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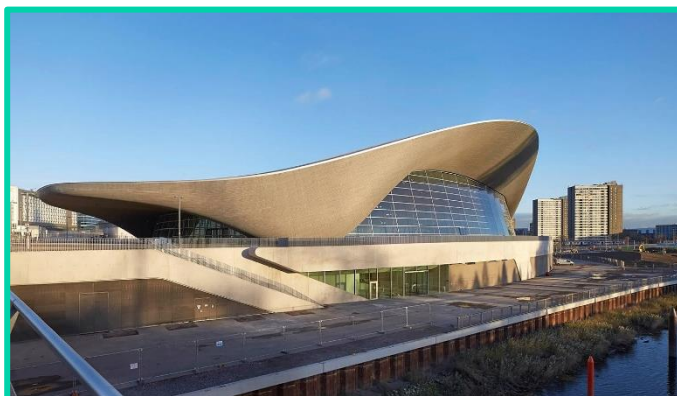


Host Venue



KEY CONTACTS

| Aquatics GB Contact | Venue Contact | Entries Administrator Contact |
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Please see below guides for planning your trip to London:

- [Venue accessibility information](#)
- [Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park accessibility information](#)
- [Accommodation near London Aquatics Centre](#)
- [Getting to London Aquatics Centre](#)

Please note that on the dates below, the following events are also taking place at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park:

| Event | Date | Venue | Time |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| London Pulse vs Manchester Thunder | 18 th April | Copper Box Arena | 19:00 – 21:00 |
| Full Gas Cycling Good Friday Racing | 18 th April | Lee Valley VeloPark | 09:00 – 18:00 |
| West Ham vs Southampton | 19 th April | London Stadium | 15:00 – 17:00 |

As such please be aware that the vicinity and travel will be busier than usual on these days/times, and you may need to factor this into your travel arrangements.



KEY DATES AT A GLANCE

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|----------------------------|--|
| Training Date | Monday 14 th April 2025 |
| Team Leader Meeting | Monday 14 th April 2025 @ 18.00 |
| Competition Dates | Tuesday 15 th – 20 th April 2025 |

ENTRY CONFIRMATION

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

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

Competitors are requested to check the detail in their entries carefully and inform the Entries Administrator [here](#) 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](#) under the recently closed competitions heading.

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 at the Sport Information Desk.

ATHLETES

Your accreditation will be 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.

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

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Olympic Pathway Accreditations | HERE |
| Para Accreditations | HERE |



COACHES, TEAM STAFF, 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 event.

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 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Swim England members | HERE |
| Scottish Swimming/Swim Wales members | HERE |
| Sports Science/Sports Medicine | HERE |
| International | HERE |

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/dbs-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 dbs@swimming.org. Please also email dbs@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. For queries regarding DBS for Swim Wales members, please email 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.

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

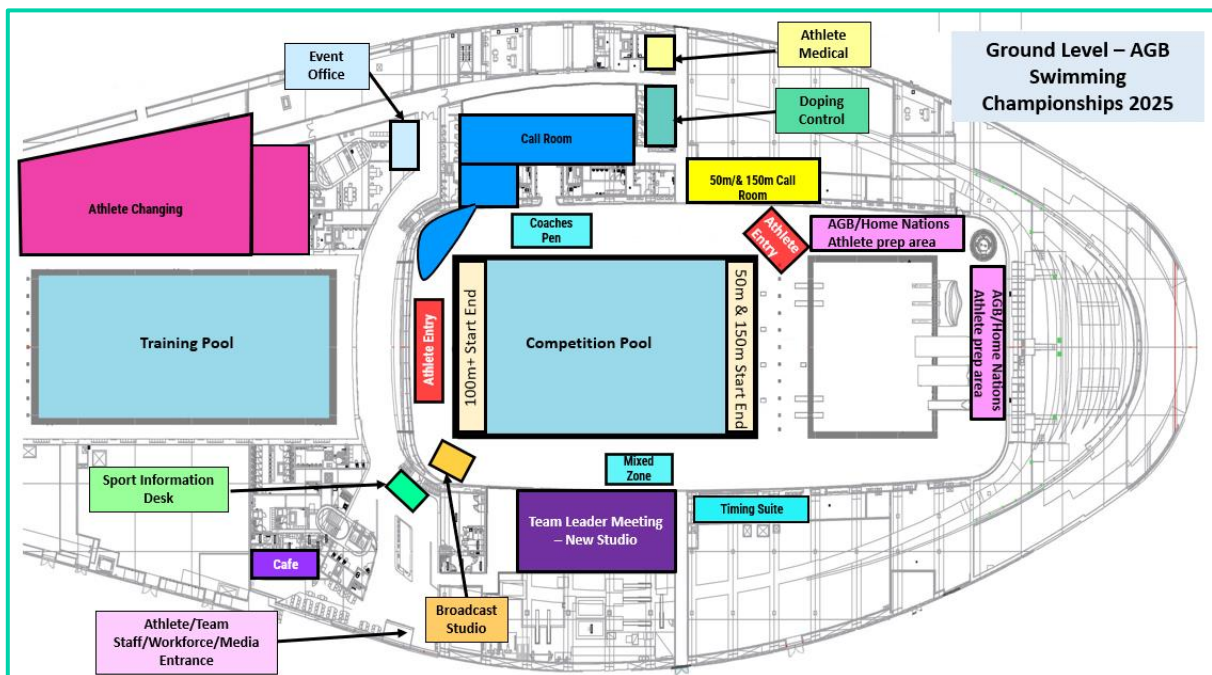
PLEASE NOTE: It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure a DBS is in place and a pass has been purchased to attend the event. Under no circumstances will any person be allowed entry to accredited areas without the relevant safeguarding checks in place and pass issued.

