

BRITISH SWIMMING TRIALS EVENT

EVENT CONDITIONS

1. General Conditions

- a) The British Swimming Managing Board (“the Board”) reserves full powers over the British Swimming Trials event (50m) including, but not limited to; cancelling, postponing or changing the event 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. The event itself will be operated under an agreed COVID mitigation plan which all participants will be required to agree to as part of an opt in to the meet.
- c) In addition to a change in conditions, limits are likely to be placed on entry numbers which could result in swimmers achieving a qualifying time not being admitted to the meet. Where necessary, entries will be prioritised by time. 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.
- d) 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 guidance (e.g. Health and Safety Regulations or Child Protection Guidelines) the requirements of Swim England shall apply to events held in England.
- e) Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales, or competitors who have Great Britain as their FINA recognised ‘sport nationality’ and are eligible to represent Great Britain at the rescheduled 2020 European Championships or 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games by the first day of competition (14th April 2021). Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for verification purposes to the British Swimming Events Officer not later than 1500 hours on the day before the competition begins.
- f) 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.
- g) Junior competitors are male competitors born 2003, 2004, 2005, or 2006 and female competitors born 2004, 2005, 2006, or 2007

2. The Events

Individual events:

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

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Trials event 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 **1200 on Friday 19th March 2021. Please note that for the 2021 Selection Trials 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 a relay, and only then if the time is 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 shall be seeded in accordance with FINA rules.
- c) If there are 8 or fewer entries in an event, there will be an Open Final with lanes allocated according to seeding.
- d) The fastest eight competitors from the heats irrespective of age shall be allocated places in the Open Final, plus two reserves.
- e) 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 heats sessions. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form (which may be electronic).

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. Officials

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

10. Doping Control

- a) Competitors taking part in the event 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 this event to attend the Team Leader Meeting. This will take place at 1800 on 13th April 2021, the format of which will be identified in the Confirmation Pack.

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