

Worcester County Swimming Association



Swimming Championships 2026 Entry Pack

Distance: 18th January 2026 (Perdiswell, Worcester)
24th & 25th January 2026 (Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Sandwell)
7th & 8th February 2026 (Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Sandwell)

Perdiswell, Worcester (25m)
Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Sandwell (50m)

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Welcome

Worcester County Swimming Association is proud to present this year's County Swimming Championship Meet.

This entry pack contains all information you and your club will need to enter the competition. Please ensure your forms are filled out and handed back to your Club rep who will submit all entries to the County.

Good luck to all swimmers and those who are chasing the Regional Qualifying time.

Regards

WCSA



Entry Details

Deadline for entries:

Saturday 20th December 2025.

All qualifying times must be achieved in licensed competition between 1st January 2025 and 15th December 2025 and be on the Swim England ranking list before the closing date for entries. All entries must be submitted via your club's representative by midnight on the above dates.

All entries must be submitted by the designated format by the Club's representative to swimsecretary@swimworcestercounty.org

Electronic Entry Only

All entries must be submitted using "Meet Entry Manager" from SportSystems available to download from <https://www.sportsys.co.uk/> and the export file emailed to swimsecretary@swimworcestercounty.org

Each club must submit only one export for Distance events and one export for Sprint events, for all swimmers wishing to enter the County Championships.

The Entry Set file can be found on the WCSA Website. Please email the SportSystems Entry Manager reports (Open/Male & Female) and the exported *.sez file to the address above.

Payment

Each Club Secretary will be contacted by the County Treasurer and be invoiced for payment once entries have been received. This will be within two weeks of the deadline for entries.

Licence

- 18th January (Perdiswell, Worcester (2WM260137)
- 24th & 25th January (Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Sandwell) (1WM260139)
- 7th & 8th February (Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Sandwell) (1WM260140)

Programme of Events



Worcester County Swimming Association County Swimming Championships 2026



Sunday 18th January 2026, Perdiswell, Worcester							
Session 1: Warm up TBC, Start TBC				Session 2: Warm-up TBC, Start TBC			
Open / Male & Female	1500m	Freestyle	HDW	Open / Male & Female	800m	Freestyle	HDW
Saturday 24th January 2026, Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Sandwell							
Session 3: Warm-up 10.30am TBC, Start TBC				Session 4: Warm up TBC, Start TBC			
Female	50m	Backstroke	Heats	Female	100m	Backstroke	Heats
Open/Male	100m	Freestyle	Heats	Open/Male	50m	Freestyle	Heats
Female	200m	Butterfly	HDW	Female	400m	Freestyle	HDW
				Open/Male	200m	Butterfly	HDW
Age Group Finals				Age Group Finals			
Open/Male	100m	Freestyle	Final	Female	100m	Backstroke	Final
Female	50m	Backstroke	Final	Open/Male	50m	Freestyle	Final
Sunday 25th January 2026, Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Sandwell							
Session 5: Warm-up TBC, Start TBC				Session 6: Warm up TBC, Start TBC			
Open/Male	100m	Breaststroke	Heats	Open/Male	200m	Backstroke	HDW
Female	50m	Freestyle	Heats	Female	100m	Butterfly	Heats
Open/Male	200m	Individual Medley	HDW	Open/Male	50m	Breaststroke	Heats
Female	400m	Individual Medley	HDW	Female	200m	Individual Medley	HDW
Age Group Finals				Age Group Finals			
Open/Male	100m	Breaststroke	Final	Open/Male	50m	Breaststroke	Final
Female	50m	Freestyle	Final	Female	100m	Butterfly	Final
Saturday 7th February 2026, Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Sandwell							
Session 7: Warm-up 10.30am TBC, Start TBC				Session 8: Warm up TBC, Start TBC			
Open/Male	50m	Backstroke	Heats	Open/Male	100m	Backstroke	Heats
Female	100m	Freestyle	Heats	Female	50m	Butterfly	Heats
Open/Male	200m	Breaststroke	HDW	Open/Male	400m	Freestyle	HDW
				Female	200m	Breaststroke	HDW
Age Group Finals				Age Group Finals			
Female	100m	Freestyle	Final	Open/Male	100m	Backstroke	Final
Open/Male	50m	Backstroke	Final	Female	50m	Butterfly	Final
Sunday 8th February 2026, Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Sandwell							
Session 9: Warm-up TBC, Start TBC				Session 10: Warm up TBC, Start TBC			
Female	100m	Breaststroke	Heats	Female	200m	Backstroke	HDW
Open/Male	50m	Butterfly	Heats	Open/Male	100m	Butterfly	Heats
Female	200m	Freestyle	HDW	Female	50m	Breaststroke	Heats
Open/Male	400m	Individual Medley	HDW	Open/Male	200m	Freestyle	HDW
Age Group Finals				Age Group Finals			
Female	100m	Breaststroke	Final	Female	50m	Breaststroke	Final
Open/Male	50m	Butterfly	Final	Open/Male	100m	Butterfly	Final