Please email british.events@aquaticsgb.com if you have any queries.

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.

COMPETITOR INFORMATION

VENUE



Upper Concourse venue plan to be provided in due course.

SCHEDULE AND CONDITIONS

The Schedule, Conditions and Consideration Times for Aquatics GB Swimming Championships 2025 are available on the Aquatics GB website [here](#) (under the coaches tab).

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The following changes have been made to the schedule:

- All heats sessions will now start at 09:30am
- Both the Men’s and Women’s 800m and 1500m Freestyle have been moved to the end of their respective Heats sessions (for Finals they will remain in the same order as placed on the original schedule)
- On Tuesday 15th April, the Women’s 200m Freestyle has been moved to the end of the Heats session, as well as both Finals sessions
- Any Para B Finals that have 16 or less entries have been removed.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

| Date | Competition Pool | Training Pool |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday 14 th April | TBC – 20:00* | 08:00 – 20:00 |
| Tuesday 15 th April | 14:30 – 16:30 | 14:30 – 16:30 |
| Wednesday 16 th April | 14:30** – 16:30 | Closed (15:00 – 17:00) |
| Thursday 17 th April | 14:30 – 16:30 | Closed (14:00 – 16:30) |
| Friday 18 th April | Closed (13:30 – 15:30) | 14:30 – 16:30 |
| Saturday 19 th April | 14:30 – 16:30 | Closed (13:30 – 16:30) |
| Sunday 20 th April | 14:30 – 16:30 | 14:30 – 16:30 |

*Training in the competition pool on this day is subject to production build timings. If there are any opportunities to train in the competition pool later in the day, it will be communicated on the notice board at the Sport Information Desk.

**Subject to the end of the Heats Session



TRAINING AIDS

- Personal training equipment (pull buoys, kickboards and small hand paddles small fins) may be used during warm-up and swim down in the competition pool and training pool
- Larger fins and hand paddles may be used during training periods in both pools
- The use of bungee cords is not permitted in either pool at any time

BELONGINGS

Athletes, Coaches, Team Managers and Chaperones are encouraged to use lockers to safely store their belongings. Aquatics GB and London Aquatics Centre will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.

FINALS

The evening sessions will consist of the following Finals:

Pathway Finals

- **Open 'A' Final** – the fastest eight competitors from the heats, irrespective of age, plus two reserves
- **Open 'B' Final** – the next fastest eight competitors from the heats born 2006 or earlier, plus two reserves (B Finals will be swum subject to the required number of entries as specified in condition 4e)
- **Junior Final** – the next fastest eight competitors from the heats born 2007 – 2011 (following identification of the 'A' Finalists), plus two reserves

Para MC Finals

- **Open Para MC 'A' Final** – the eight highest scoring Para competitors, plus two reserves (where only an MC 'A' Final is swum priority will be given to international classified athletes)
- **Open Para MC 'B' Final** – the next eight highest scoring Para competitors, plus two reserves (B Finals will be swum subject to the required number of entries as specified in condition 4e)

