

ARENA Manchester International Swim Meet 2026

Meet Conditions (50m)

(Level 1 License No. TBC)

Manchester Aquatics Centre, 2 Booth Street East, Manchester, M13 9SS

20th to 22nd March 2026

1. General Conditions

- a. The City of Manchester Aquatic Swim Team Committee reserves full power over the meet. Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the Meet Director.
- b. The event shall be held under Swim England (SE) regulation and relevant World Aquatics/World Para Swimming rules.

2. Events

- a. Individual Events:
 - a. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
 - b. 50m, 100m and 200m Butterfly, Backstroke and Breaststroke
 - c. 200m and 400m Individual Medley
- b. All individual events are available to both Open/Male and Female competitors.

3. Entries

- a. All competitors must be registered with their National Federation to be eligible to compete.
- b. Individual events for each gender will comprise the following age categories:
 - a. Junior: 17/Under
 - b. Senior: 18/Over
- c. Ages at 31st December 2026.
- d. No entries for swimmers under the age of 11 on the 31st December 2026 will be accepted.
- e. Online entry process
 - a. All competitors are required to comply with the online entry process and pay the required fees.
 - b. Entries **MUST** be made electronically using the correct SportSystems File unless arranged and agreed in advance with the Meet Promoter.
(For exception see Section 4 Overseas Entries)
 - c. Individual entries may be made by sending the SE number, events, and times to entries@cityofmanchesterswimteam.co.uk

- f. Entries must be received by e-mail no later than the published closing time and date
 - a. Entries will open at 08:00 on Monday 2nd February 2026
 - b. Entries will close at 23:59hrs on **WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH 2026**.
 - c. Entries can be sent to the Meet Director via the following e-mail: entries@cityofmanchesterswimteam.co.uk
- g. Payment must be received no later than **the closing date for entries**.
- h. Entry times achieved in either 50m pool or converted 25m times are permitted.
- i. Entry time to be taken from a licensed Level 1, 2, 3 or 4 meet
 - a. Entry times must have been achieved between 1st January 2025 and the closing date for entries.
- j. Submitted entry times shall be used for seeding and rejection purposes as required; once a time has been submitted improved and amended times will **NOT** be accepted.
 - a. No refunds will be given for entries incorrectly submitted
- k. Consideration times and event schedule will be published in addition to these conditions.
- l. The Meet Director has the authority to adjust the number of entries accepted in the interest of safety, time constraints and to ensure the smooth running of the meet.

4. Overseas Entries

- a. The promoter guarantees entries from overseas clubs not exceeding a total of 500 entries where travel is required to and from the event from outside of Mainland British.
- b. Overseas entries **MUST** comply with all other meet conditions
- c. Overseas entries must be submitted via e-mail to entries@cityofmanchesterswimteam.co.uk and do not need to be submitted via an entry file
- d. Overseas entries that meet the competition consideration times will be accepted on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis.

5. Meet Procedure

- a. All events shall have Heats and Finals except the 800m and 1500m Freestyle events which shall be swum as Heat Declared Winner events. Finals will be swum as a separate evening session (See Programme of Events).
- b. The fastest swimmers will compete in the Open Final and the next fastest swimmers in the Junior Category will compete in the Junior Final with two reservists being identified for each final, where possible.
 - a. Where a reservist for the Open Final is a Junior swimmer and has qualified for the Junior Final, and is promoted into the Open Final,

the first reserve from the Junior Final will be promoted into the Junior Final

- c. Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawals process.
- d. The morning sessions (2a and 4a) will contain the “fastest” heats for each event except the 800m and 1500m Freestyle events. The afternoon sessions (2b and 4b) shall contain the “remaining” heats for each event.
 - a. There will be a minimum 3 heats of 50’s, and 2 heats of 100’s, 200’s and 400’s in the “a” sessions
 - b. The Promoter reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of heats in the “a” session to allow the smooth running of the meet
- e. Should a swimmer withdraw on grounds of illness or injury, they will not be eligible to compete in any other events over the course of the competition.
- f. Results will be published stating the names of the finalists and 2 reserves (where relevant) as soon as practical following the conclusion of each event. See Section 7 Withdrawal Procedure for provisional and final Finalists.
- g. If necessary due to a dead heat of equal times achieved in the heats which results in the number of finalists exceeding the number of lanes available, a swim off may be used to determine swimmers for a final