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County Championships 2026 - Entry Form

Please ensure this form is completed correctly and submitted to your Club County Rep. Incorrect entries will be rejected



Full Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Age: DoB:

Swim England No:

Club:

Event	Achieved (Y/N)	Event	Achieved (Y/N)
50m Freestyle		50m Breaststroke	
100m Freestyle		100m Breaststroke	
200m Freestyle		200m Breaststroke	
400m Freestyle		50m Butterfly	
800m Freestyle		100m Butterfly	
1500m Freestyle		200m Butterfly	
50m Backstroke		200 m IM	
100m Backstroke		400 m IM	
200m Backstroke			

Disability Code:

No of Events: @ £8.00

Total Account Due: £

I hereby declare that information provided above is correct and that I am an amateur in accordance with the laws of Swim England and abide by the conditions laid down by the governing body for the competition.

During WCSA events a photographer may take photographs during the medal ceremonies and post them on

County Web Site. If you do not want your child to be photographed, please tick the box ☐ and inform your Rep to notify the promoter

Signature of Swimmer/Parent:

I certify that the information given is correct and that the swimmer is eligible and has reached the standard of the Swim England Competitive Start Award

All swimmers must be under the supervision of their club coach or designated club official at all times during the competition.

Qualifying Times WCSA Championships 2026

Open/Male							WCSA		Female							
10/11yrs	12yrs	13yrs	14yrs	15yrs	16yrs	17+ yrs	EVENT		10/11yrs	12yrs	13yrs	14yrs	15yrs	16yrs	17+ yrs	
00:40.50	00:38.00	00:35.50	00:33.00	00:29.50	00:28.00	00:26.50	50m Free		00:41.50	00:36.50	00:34.50	00:32.50	00:31.50	00:31.50	00:30.00	
01:31.00	01:26.00	01:21.00	01:14.00	01:05.00	01:03.00	00:58.00	100m Free		01:33.00	01:22.00	01:15.00	01:12.50	01:07.50	01:07.50	01:05.00	
03:25.00	03:05.00	02:45.00	02:35.00	02:20.00	02:15.00	02:06.00	200m Free		03:15.00	03:00.00	02:45.00	02:35.00	02:25.00	02:25.00	02:18.50	
07:15.00	06:45.00	06:10.00	05:35.00	05:05.00	04:55.00	04:40.00	400m Free		07:00.00	06:30.00	06:00.00	05:30.00	05:15.00	05:15.00	05:00.00	
	12:30.00	11:45.00	11:00.00	10:30.00	10:00.00	09:30.00	800m Free			13:30.00	12:30.00	11:30.00	11:00.00	11:00.00	10:30.00	
	24:30.00	23:00.00	21:30.00	20:30.00	19:30.00	18:30.00	1500m Free			26:00.00	24:00.00	22:00.00	21:00.00	21:00.00	20:00.00	
00:55.00	00:52.00	00:48.00	00:46.00	00:40.00	00:38.00	00:35.00	50m Breast		00:55.00	00:50.00	00:46.50	00:44.50	00:42.00	00:42.00	00:40.00	
02:05.00	01:55.00	01:45.00	01:35.00	01:28.00	01:23.00	01:17.00	100m Breast		02:00.00	01:50.00	01:42.00	01:35.00	01:32.00	01:32.00	01:25.00	
04:10.00	03:55.00	03:35.50	03:20.00	03:10.00	03:00.00	02:50.00	200m Breast		04:05.00	03:50.00	03:30.00	03:20.00	03:12.50	03:12.50	03:00.00	
00:54.00	00:49.00	00:44.00	00:39.00	00:34.00	00:32.00	00:30.00	50m Fly		00:51.50	00:44.50	00:40.50	00:37.50	00:35.50	00:35.50	00:34.00	
02:00.00	01:50.00	01:40.00	01:25.00	01:17.00	01:12.00	01:06.00	100m Fly		02:10.00	02:00.00	01:45.00	01:30.00	01:25.00	01:25.00	01:15.00	
	04:00.00	03:40.00	03:20.00	03:05.00	02:50.00	02:35.00	200m Fly			04:15.00	03:55.00	03:35.00	03:15.00	03:15.00	02:55.00	
00:47.00	00:45.00	00:42.00	00:39.00	00:36.00	00:34.00	00:32.00	50m Back		00:47.00	00:42.50	00:40.00	00:38.50	00:36.50	00:36.50	00:34.50	
01:43.00	01:38.00	01:33.00	01:25.00	01:17.00	01:12.00	01:07.00	100m Back		01:42.00	01:35.00	01:30.00	01:24.00	01:18.00	01:18.00	01:14.00	
03:40.00	03:30.00	03:20.00	03:00.00	02:40.00	02:34.00	02:28.00	200m Back		03:40.00	03:15.00	03:00.00	02:50.00	02:45.00	02:45.00	02:40.00	
							100m IM									
03:50.00	03:40.00	03:25.00	03:05.00	02:40.00	02:34.00	02:28.00	200m IM		03:45.00	03:20.00	03:05.00	02:55.00	02:45.00	02:45.00	02:40.00	
	07:00.00	06:45.00	06:30.00	06:15.00	05:50.00	05:25.00	400m IM			07:30.00	07:00.00	06:35.00	06:10.00	06:10.00	05:45.00	