SESSION TIMES

| Date | Heats | B Finals | Finals |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Tuesday 15 th April | 09:30 - 12:30 | 18:00 - 18:25 | 19:00 - 20:45 |
| Wednesday 16 th April | 09:30 - 14:30** | 18:00 - 18:30 | 19:00 - 20:50 |
| Thursday 17 th April | 09:30 - 12:45 | 18:00 - 18:25 | 19:00 - 20:55 |
| Friday 18 th April | 09:30 - 12:45 | 18:00 - 18:25 | 19:00 - 20:55 |
| Saturday 19 th April | 09:30 - 12:20 | 18:00 - 18:25 | 19:00 - 20:35 |
| Sunday 20 th April | 09:30 - 12:50 | 18:00 - 18:25 | 19:00 - 20:55 |

*Session finish times provided above are estimated and are subject to change

**Heats session timing includes a 15-minute break between Events 205 and 206

WARM UP AND SWIM DOWN

| Date | Session | Event | Warm-Up Times | Pool |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Tuesday 15 th April | Heats | 101-102 | 07:45 – 08:30 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | | 103 - | 08:30 – 09:15 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | B Finals | N/A | 17:00 – 17:45 | Competition Pool |
| | A/Junior Finals | N/A | 18:00 onwards | Training Pool |
| Wednesday 16 th April | Heats | 201-203 | 07:45 – 08:30 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | | 204 - | 08:30 – 09:15 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | B Finals | N/A | 17:00 – 17:45 | Competition Pool |
| | A/Junior Finals | N/A | 18:00 onwards | Training Pool |



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|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Thursday 17 th April | Heats | 301-303 | 07:45 – 08:30 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | | 304 - | 08:30 – 09:15 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | B Finals | N/A | 17:00 – 17:45 | Competition Pool |
| | A/Junior Finals | N/A | 18:00 onwards | Training Pool |
| Friday 18 th April | Heats | 401-403 | 07:45 – 08:30 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | | 404 - | 08:30 – 09:15 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | B Finals | N/A | 17:00 – 17:45 | Competition Pool |
| | A/Junior Finals | N/A | 18:00 onwards | Training Pool |
| Saturday 19 th April | Heats | 501-502 | 07:45 – 08:30 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | | 503 - | 08:30 – 09:15 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | B Finals | N/A | 17:00 – 17:45 | Competition Pool |
| | A/Junior Finals | N/A | 18:00 onwards | Training Pool |
| Sunday 20 th April | Heats | 601-603 | 07:45 – 08:30 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | | 604 - | 08:30 – 09:15 | Competition and Training Pool |
| | B Finals | N/A | 17:00 – 17:45 | Competition Pool |
| | A/Junior Finals | N/A | 18:00 onwards | Training Pool |

Additional warm-up and swim down will take place within the training pool.

Heats

- Competing athlete numbers are between 408 and 536 daily
- Warm Up split by events in both pools
- Warm Up in both Pools commences at 07:45 and 08:30
 - 35mins General Warm Up – 10mins Dive etc
 - Priority Para Lanes(s) in Competition Pool as required
 - Training Pool continues for Warm Up/Swim Down

Finals

- B Finals warm up will take place in the Competition Pool for 35 minutes – Para Lane(s) will be made available as required
- A/Jnr Finals Warm Up Opens at 18:00 hrs in the Training Pool alongside B Finals swim down - Para Lane(s) will be made available as required.

SEATING

Athlete seating will be located within allocated blocks (to be included in the venue drawing in due course).

There will be no athlete seating on deck.

ATHLETE PREP SPACE

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

Any club programmes requiring a prep area may use the space along the concourse behind blocks H - L.

MEDICAL

There will a paramedic present at these Championships during competition days only. Pool staff will administer first aid where necessary on poolside.

The closest hospitals to the LAC are:
Homerton University Hospital (Homerton Row, London E9 6SR) – 1.8 miles
The Royal London (Whitechapel Rd, London E1 1FR) – 2.9 miles

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 Monday 14th April** in the new studio (see venue drawing).

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.



