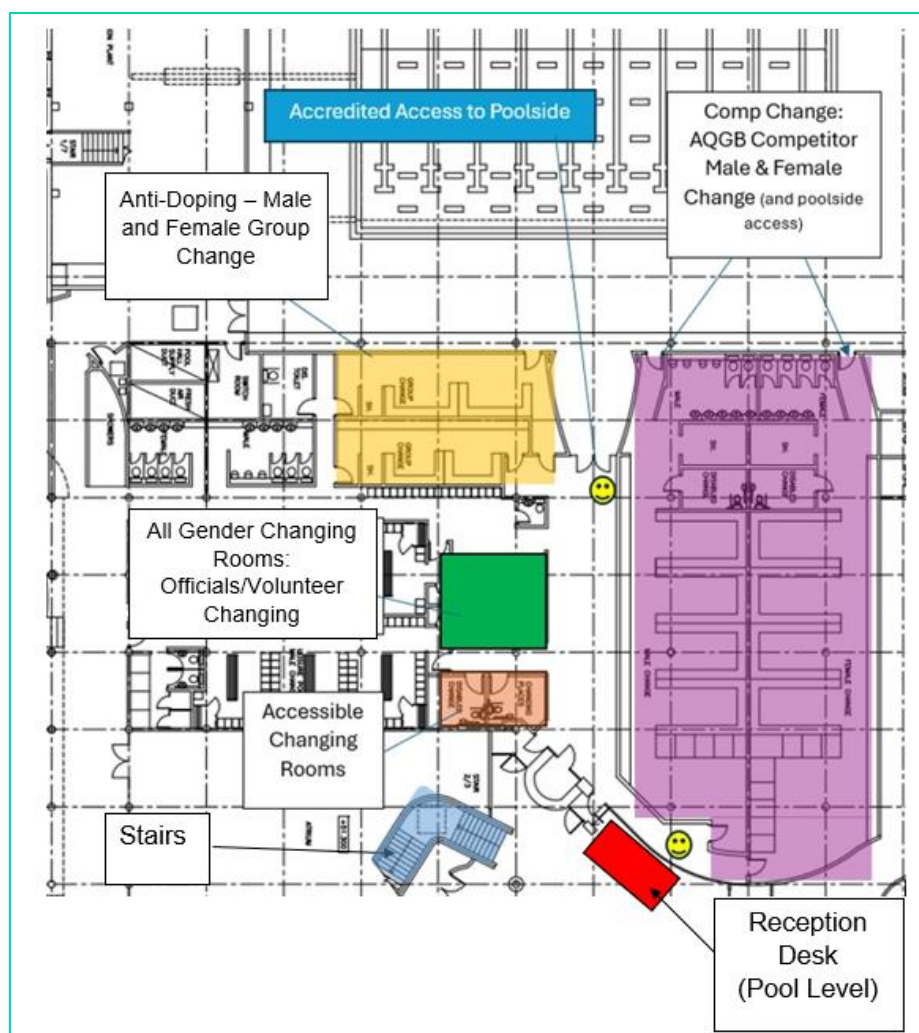
The nearest hospital is:

**Northern General Hospital Accident and Emergency Dept**  
**Herries Rd**  
**Sheffield**  
**S5 7AU**

It is 2.9 miles away, approximately a 15-minute drive.

### 6.5.5 CHANGING ROOMS

Please find the Changing Room layout for the event below. Coaches/Team Managers/Chaperones may enter the Competitor Changing rooms only if they are assisting an athlete.



### 6.5.6 SEATING

Athlete seating will be located within the right-hand-side seating block (provided in the above venue plan).

There will be no club athlete seating on deck.

### **6.5.7 ATHLETE PREPARATION SPACE**

Aquatics GB World Class programmes and the Home Nations performance programmes will have access around the diving pit.

Any clubs requiring a preparation area may use the space along and behind the athlete seating stand.

### **6.5.8 BELONGINGS**

Please take all belongings with you at the end of each day as these may be removed by Ponds Forge ISC staff if left behind.

### **6.5.9 CLOTHING BRANDS**

Clothing bearing large or prominently displayed logos, brand names, or graphics are not permitted to be worn when on the Field of Play.

## **7 SPECTATOR INFORMATION**

### **7.1 TICKETS**

Tickets are available [here](#) to purchase online. A ticketing box office will be in the foyer of Ponds Forge to purchase tickets in-venue.