Age groups are 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 and over. All ages are as at 31st December 2026.

All qualifying times are short course times (Long Course conversions accepted) and must be achieved in licensed competition between 1st January 2025 - 15th December 2025 and be on the Swim England ranking list before the closing date for entries. All entries must be submitted via your club's representative by midnight on 20th December 2025

The promoter reserves the right to further restrict entries for good gala management.

Championship dates - Long Distance 18th January 2026 - Worcester, 24 & 25th Jan / 7th & 8th Feb 2026 - Sandwell

Terms and Conditions

Swim England Laws & Swim England Technical Rules
(Affiliated to Swim England West Midlands & Worcester County SA)

General Information

1. County Championships and Age Groups, hereinafter called the competitions, under Swim England Laws and Swim England Technical Rules, shall be competed for annually. The dates and venue(s) of the competitions shall be agreed by the Swimming Committee.
2. The 800m and 1500m distance events will be swum as short course (25m) and all other events as long course (50m)
3. Each Club shall nominate one person to be responsible for the validity of the entries of members to the competitions. The name, address and telephone number and email address of the nominated representative shall be forwarded to the Swimming Secretary by the 21st November prior to the year of competition. If a club updates their nominated representative at any time, it is the club's responsibility to update the Swimming Secretary as soon as possible. Failure to comply with this condition will render the Club liable to a fine ten times the individual club entry fee for the competitions.
4. Competitors must be members of a Club affiliated to the Association and be a Swim England or equivalent registered **Club Compete** member of the club in whose name they are entered at least 14 days before the closing date for entries.

Any swimmer who enters or takes part in these Championships or Age group Competitions must not represent another County or have entered or taken part in the Championships or Age Group Competitions of another English County, Scotland or Wales during the same calendar year.

Competition Information

5. The Championships will be:

50 metres: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle

100 metres: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle

200 metres: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley

400 metres: Freestyle, Individual Medley

800 metres: Freestyle (mixed gender event)

1500 metres: Freestyle (mixed gender event)

Age Group Categories:

Open/Male: 10/11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17 & Over

Female: 10/11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17 & Over

Note: 10/11yrs not eligible to compete in 800m and 1500m Freestyle, 200m Fly and 400m IM.

6. Entries from para-swimmers who hold a British Swimming Para Classification are welcomed and are not subject to the qualification times. Para Swimmers will be integrated into championship events with able bodied swimmers. Overall results for these swimmers will be declared from the Heats.

