



Kent County Championships 2026 – Update 11 1500m Freestyle Cancellation

We were all disappointed at not being able to complete the 1500M session last Saturday at K2 Crawley due to a health and safety issue. Since then, we have been actively exploring how to complete the 1500m session, not only in terms of facilities but also the availability of officials and the technical team. We have also consulted with clubs with the highest number of entries to ascertain likely attendance if the session was rescheduled.

Having taken account of all these issues, we have had to reluctantly cancel the remaining heats. This decision has not been taken lightly or arbitrarily. Our main concern being the clashes with other events during the National Qualifying window which would lead to insufficient qualified and licensed officials and technical staff for a significantly reduced field. Where competitions are not compliant with the Open Meet Licensing Criteria and the requirement for officials an event maybe downgraded.

One of the age groups was fully completed. It is only fair that not only that age group should receive their medals, but also other age groups should be given the opportunity to obtain the medals and trophies for their age groups championships. The exact provisions as to how this will be determined will be confirmed shortly.

Finally, we will of course return entry fees for all swimmers on the final programme who did not swim on Saturday – they will be returned directly to the entering Clubs. In addition, spectator tickets bought to watch those swimmers who were unable to swim, will be refunded on request. Further details will follow.

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Swimming Manager**



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Timings

1700 Changing Rooms Open (Estimated)
1730 Warm Up
1800 First Heat
2040 End of Final Heat (Estimated)

Lanes for warm up will be unallocated, but coaches must support warm up marshals throughout the warm up period. Please note that no swim down pool is available at K2.

Withdrawals and Reserve List

[LINKED] Reserve List for Event 111 1500m Freestyle

Clubs should withdraw swimmers via the QR codes provided by Lynn Gates. Once a space becomes open due to a withdrawal, the next person on the reserve list will be offered the space through their gala secretary. **Please can all gala secretaries respond to these offers promptly – there will be a 24 hour period before the space is offered to the next person on the list. Spaces will not be re-offered if we do not receive a response.**

Clubs are reminded that where a swimmer does not swim and has not been withdrawn that a £20 fine will apply. Withdrawals can be made up until the start of warm up, however reserves will only be offered spaces until midday, 6th February.

Invoices

If you are on the reserve list and accepted as a result of a withdrawal, invoices will be processed after the conclusion of the Championships through your club gala secretary.

If you are owed a refund for a medical withdrawal, these will be processed after the conclusion of the Championships through your club gala secretary.

Merchandise

Merchandise for the Championships is available to purchase from SwimPath. There are a range of hoodies, t-shirts and swim caps available, with a bundle deal for all three items in any combination of designs. Both collection windows have now passed – all merchandise purchased will be delivered to your address in late February.

Changing Areas & Conduct

Swimmers are reminded of the Wavepower guidelines on changing rooms. **Usage of a mobile phone or device in the changing rooms is prohibited.**

- X No Taking Photos or Videos
- X No Texting
- X No Making Phone Calls
- X No Browsing The Internet