Kent County ASA Swimming Championships 2027

Incorporating Para-Swimming Multi Classification Inclusive events

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Saturday 16th January 2027 & Saturday 6th March 2027
K2 Crawley, Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley, RH11 9BQ

Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th & Saturday 30th/Sunday 31st January 2027
London Aquatics Centre, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford Cross, London, E20 2ZQ

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Any questions/queries regarding the Kent County ASA Swimming Championships 2027 ("the Championships") must be directed to the Promoter in the first instance. The Promoter will liaise with the Lead Referee where necessary.

Conditions

1. General Conditions
   - 1.1. The Championships shall be run under Swim England Laws and Technical Rules, the relevant World Para Swimming Rules, and these Promoter's conditions.
   - 1.2. The Kent Swimming Committee reserves full powers over the Championships.
   - 1.3. The Championships will be run in Long Course pools and licensed at Level 1.
   - 1.4. All the following conditions shall apply to the Para-Swimming Events except where varied by the Supplementary Para-Swimming Conditions and Entry Standards.
   - 1.5. A swimmer who has competed in swimming championships of another County shall not be eligible to compete in the Championships in the same calendar year.
   - 1.6. A swimmer must be a Swim England Club Compete registered member of a Kent club in whose name the swimmer is entered at the date of making the initial entry and (subject to the provisions of Condition 1.7) remain so continuously until the Championships have been completed in which the swimmer is taking part have been completed.
   - 1.7. A swimmer who joins a second Kent club and wishes to compete for the new club, or who resigns from one Kent club and joins another, after the relevant Championships closing dates, must immediately notify the promoter of any events that they have entered in which case
     - 1.7.1. points scored (under the provisions of Condition 9.6) before the swimmer changes club shall be awarded to the original club.
     - 1.7.2. thereafter, the swimmer may compete in individual events but will not score points for their original club or their new club.
   - 1.8. The age of each swimmer shall be as at 31 December 2027.
   - 1.9. A secondary strobe will be available at all venues.
   - 1.10. Swim down facilities may only be available at certain times.
   - 1.11. The Kent Swimming Committee shall decide any matter not provided for in these conditions and will determine the appropriate action against those concerned if any of

these conditions are contravened.

2. How To Enter
   - 2.1. There are two closing dates for entry:
     - 2.1.1. 23rd December 2026 for 800m Freestyle at K2 Crawley.
     - 2.1.2. 13th January 2027 for 1500m Freestyle at K2 Crawley and for 50/100/200/400m events at LAC Stratford.
   - 2.2. The entry fee for individual events is
     - 2.2.1. £11.00 per event up to and including distances of 400m.
     - 2.2.2. £15.00 per event for 800m and 1500m Freestyle.
   - 2.3. Entries will be processed electronically using Sportsystems.
     - 2.3.1. There will be one Sportsystems entry file.
     - 2.3.2. One copy of which shall be used for entries for 800m Freestyle at K2 Crawley, and another for entries for all remaining events. The entry file will be available on the Kent Swimming website.
     - 2.3.3. Para Swimmers will use a separate entry form for their entries to be submitted manually via their club.
   - 2.4. Entries must:
     - 2.4.1. Be made by the appropriate club official.
     - 2.4.2. Be made as part of a club entry – no individual entries will be accepted.
     - 2.4.3. Consist of a completed entry file and summary sheet, and be sent to the Meet Entries Manager.
   - 2.5. Incorrect entries will not be refunded.
   - 2.6. Payment for accepted entries will be requested in two batches once accepted entries have been notified to clubs. Clubs will **only** be invoiced for accepted entries and payment **must** be paid in full. **Clubs must not make payment until directed to by the Meet Promoter or Event Manager.** Payment is due by:
     - 2.6.1. 12th January 2027 for the 800m Freestyle.
     - 2.6.2. 19th January 2027 for all other events.
     - 2.6.3. Failure to provide full payment when requested will exclude all a club's entries to the Championships.

3. Meet Programme
   - 3.1. There will be separate events for open/male and female, except for 800m/1500m Freestyle which will be swum as mixed. Results for these events will be split out to open/male and female categories.
   - 3.2. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category the swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
   - 3.3. The programme will consist of the following events:
     - 3.3.1. For 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17+ years: 50/100/200m Freestyle/Breaststroke/Butterfly/Backstroke, 200m Individual Medley and 400m Freestyle.
     - 3.3.2. For 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17+ years: 400m Individual Medley, 800m and 1500m Freestyle.