INSPECTION OF PARA DEVICES, SWIMSUIT MODIFICATIONS AND TAPING

Any checks of taping devices, swimsuit modifications and, starting devices will take place on the following date(s) and time(s):

| Date | Location | Time |
|--|---------------------------------|---|
| Monday 14 th April | Referees Table – Main Start End | 16:30 – 17:30 |
| | Studio | Following the Team Leader Meeting |
| Tuesday 15 th – Sunday 20 th April | Referees Table – Main Start End | Heats: 08:45 – 09:00 B Finals: 17:30 – 17:45 All other Finals: 18:30 – 18:45 |

START LISTS AND WITHDRAWALS

Start Lists

Start lists will only be available online and QR codes for start lists and results will be available around the venue and at the Sport Information Desk.

Withdrawals from Heats for all competition days must be made by 12 noon on the day before the day of competition. This includes the first day's events where withdrawals must be made by 12 noon on Monday 14th April.

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.

Reserves will be released upon publication of the finals start lists.

Withdrawals

We are aware of previous incidents whereby athletes have had withdrawals submitted in their name which are false.

As a measure to prevent this from continuing to occur the following process will be introduced.



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

We encourage that accreditations are purchased early, once open, to ensure athletes can be withdrawn.

Once a relevant accreditation has been issued team staff will have access via a unique code to submit withdrawals.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

TICKETS

Tickets are available to purchase [here](#).

Tickets will only be available at the box office for sessions that have not sold out in advance online.

For finals sessions, there are two types of ticket:

- **Gold Tickets:** reserved seating in block F, overlooking the finish end.
- **Silver Tickets:** reserved seating in block C, D & E

Finals tickets cover both B Final and A/Junior Final Sessions.

Concessions are those age 16 and under, 65 and over or students (ID required).

Children aged 2 and under will not require a ticket if they are babes in arms.

Please note ticket prices will be higher on the door than online.

On The Door Prices will be the following:

| Ticket Type | Heats | Finals |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Adult – Silver | £12.00 | £18.00 |
| Adult – Gold | - | £23.00 |
| Concession – Silver | £10.00 | £15.00 |
| Concession – Gold | - | £18.00 |
| Accessible* – Silver | £10.00 | £15.00 |
| Accessible* - Gold | - | £18.00 |

*Comes with a complimentary companion ticket

The box office will be open by the Spectator Entrance on the Upper Concourse of the London Aquatics Centre from 15th – 20th April. Box Office timings will be confirmed in due course.

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

TRAVELLING TO THE VENUE

Public transport is the best and easiest way to get to and from the London Aquatics Centre, either by train, underground, bus or cycle.

The Elizabeth Line, Central and Jubilee underground lines, London Overground and Network Rail stop at Stratford Station (10-minute walk).

The London Overground also stops at Hackney Wick (15-minute walk).

There are over 140 cycle racks outside London Aquatics Centre.

Trains from central London (St Pancras International & Kings Cross stations) take seven minutes to reach Stratford International; from here it's a five-minute walk to the centre.

Parking at the London Aquatics Centre is extremely limited therefore, if you choose to drive, it is recommended that you park at Westfield Cark Park A, B or C (Ariel Way, London W12 7GF).

RETAIL

NESS Swimwear will be retailing at the Aquatics GB Swimming Championships. The store will be located on the upper concourse in front of the gym at London Aquatics Centre (see venue drawing) from 15th – 20th April.

Aquatics GB merchandise will be available for purchase from the NESS Swimwear's retail store. Aquatics GB lanyards will be available to purchase from the Sport Information Desk.



SAFETY & SECURITY

Volunteers, spectators, competitors and team staff are asked to be extra vigilant and take care not to leave their belongings unattended. Any concerns should be reported to event or venue staff. We are committed to working in a safe environment where everyone has a duty to look after themselves and each other. If you see something you consider to be a risk don't ignore it but report it to Venue Management.

Please note, bag checks will take place before entering the building. Bag checks will take place before entering the building; therefore, spectators are advised not to bring large bags or suitcases over A3 size. Prohibited items include fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glassware, cans, flags, banners, poles, laser pens, and or any other item, which in our reasonable opinion, may cause danger or disruption to any event or to other visitors (regardless of whether such item is illegal or is carried for specific purposes).

Further information on safety and security including the London Aquatics Centre admissions policy will be published on the Aquatics GB website [here](#) in due course.

FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

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.

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 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.



PHOTOGRAPHY REFUSAL FORM

Name of Swimmer: _____

Membership Number: _____

Event: Aquatics GB Swimming Championships 2025

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: isobel.griffiths@aquaticsgb.com



DOPING CONTROL

By entering this event the athlete consents to report to Doping Control, if requested, at any time during this event and agrees to abide 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 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 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.