**If an All-Day Pass is not purchased, please note that on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday the Teams sessions are not covered by the main heats ticket, and a separate Teams ticket must be purchased.**

Box Office opening hours will be as follows:

| Date                            | Heats Opening Times | Finals Opening Times |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July  | 07:45 – 15:15       | N/A                  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July    | 07:45 – 12:00       | 16:00 – 19:00        |
| Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July  | 07:45 – 15:00       | 16:00 – 19:00        |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July    | 07:45 – 15:00       | 16:00 – 19:40        |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July    | 07:45 – 15:00       | 16:00 – 18:55        |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | 07:45 – 15:00       | 16:00 – 19:05        |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | 07:45 – 15:00       | 16:00 – 20:00        |

**Please note that times are subject to change**

Doors will be opened to spectators 60 minutes before the start of each Morning Heats session and Finals session. Doors will open for Afternoon Heats sessions once all Spectators have left the seating balcony from the previous session. Tickets are not being reserved for on the door sales, therefore will only be available for sessions that have not sold out online.

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- Concessions are those 16 and under, 65 and over and, students (ID required).
- Accessible tickets come with a free complimentary companion ticket.

From entries close to competition (2<sup>nd</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> July) tickets will be the following:

### Day Passes

| Ticket Type | Heats and Finals | Heats and Finals Pass with Team Events |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Adult       | £18.00           | £26.00                                 |
| Concession  | £14.00           | £18.00                                 |
| Accessible  | £14.00           | £18.00                                 |

### Individual Tickets

| Ticket Type | Heats  | Teams  | Finals |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Adult       | £10.50 | £10.50 | £11.50 |
| Concession  | £9.00  | £9.00  | £10.00 |
| Accessible  | £9.00  | £9.00  | £10.00 |

On The Door Prices (From 16<sup>th</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> July) will be the following:

### Heat Passes

| Ticket Type | Heats and Finals | Heats and Finals Pass with Team Events |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Adult       | £20.00           | £28.00                                 |
| Concession  | £16.00           | £20.00                                 |
| Accessible  | £16.00           | £20.00                                 |

### Individual Tickets

| Ticket Type | Heats  | Teams  | Finals |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Adult       | £12.50 | £12.50 | £13.50 |
| Concession  | £11.00 | £11.00 | £12.00 |
| Accessible  | £11.00 | £11.00 | £12.00 |

Tickets for sessions will be available on a first come first served basis at the event.

### 7.2 RETAIL

NESS Swimwear will be retailing at the Aquatics GB Next Gen Swimming Championships. The store will be located in the Ponds Forge Foyer (see venue plan) from 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Aquatics GB merchandise will be available to purchase at the Sport Information Desk also in the Ponds Forge Foyer

### 7.3 PARKING

There is limited onsite parking at Ponds Forge, with dedicated disabled spaces on the top level. Ponds Forge operates a ANPR system car park. Tickets can be purchased from the machines located at the entrance to the lift lobbies. Car Park closes when the venue closes.

#### **Event Car Park Information**

All event attendees are advised to use the official event car park- Castlegate Q Park (closest to Ponds) or Sheffield Station.

On the day event parking customers will receive a **15%** discount on the published prices by scanning their ticket whilst in Ponds Forge.

There are a limited number of advance bookable spaces available where customers will receive a 50% but following the process below:

1. Attendees should prebook this via the following website - <https://www.q-park.co.uk/en-gb/cities/sheffield/>
2. Customer selects one of the 2 list car parks (Castlegate or Sheffield Station).
3. Enter the discount code for 50% off - **PFQPSHF50** & enter vehicle reg plate which will enable the barriers to open on the event day, *they can enter and exit as many times as they like during the prebooked period without the need for any tickets.*

### 7.4 RACE TO RECYCLE PROJECT

**Recycle your pre-loved race suits!**



We are continuing to support Race to Recycle – a pioneering initiative that not only supports athletes but also aligns with our commitment to sustainability.

Through Race to Recycle, we're supporting a circular system where donated racing suits are either recycled or re-distributed to athletes who may otherwise struggle to

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purchase them. This ensures that high-performance kit continues to make an impact both in the pool and for the planet.

Our ask? Well, if you've got any old race suits you'd like to recycle, please bring them to the Speedo Aquatics GB Next Gen Swimming Championships and you'll find our donation drop-off point by the Sport Information Desk within the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre.

Visit [HERE](#) for further information on the project.



### **7.5 SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Security staff will be on site at the venue checking all accredited persons at key access points to the venue and the pool and carrying out ticket checks for spectators.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all staff, volunteers, athletes, and spectators is our top priority. It is essential that every member of the workforce understands their role in maintaining a safe environment and knows how to act in the event of an incident.

#### ***Incident Reporting Procedure***

All incidents, accidents, or near misses — whether involving workforce members, athletes, or the public — must be reported immediately. This includes:

- Injuries (minor or serious)
- Illnesses
- Sexual Misconduct/Harassment
- Unsafe conditions or hazards
- Damage to equipment or infrastructure
- Security concerns or suspicious behaviour

#### ***To report an incident:***

1. Ensure safety first – If there is immediate danger, alert your Team Leader, venue staff, event organisers or on-site medics.
2. Notify the Event Organisers – provide clear details of the incident.
3. If necessary, complete an Incident Report Form.
4. Follow instructions – Remain available to assist if needed, and do not leave the area unless instructed.
5. If you are ever unsure of how to respond to a situation, speak to the Event Organisers immediately.