3.4. All 50m and 100m events in each age group will have finals. All other events will be Heat Declared Winner (HDW).

4. Supplementary Para Conditions
   4.1. The Championships shall be run with Multi Classification Para Swimming Inclusive Events.
   4.2. The minimum age for entry will be 11 years as of 31st December 2027.
   4.3. All para swimmers must have an authorised IPC swimming, Aquatics GB, INAS-FID or British Blind Sport classification, which is held on the Aquatics GB or IPC Swimming classification database at the time of entry.
   4.4. There will be no qualifying standard for para swimming competitors, but times entered must be achieved between 1st January 2026 and 13th January 2027. Times must be recorded on the Swim England Rankings Database, either as short course or long course.
   4.5. Para swimming competitors:
      4.5.1. must enter the relevant events for their classification to be included in Multi-Classification results, as defined in the table below.
      4.5.2. may enter events outside of this, but will not be eligible for Multi-Classification results.

Event	Eligible Classifications
50m Freestyle	S1-S14
100m Freestyle	S1-S14
200m Freestyle	S1-S5, S14
400m Freestyle	S6-S14
50m Backstroke	S1-S5
100m Backstroke	S1, S2 & S6-S14
50m Breaststroke	SB1-SB3
100m Breaststroke	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14
50m Butterfly	S1-S7
100m Butterfly	S8-S14
200m Individual Medley	SM5-SM14

   4.6. Para swimming competitors who qualify for a final may swim in that final.
   4.7. There will be no finals for Para swimming competitors in multi-classification events. There will be no separate heats for Para swimmers.
   4.8. All Para events will be HDW and final positions based on the relevant British Para Points.

5. Seeding
   5.1. All events will be swum as combined age groups, listed slowest to fastest.
   5.2. Where an event has finals, the final three heats shall be cyclically seeded. All other heats will be spearheaded.
   5.3. Finals will be spearheaded.
   5.4. All heats in HDW events will be spearheaded.

6. Finals
   6.1. The fastest 10 competitors from the heats in each age group will be allocated a place in their respective age group final. The next 2 fastest shall be named as reserves.
   6.2. For each final, a minimum of 10 lanes will be used.

6.3. In the event of two or more swimmers tying for the final place(s) following a withdrawal period, a swim-off will be run to determine who swims in the final. No swim-offs shall take place where the last reserve place in a final is tied – in this case, a coin flip administered by the Meet Promoter will determine who takes the last reserve place.

7. Technical Officials and Volunteers
   7.1. The County is unable to run competitions without the support of technical officials and volunteers to support key functions of the competition. Technical Officials should contact the Officials Appointments Coordinator (Jean Scott, jean.scott@kentswimming.org) to offer support. Volunteers should contact the Event Manager to offer their support.
   7.2. Technical Officials shall be offered reimbursements for expenses which must be claimed no later than 20th March 2027.

8. Qualification Entry Times
   8.1. All submitted times must be the fastest time achieved at an event licensed at Levels 1, 2, 3, or 4 between 1st January 2026 and 13th January 2027 and must appear on the Swim England database. Long course and short course times converted to long course times are accepted.
   8.2. In all events of a distance of 400m or less:
      8.2.1. Automatic qualifying times and consideration qualifying times are in place and can be found on the Kent Swimming website. All entries by swimmers who have the automatic qualifying times shall be accepted for that event.
      8.2.2. Swimmers who enter and have not achieved the automatic time for an event, but have achieved the consideration time may be accepted up to the numbers of swimmers per age group and event defined in the table below.

