

Yorkshire Swimming Association Swimming Championships Conditions 2026

The organisation of the Swimming Championships shall be in the hands of the Yorkshire Swimming Associations Management Board with powers delegated to Swimming Secretary. The Championships shall be held under the relevant Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules of Swimming.

- 1.(a) The Championships shall be open to all bona fide members of Clubs affiliated to the Yorkshire Swimming Association and where required achieve the relevant Entry Time. If a competitor is a member of more than one affiliated club then the club he names on his first entry of the year shall be his declared club for that Championships. For the purpose of this rule, Swimming, Diving, Synchronized Swimming and Water Polo shall be considered separately. Entries will not be accepted from Local, Private, Youth or Schools' Associations that consist of a group of clubs.
- (b) For age group purposes a swimmer's age is their age as on the 31st December 2026.
- (c) Age groups are 10/11yrs, 12 yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17 & over yrs for all events with the exception of the 800m & 1500m Freestyle and the 400m I.M. when there will be no events for 10/11yrs.
- (d) Consolidated heats will be used.
- (e) There will be a final for all ages and events with the exception of the 200m & 400m Events for swimmers under 14 years which will be Heat Declared Winner. The 800m & 1500m Freestyle events will be Heat Declared Winner for all age groups.

2. Entries

- (a) Championship entries must be made by the relevant Club Official using the Online Entry System available to download from the Web Site www.swimmingresults.org.
- (b) Entry Fees are required to be paid, on completion of the Online Entry Process, before any entries can be accepted,
- (c) The entry fees are: Individual Entry: £6.00. Team Entry: £15.00.
- (d) The Swimming Secretary has the authority to adjust the number of entries accepted to ensure the smooth running of the Championships.
- (e) Submitted entry times will be used for seeding and rejection purposes where necessary.
- (f) 10 lanes will be used for both heats and finals.
- (g) The Female/Girl 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.
- (h) Individual entries close at 2359 on Wednesday 14th January 2026.
- (i) Team Entries close at 2359 on Friday 30th January 2026.

3. Entry Standards

- (a) Standard Entry Times (SET) are fixed annually for all individual events. A swimmer's Entry Time must have been achieved no earlier than the 1st January 2024.

All times used for entry into the Championships must be verifiable on the British Rankings (Levels 1-4)

The Online Entry System will automatically download the current Ranked Time for each swim, converted for long course. The Club Official doing the entries will be unable to alter these times.

- (b) Swimmers with a valid Para Swimming Classification, held on the Swim England Membership Database, may swim in the Championships provided they have achieved 150 British Para Swimming Points for each swim.

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4. Awards

- (a) Medals will be awarded to all swimmers placed 1st, 2nd & 3rd in a Final or Heat Declared Winner event.
- (b) Pennants will be available for those swimmers placed 4th – 10th in an event.
- (c) Medals shall be awarded to the top three British Para-Swimming Point scorers in each event, irrespective of age except as per (d) below.
- (d) If there are less than four competitors in any one event, then a minus one rule will apply. If there is only one competitor in an event, then a medal shall be awarded if he/she bettered their entry time. Medals shall be awarded during the relevant session that the event has taken place

5. Meet Procedure

- (a) **If a swimmer/team is not going to swim in a heat they must inform the Entry Manager of their intention to withdraw no later than 6pm on the Friday Evening for Saturday events and by 12noon on the Saturday for Sunday Events.** Seeded Heat Start lists will be produced. Notifications should be sent to entries@yorkshireaquaticsport.org
- (b) There shall be not less than 15 minutes interval between the last heat of any particular event and the final of that event. After the heats, when there are two or more swimmers from the heats with the same time for reserve place, there shall be no reserve in the final.
- (c) Finalists including reserves who intend to withdraw must inform the Recorders no later than 15 minutes after the heat result has been published.
- (d) No swimmer shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to swim for a 'Time only'.

6. Team Events

- (a) Clubs may enter more than one team in any event. An individual swimmer may only swim for one team in a particular event. Where more than one team is from one particular club and competes in the same event then swimmers cannot interchange between teams in that event. Swimmers may enter in their own age group event plus the 13 & over event, if appropriate.
- (b) Each competing Club shall submit a list of the names of its swimmers in each team, in swim order, to the Recorders no later than 30 minutes prior to the start time of the session in which the event takes place. If the individuals or swim order is changed for a final an amended list of swimmers shall be submitted prior to the start of the final.

- 7. (a) Team Staff requiring access to the poolside must be in possession of a Pass. Passes are ordered via the Online Poolside Pass System at a fee of £15 each [here](#). All Team Staff must have either a Coaching Qualification or completed a Team Manager Course, have obtained a Safeguarding Certificate and been subject to a DBS check. These must be showing on their Swim England Membership record.
- (b) Yorkshire Swimming Association will NOT be responsible for any unaccompanied swimmers on the poolside. The responsibility falls on the club entering the swimmer.

- 8.(a) It is the intention of the Yorkshire Swimming Association to provide a Warm-up /Swim-down facility at each of its Championships. These will be supervised by facility staff /warm-up marshals. Swimmers using these facilities must follow any instructions issued by these supervisors. Clubs through their coaches /team managers will be held responsible for the behaviour/actions of their swimmers using these facilities.
- (b) Photography – The rules and standing operating procedures (SOPs) of the facility where the Championships are being held must be observed.

- 9. (a) The Yorkshire S.A. Board/Swimming Management has the power to vary the Championship Conditions prior to an event closing date. Notice of any such variance, together with its date of operation, will be published on the YSA Website