Aquatics GB will work with Ponds Forge International Sports Centre to ensure that the venue is safe for all participants and for the competition to take place to World Aquatics Standards adhering to all UK health and safety guidance a full risk assessment of the event will be completed and checked daily.

Please note, bag checks will take place before entering the building. Therefore, spectators are advised not to bring large bags or suitcases over A3 size.

## 8 EVENT POLICIES

### 8.1 FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Aquatics GB are aware of the wide range of devices including mobile telephones which have photographic and filming capabilities. This enables the capture of both static and moving images. It should be acknowledged that the majority of images taken within an Aquatics GB setting are appropriate and taken in good faith. However, images of children and adults can be misused, and sharing images widely without consent may betray a confidence or identify of a child or adult, which could present a risk of harm to that individual if common sense procedures are not followed.

Parents and carers of participants under the age of 18 who wish to take images are requested to focus on their own children as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in images, particularly if those images are being shared with family and friends or through social media platforms. Whilst it is acknowledged that parents/carers wish to celebrate the achievements of their own children when taking part in aquatic events, it should be recognised and respected that other parents/carers may not wish for their child's image to be taken and shared in this way.

Aquatics GB encourage all spectators and participants at Aquatics GB events to make themselves familiar with the photography and filming arrangements for the event and be vigilant during that event.

Aquatics GB is committed to ensuring that all children who participate in Aquatics GB activities can take part in an enjoyable, safe environment and be safeguarded from harm. If you have any child safeguarding concerns at the event, please contact an Event Officer immediately to disclose your concerns.

#### **8.1.1 EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING**

This event **will be photographed and live streamed**. Static images will be displayed on the Aquatics GB website [here](#). They will be used to promote the sport at this event and events in the future. Moving images may be displayed at the venue and via live stream [here](#). In addition, Aquatics GB may use these recordings and images for the purposes of education and training, swimmer analysis, promotion, performance, development and selection and event analysis.

In such instances where the event is being live streamed, it will not be possible to provide the option to refuse consent to filming and if there are any concerns, please speak to the Event Officer present. However, if individuals wish to refuse consent to

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static photography, please complete the Photography Refusal of Consent Form below and return to Aquatics GB Events Department.

If you, as a Parent/Guardian/Carer, have concerns about your child being photographed/filmed, please refer to the relevant Home Nation guidance document: Wavepower the Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures; YPlant the Swim Wales Child Protection Policy; Scottish Swimming Child Protection Policy. If you have any concerns in this area, please contact the Data Protection Officer.

Our photography refusal form is available on the next page.

Please note that professional photography is not permitted at this event without prior written consent. Personal photography for private use is welcome provided it does not disrupt the event or infringe on the privacy of others. Aquatics GB reserves the right to request that certain photography devices are not used.



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### **8.1.2 PHOTOGRAPHY REFUSAL FORM**

**Name of Swimmer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event:** Aquatics GB Next Gen Swimming Championships 2026

I refuse permission for the taking and/or publication of images of my child or myself  
by the event's Official Photographer(s):

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Competitor/Parent/Carer)

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by email to: [british.events@aquaticsgb.com](mailto:british.events@aquaticsgb.com)

## 8.2 SEXUAL HARASSMENT POSTER

# SPEAK UP

## AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT



Unwanted conduct of a sexual nature which has the purpose or effect of violating an individual's dignity, or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment.

### 4 Types of sexual harassment

#### VERBAL/Written

- Remarks of a sexual nature about a person's clothing, personal behaviour or body
- Sexually explicit statements, questions, jokes or anecdotes
- Requesting sexual favours or dates
- Spreading rumours about a person's personal life
- Coercion of sexual activity by threat of punishment
- Excessive and unwelcome flirting

#### PHYSICAL

- Impeding or blocking a person's physical movement
- Inappropriate and unwanted touching of a person and/or their clothing
- Other inappropriate touching including kissing, hugging, patting, stroking or rubbing
- Playing music with offensive or degrading language
- Purposefully brushing up against another person

#### NON-VERBAL

- Looking a person's body up and down
- Making derogatory gestures or facial expressions of a sexual nature
- Frequently following or standing too close to a person on purpose
- Whistling or staring in a sexually suggestive or offensive manner

#### VISUAL

- Displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons, posters, calendars or computer screens
- Showing other people sexually suggestive text messages or emails
- Sharing sexually inappropriate images or videos such as pornography

Please speak up and contact [speakup@aquaticsgb.com](mailto:speakup@aquaticsgb.com)  
or alternatively leave a message on our confidential line **0808 1000 323**

Individuals are encouraged to provide their details but may also choose to remain anonymous.