	10/11	12	13	14	15	16	17+
50m events	34	34	34	34	34	34	46
100m events	21	21	21	21	21	21	24
200m events	16	16	16	16	16	16	18
400m events	14	14	14	14	14	14	16

      8.2.3. Should there be an insufficient number of entries that have achieved the consideration time in any age group, the unused number of spaces shall be back filled from other age groups up to a maximum aggregate number of entries across all age groups as outlined in the table in Condition 8.2.2.
      8.2.4. For the purposes of 8.2.3, those swimmers whose times are closest to the automatic times within their own age group compared to all other age groups shall be accepted first.
   8.3. The following provisions apply to the 800m and 1500m freestyle events where only consideration times have been set:
      8.3.1. In the 800m freestyle swimmers who shall have achieved a consideration time shall be considered for acceptance initially up to a maximum of 10 per age group per gender – the fastest entries per age group per gender shall be accepted first.
      8.3.2. In the 1500m freestyle swimmers who shall have achieved a consideration time shall be considered for acceptance initially up to a maximum of 5 per age group per gender – the fastest entries per age group per gender shall be accepted first.

8.4. Should there be an insufficient number of entries that have achieved the consideration time in any age group the unused number of spaces will be back filled from other age groups of that same gender up to a maximum number of entries across all age groups of that gender of 60 swimmers for the 800m Freestyle and 32 swimmers for the 1500m Freestyle.

8.5. For the purposes of Condition 8.4 those swimmers whose times are fastest relative to the consideration times across all age groups of that same gender shall be accepted first.

8.6. Should there still be an insufficient number of entries that have achieved the consideration time in any age group the unused number of spaces will be back filled from other age groups irrespective of gender up to a maximum number of entries across all age groups and genders of 120 swimmers for the 800m Freestyle and 64 swimmers for the 1500m Freestyle.

8.7. For the purposes of Condition 8.6 those swimmers whose times are fastest relative to the consideration times across all age groups and genders shall be accepted first.

8.8. Notwithstanding the above, the promoter reserves the right to restrict the number of entries in any event in the interests of pool safety, to meet licensing conditions, and/or to ensure the smooth running of the Championships. In such case, the swimmers with the fastest times in each age group shall take precedence.

8.9. Subsequent improved times will not be accepted after the relevant closing date.

8.10. Time trials will not be permitted.

8.11. Any unsubstantiated times found to have been entered will result in the relevant club and swimmer being referred to the Swimming Committee. The Meet Promoter reserves the right to remove awards or points that may have been awarded for the swim in question.

9. Awards

9.1. In HDW events, medals will be awarded to swimmers placed first to tenth in each age group in each gender category.

9.2. In events with finals, medals will be awarded to swimmers placed first to tenth in the relevant final, in each age group in each gender category.

9.3. Medals will be awarded to Para swimmers placed first to tenth in each age group in each gender category, provided that they compete within the Para swimming inclusive events as defined in Condition 4.5.

9.4. If a trophy exists for an Open event, it will be awarded to the swimmer ranked first across all age group finals once the times have been ranked or the swimmer achieving the fastest time in the case of HDW events.

9.5. If a trophy exists for a Junior (16 years and under as at 31st December 2027), it will be awarded to the Junior swimmer ranked first across all age group finals up to 16 years once the times have been ranked or the swimmer achieving the fastest time in the case of HDW events.

9.6. Points will be awarded from 8 points to 1st place, 7 points to 2nd place, etc. down to 1 point for 8th place in each age group in each gender category for finals where one takes place, and in HDW events where they do not. There will be a separate points table compiled to Para swimmers.

9.7. There will also be a medals table indicating the number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd place medals achieved by each club.

9.8. The Mick Geer salver will be presented on the last day of the individual championships to the swimmer who has achieved the highest number of World Aquatics points in an individual swim, as recorded on the date of the swim in question.