6. Para Swimmers

- a. The Meet Conditions shall apply to the Multi-Classification Para Swimmers unless where varied by this paragraph (Para 6) of the Meet Conditions
- b. Para swimmers will be included within the schedule of events. As such, there will be no separate events for swimmers with disabilities.
- c. Para swimmers must have achieved the stated Para consideration time for each event (see below)
- d. There will be a single age classification for para swimmers
- e. Para swimmers must be aged 12 or above on the 31st December 2026
- f. All swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to their time.
- g. Events:

Freestyle	50m: S1-S14
	100m: S1-S14
	200m: S1-S5, S14
	400m: S6-S14
Backstroke	50m: S1-S5
	100m: S1-S2, S6-S14

Butterfly	50m: S2-S7
	100m: S8-S14
Breaststroke	50m: SB1-SB3
	100m: SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14
Individual Medley:	200m: SM5-SM14

7. Withdrawal Procedure

- a. Withdrawal from Heats
 - a. Withdrawals from heats should be made no later than **12:00 the day before** the session the withdrawal is for.
 - b. All withdrawals must **state name, club, event number, and competitor number.**
 - c. There will be no refund of entry fees for such withdrawals.
 - d. Withdrawals can be made either by completing a form in the coaches' room or by emailing wd@cityofmanchesterswimteam.co.uk
- b. Withdrawal from Finals
 - a. Upon the conclusion of an event in the morning/"fastest" sessions (events suffixed "a"), a partial results PDF will be published on the meet website as soon as is practival indicating provisional finalists.
 - b. Upon the conclusion of an event in the afternoon sessions (events suffixed "b"), the results PDF will be updated with confirmed finalists and reserves
 - c. Finalists and Reserves will have 15 minutes to withdraw following the conclusion of the final heat in that event
 - d. Reserves will be released when the Final Start Sheet is published.

8. Call Room

- a. Swimmers must report to the Competition Marshalls in the Call Room for Heats and Finals and follow their directions. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure they report to the Call Room in sufficient time and be prepared to parade for their event.
- b. Swimmers must report 'race ready' and once entered the call room should remain there until lead onto pool deck by the Competition Marshalls.

9. Awards

- a. The first, second, and third placed swimmers in each of the evening's finals, shall be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively. The first, second and third placed Junior and Senior swimmers from the 800m

and 1500m freestyle events shall be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively.

- 10.** Any point not covered in these conditions shall be at the discretion of the Meet Promoter.

Programme of Events

Friday 20 th March	
Event 101 Mixed 1500m Freestyle Event 102 Mixed 800m Freestyle	
Saturday 21 st March Morning Session 2a, Afternoon Session 2b	Sunday 22 nd March Morning Session 4a, Afternoon Session 4b
Session2: Heats	Session 4: Heats
Event 201 Female 50m Backstroke Event 202 Open/Male 50m Breaststroke Event 203 Female 50m Butterfly Event 204 Open/Male 400m Individual Medley Event 205 Female 100m Freestyle Event 206 Open/Male 100m Backstroke Event 207 Female 100m Breaststroke Event 208 Open/Male 50m Freestyle Event 209 Female 200m Backstroke Event 210 Open/Male 200m Breaststroke Event 211 Female 200m Butterfly Event 212 Open/Male 100m Butterfly Event 213 Female 200m Individual Medley Event 214 Open/Male 200m Freestyle Event 215 Female 400m Freestyle	Event 401 Open/Male 50m Backstroke Event 402 Female 50m Breaststroke Event 403 Open/Male 50m Butterfly Event 404 Female 400m Individual Medley Event 405 Open/Male 100m Freestyle Event 406 Female 100m Backstroke Event 407 Open/Male 100m Breaststroke Event 408 Female 50m Freestyle Event 409 Open/Male 200m Backstroke Event 410 Female 200m Breaststroke Event 411 Male 200 Butterfly Event 412 Female 100m Butterfly Event 413 Open/Male 200m Individual Medley Event 414 Female 200m Freestyle Event 415 Open/Male 400m Freestyle
Session 3: Finals	Session 5: Finals
Event 301 Junior Female 50m Backstroke Final Event 302 Open Female 50m Backstroke Final Event 303 Junior Open/Male 50m Breaststroke Final Event 304 Open Open/Male 50m Breaststroke Final Event 305 Junior Female 50m Butterfly Final Event 306 Open Female 50m Butterfly Final Event 307 Junior Open/Male 400m IM Final Event 308 Open Open/Male 400m IM Final Event 309 Junior Female 100m Freestyle Final	Event 501 Junior Open/Male 50m Backstroke Final Event 502 Open Open/Male 50m Backstroke Final Event 503 Junior Female 50m Breaststroke Final Event 504 Open Female 50m Breaststroke Final Event 505 Junior Open/Male 50m Butterfly Final Event 506 Open Open/Male 50m Butterfly Final Event 507 Junior Female 400m IM Final Event 508 Open Female 400m IM Final Event 509 Junior Open/Male 100m Freestyle Final