7. The AGE GROUP events shall be:

Open / Male & Girls 10 & 11 years: 50m, 100m Back, Breast, Fly and Free
200m Back, Breast, and Free
200m Individual Medley
400m Freestyle

Open / Male & Girls 12 years & over: 50m, 100m and 200m Back, Breast, Fly and Free
200m and 400m Individual Medley
400m Freestyle
800m Freestyle
1500m Freestyle

All Heats and HDW events will be spearheaded and the last 3 heats of events, with finals, will be cyclically seeded.

Para Swimmers

50m Freestyle: S1-S14	100m Freestyle: S1-S14
200m Freestyle: S1-S5 & S14	400m Freestyle: S6-S13
50m Backstroke: S1-S14	100m Backstroke: S6-S14
50m Breaststroke: SB1-SB9, SB11-SB14	100m Br: SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14
50m Butterfly: S1-S14	100m Butterfly: S8-S14
200m Individual Medley: SM5-SM14	

8. The AGES for ALL EVENTS will be as at the 31st December in the year of competition.

9. All 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m events will be licensed at Swim England Meet Level 1 and the 800m / 1500m events will be licensed at Swim England Meet Level 2.

10. Electronic timing, anti-turbulent lane ropes will be in use together with backstroke ledges.

11. Secondary strobe lighting to be used.

12. All 50m & 100m events will have finals. In all other events the placing will be decided by the times recorded in the heats (HDW).

13. Start times for all sessions will be published on the website as soon as possible. The times are dictated by event demand.

Entry Information

14. Entries to the competitions will only be accepted from swimmers who have achieved the qualifying times agreed by the Management Board for events over related distances since 1st January 2025 preceding the closing date.

The entry fee for the competitions shall be decided by the Management Board.

15. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.

16. All entries must be from the SwimmingResults.org ranking list and submitted electronically by the Club's Swimming representative using the system specified by the Swim Committee. This must also include the report export for all entries (males and females) along with the coaches pass form.

17. The electronic entry file will be provided on the website/email and on completion sent to the County Swimming Secretary no later than midnight on the closing date fixed by the Swimming Committee. (Please note, ranked times must be on the SwimmingResults.org Rankings list prior to the closing date for entries so they are available for download)
Worcester County will not take responsibility for results not being available on SwimmingResults.org Rankings at the time of the closing deadline. Any error must be notified by the club representative within 7 days of the closing date.
18. Para swimmers will be entered into this event manually and entry coordinators must email the Swim Secretary with the swimmer's name, Swim England number, event/s and entry time/s. Payment will then be arranged.
19. Individual entry forms must be retained by the club until at least 30 days after the completion of the Championships. Entry forms must also be available on request by the Swimming Secretary.
20. The Clubs total entry fee should be made payable to Worcester County SA by bank transfer only. Entries will only be accepted after confirmation of payment.
21. No refunds will be made to competitors who withdraw after the closing date. Withdrawals with refunds on medical grounds or extenuating circumstances will be considered following production of a medical certificate up to 21 days after the end of the championships.
22. Incorrect entries will not be accepted.
23. When possible, The Swimming Committee will post all entries on the County Website or email within 7 days of the closing date.
24. All events will be seeded on the submitted times and in accordance with condition 7.
25. If an event is oversubscribed, then lower cut off times may be set. The Swimming Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and is empowered to reject entries if the number of entrants for an event is oversubscribed. This will be based on slowest time first to be removed by event equally distributed across the age groups.

Heats

26. Swimmers are not required to register before the start of any session or advise if they are dropping out of an event with exception of the final events.

Finals

27. There will be up to **10 finalists** per final event with two reserve places. Finalists for events with finals shall be notified via the results board which will be made available on site. If available, the results will be available online.
28. Withdrawal notification by a finalist or reserve finalist shall be given to the recording desk following the below conditions:
 - a. Within 30 minutes of the publication of the result from the heats, or within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the session, whichever is sooner.
 - b. Reserves not required for finals will be released after the above deadline. Any subsequent withdrawal may only be made on medical grounds.
 - c. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to check if they are required for a final. The recorders will announce the withdrawal of swimmers.
 - d. Failure to notify withdrawal from a final shall be subject to a £10 fine. The swimmer may not compete again in the current Championships or the championships in subsequent years until the fine is paid. The club in whose name the swimmer has entered the competition in will be responsible for payment.

