

Swim England Cambridgeshire County Championships 2025 (Under Swim England Laws and Technical Rules)

Weekend 1 – 24th, 25th and 26th January 2025 at Parkside, Cambridge – Licence No.2ER250281

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The County Championships shall be competed for annually and subject to any standard the County Executive may impose. The Championships shall be open to any member of a club affiliated to a Cambridgeshire club that is a club compete member. This meet will be swum under Swim England Laws and Regulations, Technical Rules and the Swim England Open Meet Licensing Criteria. Any swimmer failing to comply with any of the conditions shall not be allowed to compete in the Championship.
2. Protests shall be made and dealt with as detailed in Swim England Law and Regulations.
3. The promoter is the county executive, and the nominated representative is Deborah Kendall contactable at elyswimmingclubopenmeets@gmail.com
4. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at the venues.
5. Swim England Cambridgeshire will not be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet.

6 Entries

A swimmer entered in the name of one club in the individual events may not compete in the name of another club in the team events. A swimmer must be a member of the club in whose name they are entered and must have been registered as such, with Swim England, prior to the entry closing date of the competition.

- 6.1. No swimmer competing in a like championship of any other English County in the same year is eligible to compete in the championships.
- 6.2. Entry times for all individual events must be taken from the British Swimming Rankings and should be short course times; on or before the closing date and shall have been achieved from 1 January 2024. Long course times converted using the Sportsystems will be accepted. The closing date will be *Sunday 5th January 2025*.
- 6.3. Championship entries must be made using the online entry system, which requires payment in full before the entries can be submitted. This will be regarded as full acceptance and agreement to all conditions within this entry pack. Late entries will be rejected.
- 6.4. Entries will be made using Female and Open/Male competition categories, as these are the recognised categories in the Swim England Transgender and Non-binary Competition Policy (1 September 2023). By entering the 'Female' category the swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
- 6.5. Acknowledgement and acceptance of a correctly submitted entry shall be by publishing a received entries listing on the Swim England Cambridgeshire website at www.swimcamb.org. Clubs will have 7 days from the date that entries are posted on the website to check the received entries report and errors after which a final accepted entries list will be published, and no further corrections allowed.
- 6.6. Dependent on the number of entries, the promoter reserves the right to reject entries to achieve what is believed to be the best compromise between the events. If necessary to reject entries, the slowest entries will be rejected first.
- 6.7. Relay teams will need to be submitted by 20th January 2025
- 6.8. The Data Protection Act 2018 requires us to provide you with certain information and to obtain your consent before processing data about you. Processing includes obtaining, recording, holding, disclosing, destruction or retaining information. We require certain personal data for the purposes of making entries to the competition, managing the meet and the submission of results to Rankings. The information provided by you will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Consent to process such personal data is deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Where the personal data of competitors, officials and coaches/ team managers has been passed to us by a third party such as a club rather than by the individuals themselves, we rely on the third part to ensure that consent has been obtained.

7. Fees

- 7.1. Entry fees are **£8.00** per individual event (50m, 100m, 200m and 400m events), or **£10.00** per distance events (800m and 1500m events) and team relay events.
- 7.2. Spectator fees are **£6.00** per session or **£10.00** all day.
- 7.3. Swim England Cambridgeshire will restrict access to the spectator seating to comply with safety limits.

8. Access to Poolside

- 8.1. No coach or swimmer may access poolside including spectator seating areas more than 30 minutes before the commencement of the first warm up session on each day and or when the pool is made available by leisure staff and the promoter.
- 8.2. Access to poolside is restricted to competitors for the session, coaches/team managers with the correct SE accreditation applied for, technical officials and appointed volunteers. Parents are not permitted access to poolside.
- 8.3. The pool length is 25 metres, 8 lanes with anti-wave ropes and electronic timing and the depth of the pool is 1.2m at the shallow end and 1.8m at the deep end. In accordance with the Swim England guidelines of 8/12/2022 it is not permitted to dive at the shallow end of the pool.
- 8.4. No additional equipment such as personal chairs or treatment tables may be brought onto poolside.
- 8.5. Swimmers must only bring necessary equipment on to poolside. Additional equipment must be stored in the changing room lockers. The promoter reserves the right to remove any equipment or bags that do not adhere to this condition.

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9. Warm Up

- 9.1. A warm-up procedure will be published on the county website one week before the event.
- 9.2. The warm-up session must be strictly followed by all coaches and competitors unless authorised by the promoter.

10. Age Groups

- 10.1. The age groups for Open/Male and Female category in each event will be 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17+.
- 10.2. Team events will be U11, 12/13, 14/16 and 17+.
- 10.3. Ages are as at midnight on 31st December 2025.
- 10.4. All events with finals will have the last 3 heats cyclically seeded. Events that are Timed Finals only, the heats will be spearhead seeded.

11. Events

- 11.1. All 50m and 100m events shall have age group finals except 100IM. Age groups for finals are 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17+.
- 11.2. In the event that the age group finals has less than 8 qualified entrants, the promoter can combine age group finals where there are insufficient swimmers in an age group to warrant their own race.
- 11.3. Team declaration forms must be submitted to the recorder no later than the start of the relevant session's warm up.
- 11.4. Competitors must present themselves to the marshalling area at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the session or event in which they are competing. Failure to adhere to this condition may result in no swim.