Event 310 Open Female 100m Freestyle Final Event 311 Junior Open/Male 100m Backstroke Final Event 312 Open Open/Male 100m Backstroke Final Event 313 Junior Female 100m Breaststroke Final Event 314 Open Female 100m Breaststroke Final Event 315 Junior Open/Male 50m Freestyle Event 316 Open Open/Male 50m Freestyle Event 317 Junior Female 200m Backstroke Final Event 318 Open Female 200m Backstroke Final Event 319 Junior Open/Male 200m Breaststroke Final Event 320 Open Open/Male 200m Breaststroke Final Event 321 Junior Female 200m Butterfly Event 322 Open Female 200m Butterfly Event 323 Junior Open/Male 100m Butterfly Event 324 Open Open/Male 100m Butterfly Event 325 Junior Female 200m IM Final Event 326 Open Female 200m IM Final Event 327 Junior Open/Male 200m Freestyle Final Event 328 Open Open/Male 200m Freestyle Final Event 329 Junior Female 400m Freestyle Event 330 Open Female 400m Freestyle	Event 510 Open Open/Male 100m Freestyle Final Event 511 Junior Female 100m Backstroke Final Event 512 Open Female 100m Backstroke Final Event 513 Junior Open/Male 100m Breaststroke Final Event 514 Open Open/Male 100m Breaststroke Final Event 515 Junior Female 50m Freestyle Event 516 Open Female 50m Freestyle Event 517 Junior Open/Male 200m Backstroke Final Event 518 Open Open/Male 200m Backstroke Final Event 519 Junior Female 200m Breaststroke Final Event 520 Open Female 200m Breaststroke Final Event 521 Junior Open/Male 200m Butterfly Event 522 Open Open/Male 200m Butterfly Event 523 Junior Female 100m Butterfly Event 524 Open Female 100m Butterfly Event 525 Junior Open/Male 200m IM Final Event 526 Open Open/Male 200m IM Final Event 527 Junior Female 200m Freestyle Final Event 528 Open Female 200m Freestyle Final Event 529 Junior Open/Male 400m Freestyle Event 530 Open Open/Male 400m Freestyle
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Sessions 2a and 4a refer to the “fastest” heats sessions which will take place on the mornings of Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March 2026

Sessions 2b and 4b refer to the “remaining” heats sessions which will take place in the afternoons of Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March 2026

Consideration Times

Open/Male		Event	Female	
Junior	Senior		Senior	Junior
29.93	28.5	50m Freestyle	30.98	32.50
1.02.98	59.90	100m Freestyle	1.05.32	1.08.79
2.24.57	2.18.21	200m Freestyle	2.25.48	2.30.90
4.50.28	4.40.22	400m Freestyle	5.01.22	05.11.21
10:32.68	9:54.22	800m Freestyle	10:23.41	10:45.78
18:51.22	18:01.73	1500m Freestyle	18:56.17	19:31.17
35.00	33.11	50m Backstroke	34.78	36.27
1.13.48	1.10.11	100m Backstroke	1.15.92	1.17.00
2.35.88	2.30.12	200m Backstroke	2.47.59	2.50.01
38.45	36.00	50m Breaststroke	39.45	42.32
1.24.99	1.21.45	100m Breaststroke	1.24.56	1.28.93
3.03.40	2.53.49	200m Breaststroke	3.11.22	3.16.98
32.40	30.89	50m Fly	34.20	35.68
1.12.99	1.09.00	100m Fly	1.15.67	1.17.84
2.47.34	2.42.39	200m Fly	2.56.91	3.16.82
2.36.78	2.33.88	200m Individual Medley	2.43.41	2.47.65
5.27.82	5.24.91	400m Individual Medley	5.51.82	06.12.33