Awards

29. Award information will be as follows:

- e. Age Groups: The number of awards will be decided annually by the Management Board.
- f. The Best Performance award will go to the swimmer with the highest points. Points will be awarded for all final events and events with HDW. Points shall be 8 - 1st Place, 7 - 2nd Place, 6 - 3rd Place, 5 - 4th Place, 4 - 5th Place, 3 - 6th Place, 2 - 7th Place and 1 - 8th Place
- g. Championship medals struck from the Association die, or such prizes as the Management Board may deem suitable, will be awarded to the first three in each event.
- h. The County Champion Trophy will be awarded to the fastest time from the finals covering all the age groups in that specific event.

If in the event the result is a tie for:

- i. First place; the trophy shall be shared and equal medals or prizes awarded.
 - ii. 2nd or 3rd place, the participants will receive equal awards.
- b. The Junior Trophy, where applicable, will be awarded to the fastest time in the Age Group finals to a swimmer, 15 years or under on the 31st December in the year of competition.
- c. Anyone declining to swim in a final shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition and shall not receive an award.

30. Responsibility for the engraving of trophies shall be organised by the winner's club. The County is to be invoiced by clubs for reimbursement.

31. It is the responsibility of the winner of the Trophy to ensure that it is returned clean and in good condition. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £10 per Trophy. Trophies which are returned damaged will be repaired and charged separately to the club to which the swimmer belongs.

Miscellaneous

32. Live streaming and Official photography may take place at this event. All official photo and video footage will be taken in line with Swim England Wave power guidance and may be used by the County for communication and marketing purposes. If you do not wish your swimmer to be filmed or photographed, please contact the meet promoter at swimsecretary@swimworcestercounty.org with the subject Photo Consent Withdrawal and the name of the swimmer by 10.1.26.

33. Where Worcester County are in sole charge of the facility photography and filming are to be allowed in accordance with the Swim England guidelines. WavePower Section 2.4 under photography. Filming of races for GCSE / A Level evidence will be permitted on the completion of the relevant paperwork and under the discretion of the referee. Use of flash photography is prohibited at any time poolside.

No mobile phones should be taken into the changing area at any time, as per Swim England guidance.

34. The promoter reserves the right to change the photography and filming policy at any time, which will be communicated to clubs, on the website and at the event.

35. Any inappropriate behaviour directed at the promoter, officials, volunteers will not be tolerated, the promoter reserves the right to ask any person behaving in this manner to leave the competition and may discuss further sanctions upon completion of the championships.

36. Coaches, Team Managers and parents of athletes are expected to ensure that the swimmers in their care act appropriately and are respectful of others at the competition.
37. The changing village will be separated for the event and for general public use. The behaviour of athletes in this area will be periodically monitored, and clubs are responsible for ensuring that their athletes behave in an appropriate manner at all times.
38. All questions arising for which the conditions do not provide shall be determined during the event by the Promoter or Hon Swim Sec. Any issues that arise prior or following the event should be directed to the Hon Swim Sec and the Swimming Committee which is ultimately overseen by the County Management Board.
39. Any entrant failing to comply with any of the foregoing conditions shall not be allowed to participate in the competitions and shall forfeit the entry fee(s).
40. Any proposed changes to the Conditions to be submitted, in the first instance, to the Management Board for approval.
41. Swim Path will provide our event merchandise and will be in attendance at the championships.
42. By applying for entry to the event you agree that Worcester County Swimming Association (WCSA) may publish your Personal Information in the programme of events, start sheets, and as part of the event results, and where relevant in publications of swimming records. Event results may in addition be passed to Swim England for publication either of the Event alone or combined with or compared to other events within the web based National 'Rankings' data base.
Personal Information will include (but not be limited to), forenames, surnames, club affiliation, time entered, time achieved, and age category. The event results will be retained in perpetuity, as part of 'WCSA'S' historic record.

Championship and Age Group Best Performance Trophies

The Alan Babb trophy for female and Brian Craddock trophy for males will be awarded annually at the conclusion of the competitions to the competitors who have achieved the greatest percentage improvement to the County Record, Junior or Senior, in events of 50 metres to 1500metres, and applies to all heats and individual finals.

In the event of a points tie the winner will be awarded based on the number of 1st places achieved with the higher number being the winner.

If a tie still remains, then the number of 2nd places, if still a tie the 3rd place finishes are counted and so on to 8th place finishes.

If after checking back to 8th place finishes it is still a tie, then it should be declared as joint winners.

Any queries to be addressed to Mr Dean Cuniffe swimsecretary@swimworcestercounty.org