12. Withdrawals

- 12.1. Heats and Team Events – Once an entry is accepted, notice of any withdrawals shall be completed by a club representative via the online withdrawal system. Refunds will only be issued if supported by a medical certificate.
- 12.2. Finals – The names of finalists and reserves will be announced and published. Withdrawals must be made to the recorder within 15 minutes of the announcement. At the end of this period, reserves may ask the recorder whether they are required for the final or can be stood down.
- 12.3. Unless notice of withdrawal has been given to the recorders within 15 minutes of the publication of the heat results, all finalists shall report to the Clerk of the Course. Withdrawals after the 15 minute deadline may only be made on medical grounds. A charge of £10 per event will be incurred if this condition is not met.
- 12.4. **All events** – where a withdrawal is made after the deadlines on medical grounds the swimmer may not compete for the rest of the day.

13. Awards

- 13.1. 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and individual medley events will be Heat Declared and the first three swimmers in each age group for these events shall each receive medals.
- 13.2. Finals shall be swum for 50m and 100m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly events. The finals will consist of the fastest heat swimmers from each age group. The first three swimmers in each age group for these events shall each receive medals.
- 13.3. Relays will be swum under licenced conditions The first three teams in each age group shall receive medals.
- 13.4. In the 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17+ age groups, Top Open/Male and Top Female awards will be presented to the swimmer with the most points across individual events. Points will be calculated based on 3 points for a gold medal, 2 for a silver and 1 for a bronze.
- 13.5. All medals are to be collected before the end of the event on the 2nd February 2025.
- 13.6. The County Shield for Top Club will be awarded to the club that finishes top of the combined medals table following the completion of the individual events at the end of session 6. Clubs are ranked according to the number of gold medals won at the championships. In the event of a tie for the number of gold medals won, the tied club with the highest number of silver medals shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie for gold and silver medals, the trophy shall be awarded to the tied club with highest number of bronze medals. If two or more clubs tie for the number of gold, silver and bronze medals, the award shall be shared.

14. Photography and Safeguarding

- 14.1. **The use of any mobile device in the changing rooms is absolutely forbidden.** This policy will be vigorously enforced and any person to be found contravening this policy will be required to leave the facility without a refund.
- 14.2. No external media coverage may take place without prior consent of the Promoter and sufficient time for any person participating in the event to consent.
- 14.3. In accordance with Wavepower Swim England safeguarding policies and Procedures all parents or carers of swimmers under the age of 18 who wish to take photographic or video images are requested to focus on their own child as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in those images, particularly if those images are being shared with

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family and friends through social media platforms. Should you have any concerns about photography or filming at this event then please bring them to the attention of the referee (or Welfare Officer).

- 14.4.** It is the club's responsibility to inform the Promoter and Lead Referee of any known medical conditions prior to the commencement of the event.
- 14.5.** Safeguarding concerns should be reported to the Promoter or Referee. If the concerns are related to conduct of the Promoter/referee, a report should be made to the County Welfare Officer, or to a member of the County Executive Committee.
- 14.6.** Swimmers must not leave the poolside changing village unless suitably dressed and with appropriate footwear worn.

15. Secondary Strobes

- 15.1.** Secondary strobe lights are available at these championships for athletes with a hearing impairment.

16. Medley Skins Event, held outside of licensed conditions.

- 16.1.** There shall be two medley 'skins' events, one for the Male/Open and one for the Female held during the competition, and these are outside of licensed conditions. Qualification for this event will be the eight fastest swimmers overall in the 100m Individual Medley events. The order of start for 2025 is Female first, thereafter, alternating on an annual basis and both events will have a formal start for the first round. The competition shall consist of a series of knockout rounds with the slowest swimmer in each round being eliminated. In the event of a dead heat between the two slowest swimmers, no elimination is made in that round. The final round shall be the last two remaining swimmers and the winner of the event shall be the fastest swimmer of the final round. The stroke to be used in the first round shall be determined by the promoter drawing lots. The stroke to be used in all subsequent rounds shall be determined by the eliminated swimmer in each round drawing lots.

17. Para Swimming Entries

- 17.1.** Para swimming entries are welcomed and are subject to the general conditions and the Para Swimming Conditions below.

Para Swimming Conditions

The conditions for the Swim England Cambridgeshire County Championships shall apply to the Para Swimming events except where varied by any of the following conditions.

Events

Freestyle	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m
Backstroke	50m, 100m and 200m
Breaststroke	50m, 100m and 200m
Individual Medley	100m, 200m and 400m

18. Eligibility

- 18.1.** Swimmers with S1-S14 classifications will be accepted.
- 18.2.** All swimmers must present any equipment for inspection prior to the start of the competition.
- 18.3.** Please contact the promoter Deborah Kendall elyswimmingclubopenmeets@gmail.com for detail on how to enter.
- 18.4.** The championships does not have para consideration times. however, the organisers reserve the right to reject swimmers after the date if demand exceeds the time available in galas.

19. Personal Care Attendants

- 19.1.** Personal care attendants will be permitted for para swimmers if appropriate. Personal Care Assistant Passes will be available at no cost if a request is made to the promoter in advance of the event.

20. Competition Format

- 20.1.** The competition format will be based on para-inclusion within the able-bodied programme. Swimmers will be integrated on a time-banded basis in all events.
- 20.2.** Placing shall be determined by achieving a time better than or closest to, the equivalent World Record relevant to their own classification.
- 20.3.** Para swimmers will be included within the results for the appropriate age group. They will also be included in the Multi-Classification results and placed within those results according to their equivalent times.
- 20.4.** Winners of all events will be heat declared.



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21. Competition to be run under IPC Swimming swim rules.

21.1. An official who holds the qualification of Swim England Para Official will act as a technical advisor in each of the sessions where para athletes are entered, if available.