		Freestyle				Backstroke		Butterfly			Breaststroke			Individual Medley
		50m	100m	200m	400m	50m	100m	50m	100m		50m	100m		200m
S1	Open/Male	2:25.68	5:07.99	8:12.64		1:56.90	4:01.10			SB1	2:55.36		SM1	
	Female	2:14.92	6:39.44	10:35.89		3:37.46	7:10.90				3:37.31			
S2	Open/Male	1:35.23	4:18.80	6:38.17		1:26.70	3:07.09	3:50.69		SB2	1:33.18		SM2	
	Female	2:30.09	5:19.65	11:07.74		2:06.82	4:27.55	3:43.66			2:13.25			
S3	Open/Male	1:11.34	2:47.92	5:38.21		1:17.31		2:14.69		SB3	1:19.95		SM3	
	Female	1:13.78	2:41.22	7:56.62		1:29.76		1:52.06			1:32.19			
S4	Open/Male	1:04.79	2:19.00	4:59.39		1:12.74		1:13.62		SB4		2:48.19	SM4	
	Female	1:03.64	2:19.67	5:31.02		1:23.36		1:36.94				3:00.86		
S5	Open/Male	52.91	1:51.02	4:06.69		57.87		59.65		SB5		2:37.57	SM5	5:27.01
	Female	1:02.77	2:14.43	4:35.55		1:13.09		1:14.69				2:41.98		5:55.60
S6	Open/Male	49.00	1:45.99		8:20.06		2:07.49	52.43		SB6		2:15.20	SM6	4:28.83
	Female	54.54	1:57.58		8:43.15		2:16.48	58.85				2:41.10		4:53.44
S7	Open/Male	45.72	1:39.98		7:41.90		1:56.50	48.58		SB7		2:09.07	SM7	4:10.34
	Female	55.07	1:56.70		8:33.92		2:15.15	58.88				2:28.34		4:52.05
S8	Open/Male	43.66	1:35.71		7:24.18		1:49.87		1:40.24	SB8		1:55.06	SM8	4:52.67
	Female	49.32	1:45.02		7:59.22		2:04.64		2:02.82			2:15.52		4:30.37
S9	Open/Male	41.99	1:30.06		6:53.28		1:43.57		1:37.22	SB9		1:47.04	SM9	3:42.24
	Female	47.54	1:41.54		7:38.93		1:55.23		1:50.99			2:04.67		4:14.82
S10	Open/Male	38.09	1:23.18		6:34.58		1:34.88		1:29.38	SB10			SM10	3:32.24
	Female	44.71	1:37.66		7:18.99		1:51.01		1:48.51					3:58.29
S11	Open/Male	43.25	1:35.66		7:53.28		1:56.67		1:44.70	SB11		2:03.44	SM11	4:03.31
	Female	49.78	1:51.18		8:49.44		2:10.16		2:14.67			2:19.60		4:49.56
S12	Open/Male	38.61	1:27.39		7:11.28		1:38.34		1:32.75	SB12		1:52.40	SM12	3:40.70
	Female	46.74	1:37.46		7:41.92		1:56.27		1:48.70			2:09.28		4:10.78
S13	Open/Male	38.09	1:24.11		6:41.26		1:37.33		1:33.71	SB13		1:48.30	SM13	3:36.05
	Female	44.56	1:37.06		7:31.66		1:50.88		1:45.28			2:02.77		3:54.66
S14	Open/Male	41.00	1:26.46	3:08.56	6:56.90		1:38.78		1:32.58	SB14		1:47.95	SM14	3:32.35
	Female	45.78	1:39.01	3:25.75	7:44.82		1:47.89		1:44.62			2:02.99		3:52.01