

# Arena Manchester Winter Qualifiers 2026

## Meet Conditions (25m)

(Level 2 License No. TBC)

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

16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 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. 100m, 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. 11/12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15/16yrs, 17/Over
- c. Ages at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026.
- d. No entries for swimmers under the age of 11 on the 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:entries@cityofmanchesterswimteam.co.uk)
- f. Entries must be received by e-mail by the Meet Director no later than the published closing time and date
  - a. Entries will open at 08:00 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026
  - b. Entries will close at 23:59hrs on **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026**.
  - c. Entries can be sent to the Meet Director via the following e-mail: [entries@cityofmanchesterswimteam.co.uk](mailto:entries@cityofmanchesterswimteam.co.uk)

- g. Payment must be received no later than **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026**.
- h. Entry times achieved in either 25m pool or converted 50m times are permitted.
- i. Entry time to be taken from a licensed Level 1, 2, or 3 meet
  - a. Entry times must have been achieved between 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- m. The Promoter reserves the right to reject entries of swimmers owing monies to The Club, and to those who have displayed unsporting conduct, abusive or inappropriate behavior at previous meets held by The Club.

#### **4. Overseas Entries**

- a. The promoter guarantees entries for up to 300 entries where booking of flights is required to travel to and from the event from outside England and Wales.
- b. Overseas entries **MUST** comply with all other meet conditions
- c. Overseas entries must be submitted via e-mail to [entries@cityofmanchesterswimteam.co.uk](mailto: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 aged 16/Under 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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, and event.**
  - 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](mailto: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 practical indicating provisional finalists.
  - b. Upon the conclusion of an event in the afternoon sessions (events suffixed "b"), the results PDF will be updated.
  - c. Finalists and Reserves will have 15 minutes to withdraw following the conclusion of the final event of the 'b' session in which the event took place.
  - d. Following the 15 minute withdrawal period, a Confirmed Finals Start Sheet will be released. Reserves will be released at this point.

## 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 Junior and Senior swimmers from the 800m and 1500m freestyle events shall be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively.
- b. The first, second, and third fastest Junior swimmers in the finals shall be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively, regardless of which final (Junior or Open) they competed in.
- c. The first, second, and third fastest Senior swimmers in the Open final 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.



Friday	
Event 101 Mixed 1500m Freestyle Event 102 Mixed 800m Freestyle	
Saturday Morning Session 2a, Afternoon Session 2b	Sunday Morning Session 4a, Afternoon Session 4b
Session 2: Heats	Session 4: Heats
Event 201 Open/Male 400m Freestyle Event 202 Female 200m Freestyle Event 203 Open/Male 200m Individual Medley Event 204 Female 100m Butterfly Event 205 Open/Male 200m Butterfly Event 206 Female 200m Breaststroke Event 207 Open/Male 200m Backstroke Event 208 Female 50m Freestyle Event 209 Open/Male 100m Breaststroke Event 210 Female 400m Individual Medley Event 211 Open/Male 100m Freestyle Event 212 Female 100m Backstroke Event 213 Open/Male 50m Backstroke Event 214 Female 50m Breaststroke Event 215 Open/Male 50m Butterfly	Event 401 Female 400m Freestyle Event 402 Open/Male 200m Freestyle Event 403 Female 200m Individual Medley Event 404 Open/Male 100m Butterfly Event 405 Female 200m Butterfly Event 406 Open/Male 200m Breaststroke Event 407 Female 200m Backstroke Event 408 Open/Male 50m Freestyle Event 409 Female 100m Breaststroke Event 410 Open/Male 400m Individual Medley Event 411 Female 100m Freestyle Event 412 Open/Male 100m Backstroke Event 413 Female 50m Backstroke Event 414 Open/Male 50m Breaststroke Event 415 Female 50m Butterfly
Session 3: Finals	Session 5: Finals
Event 301 Junior Open/Male 400m Freestyle Final Event 302 Senior Open/Male 400m Freestyle Final Event 303 Junior Female 200m Freestyle Final Event 304 Senior Female 200m Freestyle Final Event 305 Junior Open/Male 200m Individual Final Event 306 Senior Open/Male 200m Individual Final Event 307 Junior Female 100m Butterfly Final Event 308 Senior Female 100m Butterfly Final Event 309 Junior Open/Male 200m Butterfly Final Event 310 Senior Open/Male 200m Butterfly Final Event 311 Junior Female 200m Breaststroke Final Event 312 Senior Female 200m Breaststroke Final	Event 501 Junior Female 400m Freestyle Final Event 502 Senior Female 400m Freestyle Final Event 503 Junior Open/Male 200m Freestyle Final Event 504 Senior Open/Male 200m Freestyle Final Event 505 Junior Female 200m Individual Final Event 506 Senior Female 200m Individual Final Event 507 Junior Open/Male 100m Butterfly Final Event 508 Senior Open/Male 100m Butterfly Final Event 509 Junior Female 200m Butterfly Final Event 510 Senior Female 200m Butterfly Final Event 511 Junior Open/Male 200m Breaststroke Final Event 512 Senior Open/Male 200m Breaststroke Final

