

Aquatics GB Swimming Championships 2025 Conditions – Version 3

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 meet itself. 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, (WA) World Para-Swimming (WPS) Rules and Regulations where relevant, the Aquatics GB Judicial Code and any additional conditions printed in the respective Meet Information. Where WA or WPS Rules and Regulations do not provide (e.g. Health and Safety Regulations or Child Protection Guidelines). The requirements of Swim England shall apply to events held in England.
- d) This Event is approved by WPS and WA 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 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
- f) Junior competitors - Olympic Pathway (Pathway).
 - i) Junior Age Groups defined by WA and European Aquatics (EA) in relation to WA World Junior Championships and the EA European Junior Championships;
 - (1) Male competitors born 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011
 - (2) Female competitors born 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011
- g) Should a Protest be made, it will be dealt with under the process relating to the discipline of the athlete or matter it relates to, either Pathway or Para.

2) The Events

- a) Pathway
 - 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) Para MC Events

| <i>WPS MC Event</i> | <i>Men's Finals eligibility</i> | <i>Women's Final eligibility</i> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 50m Freestyle | S1 - S13 | S1 - S13 |
| 100m Freestyle | S1 - S13 | S1 - S13 |
| 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 fee in order for their entry to be processed. Full instructions will be included in the Entry Pack.
- b) Both Pathway and WPS (Para) entries shall open on 27th January 2025 and be received by the appropriate National Entries Administrator ("the Administrator") by no later than **17:00 on Tuesday 18th March 2025**.
- c) Only times achieved in a 50m pool are accepted for entry, no converted times will be accepted.
- d) Entry times for all individual Pathways events from Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales members must be recorded in the Aquatics GB Rankings from swimming competitions designated or licensed for entry into national competitions since 1st January 2024. Any other entrant must show acceptable proof of a submitted time achieved since the above date.
- e) Entries will only be considered where the submitted time is equal to or faster than the published consideration time for that event.

- f) Entry times for all individual Para events will be based upon AGB Para Swimming Points (AGBPSP) from Swim England, Scottish Swimming, and Swim Wales. Entrants must be recorded in the Aquatics GB Para Swimming Rankings from swimming competitions designated or licensed for entry into national competitions since 1st January 2024.
- g) 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 and Associate Performance Director or his designate, additional British entries may be permitted. These additional entries will need to be approved and processed before the start of competition.**
- h) Split times from of a race (individual or relay) are not acceptable for entry in Pathway or Para events. The only exception is the first leg of a relay, provided that the time is recorded on British Rankings.
- i) A competitor may only compete in the name of one club at the competition.
- j) 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. Multi-classification Para and Pathway athletes will be combined and compete seeded on time. The fastest heat of the 800m and 1500m freestyle events 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 WA or WPS recognised 'sport nationality' as at 15th April 2025 and are eligible to represent Great Britain at 2025 international Championships may progress to any Final in a recognised 2025 World Championship event.
 - ii) It is the responsibility of individual swimmers to comply with this requirement. The Meet Director and Associate Director Performance Strategy and Operations 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 Associate Director, Performance Strategy and Operations be allowed to compete in finals.
- d) Finals shall be swum using 8 lanes.

- e) In all events there shall be a minimum of 17 entries in order 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 WPS MC 'B' Final
 - (2) Open 'B' Final
 - ii) Finals session part two
 - (1) Junior Pathway Final as defined in (1f)
 - (2) Open WPS MC 'A' Final
 - (3) Open 'A' Final
- g) 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 eight fastest competitors from the heats born 2006 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 eight 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 Final and will be moved to the Open Final as necessary.
- h) Para MC Finals
- i) The eight highest points scoring Para competitors shall be allocated places in the Open Para 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 eight highest points scoring Para competitors shall be allocated places in the Para MC Open 'B' Final, plus two reserves.
 - iii) 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.
 - iv) 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 Pathway Open Final.
- b) Awards shall be made to the competitors placed first, second and third based upon AGBPSP across all WPS 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.

10) Team Leader Meeting

- a) It is recommended that a representative from all clubs with competitors entered in these Championships attend the Team Leader Meeting. Provisionally this will take place at 18:00 on Monday 14th April 2025 the means of delivery to be notified in the Meet Confirmation Pack.

Aquatics GB
World Class Leadership Team
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