

EVENT CONDITIONS

1. General Conditions

- a) The British Swimming Managing Board (“the Board”) reserves full powers over the British Swimming Championships (50m), including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the Championships venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control.
- b) The event conditions may be revised in response to Government and Public Health England guidelines related to COVID-19 and sporting competitions. In addition to a change in conditions, limits may need to be placed on entry numbers which could result in some swimmers achieving a qualifying time not being admitted to the meet. In the event that conditions need to be altered or there is a need to restrict numbers, British Swimming 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 FINA Rules, the British Swimming Judicial Code and any additional conditions (printed in the respective Meet Information). Where FINA Rules 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) Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales since 13th April 2020 or competitors who have Great Britain as their FINA recognised ‘sport nationality’. Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for age verification to the British Swimming Events Officer not later than 1500 hours on the day before the competition begins.
- e) A competitor must be a registered member, or equivalent, of the club in whose name he/she is entered, at the date of entry. This Club must be offered by the online entry system.
- f) Junior competitors.
 - a. Junior Age Groups defined by FINA and LEN in relation to FINA World Junior Championships (WJC) and the LEN European Junior Championships (EJC);
 - i. male competitors born 2003, 2004, 2005, or 2006
 - ii. female competitors born 2004, 2005, 2006, or 2007
 - g) Finals - Only competitors who have Great Britain as their FINA recognised ‘sport nationality’ and are fully eligible to represent Great Britain at the 2021 European Junior Championships, 2021 World Junior Championships, or the rescheduled 2020 European Championships or 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games by the first day of competition (13th April 2020) may progress to any Final. All eligible competitors for the (Open, Transition and Junior) finals will be seeded, by age group, into three respective finals (see section 4).

2. The Events

Individual events:

- I. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
- II. 50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
- III. 200m, 400m Individual Medley

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championships will be by means of an online entry system. 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) Entries shall open on 2nd March 2021 and be received by the appropriate National Entries Administrator (“the Administrator”) by no later than **1700 on Friday 19th March 2021. Please note that for the 2021 Championships no entries beyond the closing date will be accepted.**
- c) Only times achieved in a 50m pool are accepted for entry, no converted times will be accepted.
- d) Entry times for all individual events from Swim England, Scottish Swimming and Swim Wales entrants must be recorded in the British Swimming Rankings from swimming competitions designated or licensed for entry into national competitions since 1st March 2019.
- e) Split Times of a relay race are not acceptable for entry. The only exception is the first leg of relay, and then only if the time it recorded on the British Rankings.
- f) A competitor may only compete in the name of one club at the competition.

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 – Heats shall be seeded in accordance with FINA rules. There will be two heats sessions. The fastest heats will take place in the morning session. A further heats session will follow after a short interval.
- c) There will be:
 - a. one Open Final
 - b. one Transition Final (competitors born 1998 or later); and
 - c. one Junior Final (European Junior age group, see 1e) in all other events.
- d) The fastest eight competitors from the heats irrespective of age shall be allocated places in the Open Final, plus two reserves.
- e) The next fastest eight age-eligible competitors shall be allocated places in each of the two other finals, with priority given to the Transition Final. A competitor in the Transition or Junior Finals may also be a reserve for the Open Final and will be moved to the Open Final as necessary.

- f) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedures.

5. Withdrawal from Heats

- a) Withdrawals must be made by the end of the Team Leader Meeting for day one swims, and by 12 noon on the day before for all subsequent days.

6. Withdrawal from Finals

- a) 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. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.
- b) Withdrawals will be permitted up to the end of the second heats session.

7. Call Room

- a) Competitors must report to the Competition Stewards in the Call Room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is your responsibility to report in good time for your 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 led 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.

8. Medals

- a) Medals shall be awarded to the competitors placed first, second and third in the Open Final only.

9. Officials

- a) Technical Officials shall be selected from lists approved by British Swimming.

10. Doping Control

- a) Competitors taking part in the Championships may be subject to random doping control.
- b) Competitors are required to bring with them either a passport or other form of identity incorporating their photograph.

11. Team Leader Meeting

- a) It is a requirement for a representative from all clubs with competitors entered in these Championships to attend the Team Leader Meeting. This will take place at 1800 on 12th April 2021, the location to be identified in the Confirmation Pack.

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