Event 313 Junior Open/Male 200m Backstroke Final  
Event 314 Senior Open/Male 200m Backstroke Final  
Event 315 Junior Female 50m Freestyle Final  
Event 316 Senior Female 50m Freestyle Final  
Event 317 Junior Open/Male 100m Breaststroke Final  
Event 318 Senior Open/Male 100m Breaststroke Final  
Event 319 Junior Female 400m Individual Final  
Event 320 Senior Female 400m Individual Final  
Event 321 Junior Open/Male 100m Freestyle Final  
Event 322 Senior Open/Male 100m Freestyle Final  
Event 323 Junior Female 100m Backstroke Final  
Event 324 Senior Female 100m Backstroke Final  
Event 325 Junior Open/Male 50m Backstroke Final  
Event 326 Senior Open/Male 50m Backstroke Final  
Event 327 Junior Female 50m Breaststroke Final  
Event 328 Senior Female 50m Breaststroke Final  
Event 329 Junior Open/Male 50m Butterfly Final  
Event 330 Senior Open/Male 50m Butterfly Final

Event 513 Junior Female 200m Backstroke Final  
Event 514 Senior Female 200m Backstroke Final  
Event 515 Junior Open/Male 50m Freestyle Final  
Event 516 Senior Open/Male 50m Freestyle Final  
Event 517 Junior Female 100m Breaststroke Final  
Event 518 Senior Female 100m Breaststroke Final  
Event 519 Junior Open/Male 400m Individual Final  
Event 520 Senior Open/Male 400m Individual Final  
Event 521 Junior Female 100m Freestyle Final  
Event 522 Senior Female 100m Freestyle Final  
Event 523 Junior Open/Male 100m Backstroke Final  
Event 524 Senior Open/Male 100m Backstroke Final  
Event 525 Junior Female 50m Backstroke Final  
Event 526 Senior Female 50m Backstroke Final  
Event 527 Junior Open/Male 50m Breaststroke Final  
Event 528 Senior Open/Male 50m Breaststroke Final  
Event 529 Junior Female 50m Butterfly Final  
Event 530 Senior Female 50m Butterfly Final

Sessions 2a and 4a refer to the “fastest” heats sessions which will take place on the mornings of Saturday and Sunday

Sessions 2b and 4b refer to the “remaining” heats sessions which will take place in the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday

## Consideration Times

	Male						Female				
	11/12	13	14	15/16	17/OV		11/12	13	14	15/16	17/OV
50 Free	00:35.9	00:34.0	00:33.2	00:31.7	00:29.9	50 Free	00:35.7	00:34.3	00:33.3	00:32.0	00:31.9
100 Free	01:15.7	01:11.1	01:07.3	01:02.6	01:01.4	100 Free	01:16.6	01:13.5	01:11.3	01:08.7	01:08.4
200 Free	02:44.7	02:35.0	02:26.6	02:16.3	02:13.8	200 Free	02:44.9	02:38.0	02:33.5	02:28.0	02:26.4
400 Free	05:46.0	05:26.8	05:10.4	04:48.7	04:42.5	400 Free	05:43.7	05:29.8	05:20.8	05:10.2	05:07.2
800 Free	12:00.0	11:41.8	11:09.3	11:06.8	10:54.2	800 Free	12:04.5	11:45.9	11:19.2	11:14.3	11:08.1
1500 Free	22:53.7	22:01.0	21:18.7	19:35.6	19:09.4	1500 Free	22:48.2	22:10.4	21:35.6	20:59.8	20:34.4
50 Breast	00:45.1	00:41.9	00:39.6	00:36.4	00:35.7	50 Breast	00:45.4	00:43.2	00:41.8	00:40.3	00:40.0
100 Breast	01:36.9	01:30.1	01:25.1	01:18.4	01:16.7	100 Breast	01:37.3	01:32.3	01:28.7	01:26.2	01:24.9
200 Breast	03:29.2	03:15.3	03:03.9	02:50.7	02:46.3	200 Breast	03:28.8	03:18.2	03:11.5	03:05.8	03:04.1
50 Fly	00:38.8	00:36.4	00:34.3	00:31.5	00:30.7	50 Fly	00:39.1	00:37.3	00:36.1	00:34.7	00:34.6
100 Fly	01:24.6	01:19.1	01:14.4	01:08.8	01:07.0	100 Fly	01:24.9	01:21.2	01:18.3	01:15.8	01:14.9
200 Fly	03:06.6	02:54.7	02:44.7	02:31.7	02:26.9	200 Fly	03:06.4	02:57.3	02:51.0	02:44.8	02:42.8
50 Back	00:40.3	00:37.6	00:35.8	00:32.6	00:32.1	50 Back	00:40.5	00:38.7	00:37.5	00:36.1	00:35.8
100 Back	01:25.2	01:19.7	01:15.0	01:09.3	01:07.6	100 Back	01:25.3	01:21.4	01:19.0	01:16.1	01:15.6
200 Back	03:02.6	02:51.1	02:41.4	02:29.8	02:27.0	200 Back	03:01.7	02:54.3	02:49.2	02:42.4	02:40.6
200 IM	03:06.8	02:55.8	02:45.3	02:33.7	02:30.5	200 IM	03:06.3	02:58.8	02:53.1	02:47.2	02:45.7
400 IM	06:34.3	06:12.0	05:50.3	05:25.4	05:18.7	400 IM	06:32.0	06:14.4	06:03.1	05:50.5	05:48.2

		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		
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		
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		
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		
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		
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					
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		
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		
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		
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		