10. Registration and Marshalling
    10.1. The Championships will be operating on a sign-out/withdrawal system. Withdrawals must be made by an accredited team representative. On the day of competition, withdrawals must be made prior to the start of any indicated warm up time for the relevant session of the event being withdrawn from.
    10.2. Failure to withdraw, resulting in a race being swum with empty lanes, will incur a fine of £20 for each failure, payable by the club. This will be reduced to 50% if the fine is paid within 30 days of the day of the invoice to the club. If the club wishes to dispute a fine, the club must provide evidence that the swimmer was withdrawn in accordance with the meet procedure.
    10.3. Announced finalists and reserves not intending to swim shall withdraw by completing a withdrawal form as soon as possible, and in any case no later than 10 minutes after the announcement or such later time as determined by the Meet Promoter.
    10.4. If a finalist withdraws within the allotted time, the final will be reseeded with reserves. A maximum of two reserves shall be nominated – if withdrawals exceed the number of available reserves, no additional swimmers shall be brought in for the final. Where a reserve is brought in after the allotted time, the reserve will occupy the vacant lane and there shall be no changes made to the allocation of other lanes. Reserves should report to marshalling with finalists when requested.
    10.5. Warm up marshals will be appointed, and their instructions must be followed at all times.
    10.6. Swimmers must ensure that they are present in the marshalling area in good time for their heat and/or final. Swimmers must report to the Competition Marshalls, be registered as present, and follow their directions at all times. **Swimmers who miss their heat and/or final will not be offered the chance to swim at a later point in the meet and will not be offered a refund.**
    10.7. All competitors must enter the Marshalling area 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Marshalling area they should remain in its confines until led onto the pool deck for their race.
    10.8. Heat start lists for each event will be posted online and available at the collection at the announcer's table and marshalling area before each session starts. It is the swimmer's responsibility to ensure their name appears on the list prior to the start of the session.
    10.9. Coaches/chaperones/team managers will not be allowed in the Marshalling area at any time.
    10.10. Personal Care Attendants will only be permitted for para swimmers where assistance is permitted on their code of exceptions. A swimmer who has assistance may have both a coach and a Personal Care Attendant present. The Personal Care Attendant will need to apply for a pass – it will be free of charge.

11. Poolside Access & Accreditation
    11.1. Poolside accreditation for coaches, team managers, chaperones and personal care attendants must be applied and paid for through the Swim England Accreditation System. **Previous accreditation from Kent Swimming events will not be valid for this meet.** Passes will cost £10 plus any fees imposed by the Accreditation System.
        11.1.1. In the event of the Swim England Accreditation System being unavailable, an alternative accreditation method will be made available by the Meet Promoter and Event Manager.

11.2. Should club personnel not arrive with the correct accreditation, emergency passes will be available at a cost of £15 per pass. These passes will only be valid for the weekend on which they are issued.

11.3. Clubs must ensure that they have enough personnel accredited to meet the Swim England Supervision Ratio Policy. Details can be found here - https://www.swimming.org/library/documents/6101/download

11.4. The Promoter, Event Manager, County Welfare Officer or their designate reserve the right to request any person to leave poolside, regardless of whether that person has a poolside pass or not.

12. Photography

12.1. All those attending the Kent County Championships (competitors, coaches, team managers, spectators, officials, volunteers, contracted staff etc) wishing to use cameras, video or digital imaging capturing devices (including mobile phones) should only do so after reference to their obligations and the recommendations laid down in the latest version of Wavepower (the Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy) available on the competition date, and Procedures and other Swim England guidance. Photographic equipment must not be used anywhere in the changing rooms.

12.2. **Use of a mobile phone or other device in the changing rooms is strictly prohibited.** Any breach of this condition shall be reported to the Promoter, Event Manager and/or County Welfare Office, who shall be entitled to take such action as they deem appropriate. This may include removal from venues for the rest of the meet, or future meets hosted by Kent Swimming.

12.3. Photographs of the meet may be taken by representatives of the Promoters of the event and may be used for promotional purposes. Entry into the competition implies acceptance of this condition.

12.4. Livestreaming may take place throughout the Championships. Competitors should be made aware that entry into this meet constitutes acceptance that they will be shown on the live stream – it is not possible to remove individual competitors from images being captured for this purpose.

13. Data Protection

13.1. By submitting and accepting entries to the meet consent is hereby given, as required by the Data Protection Act 1998, to the holding of personal information. The personal information supplied with your entry will be retained securely and will only be used for the legitimate purposes of running the event. Where the meet is licensed and there are events which can be loaded on to the Rankings database, data will be shared by form of results with Swim England (Rankings). Results will be shared with the clubs who have entered the meet regardless of licensing. A full copy of the results will be published on the website after the meet. Please be aware that links from our website may take you to external websites that are not covered by our policies. Please ensure that you review their privacy policies before any data is submitted. If any persons want to exercise their right to erasure or processing of their personal data they will need to make a written request to the promoter. We will only hold competition data for 12 months after which it will be destroyed and erased from our systems.