

EALING SWIMMING CLUB

2026 Regional Qualifier

Under Swim England Laws and Swim England Technical Rules at Level 3 under no: 3LR260052

Saturday 28 February & Sunday 1 March 2026

The Northolt Leisure Centre, Eastcote Lane North, Northolt, Middx UB5

RULES AND CONDITIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Lead Referee: Gillian Neal, Promoter: Dave Heathcock, Meet Manager: Leah Pullen
2. This gala will take place at Northolt Leisure Centre, Eastcote Lane North, Northolt, Middx UB5 4AB and is licensed by the Swim England at Level 3 under License number 3LR260052
3. It will run short course (25m) in accordance with Swim England Laws and Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming and the rules and conditions of this competition.
4. All entries must be Club Compete (category 2) with Swim England. Where possible entries must be accompanied with a Swim England ID (registration) number. Where an entry is not accompanied by the Swim England ID, proof must be submitted with the entry that they have applied for registration. Any swimmer who does not provide Swim England ID or proof that they have applied will not be allowed to swim
5. Over the top starts may be used at the promoter's discretion.
6. The pool is 25m long, 8 lanes, anti-wave lane ropes and electronic timing. The depth of the shallow end is 0.9m and the deep end is 2.0m.
7. No outdoor shoes to be worn on the poolside. Prior to leaving poolside, **all swimmers must** dry off and put on appropriate clothing and footwear. **No swimmers** are allowed into the spectator area of the main entrance foyer area unless they have complied with this requirement.
8. SPECTATORS Entry will be £10.00 per day regardless of the number of sessions attending. A copy of the result sheets will be provided to clubs at the end of the gala if possible or will be available from our website as soon as possible after the gala. Where possible results will be uploaded onto Meet Mobile, where live results are available.
9. The pool will be cleared 10 minutes before the start of the session.
10. All events are Heat Declared Winner. Awards will be given to the top three swimmers in each age group (9/10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16+). Any medals not collected on the day will be forfeited.
11. The Pool will be available for warm-up before the start of each session; see the summary programme for warm up timings. A second pool is available which will be available Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday for continuous warm up and swim down during the meet.
12. There will be a secondary strobe available.
13. ESC reminds all those attending that the meet is under the pool operator's photographic policy. Anyone wishing to use a camera, video or digital image capturing devices (including mobile phones) that they should only do so after reference to their obligations and the recommendations laid down in [Wavepower 2024](#), the Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy & Procedures and other Swim England Photography guidance. You are reminded that Flash photography is NOT permitted at the start of any heat.
14. With respect to changing rooms, any use by any person of a mobile phone or device is prohibited from the point of entry to a changing room until after exiting the changing room. In practice this means that any device must be in a bag or pocket, it must not be visible. There are no exemptions to this rule so if someone has an issue, they cannot use the device in the changing room; their need must be solved in some other way.
15. This Meet has been licensed at Level 3 by Swim England. Times recorded at the meet will be accepted for entry into County and Regional Competitions, and will be sent to Swim England for inclusion in the National Rankings.
16. Coaches' / Team Manager passes are £45.00 per whole / part of the Meet to include heat sheets, lunch, tea and poolside refreshments. We request clubs to advise us of any allergies for those using Poolside passes. Important: We cannot guarantee a nut-free environment.

Coaches' packs will be available for pick up on the computer table at the start of each day. Passes/Wristbands must be displayed at all times, entry to poolside will not be permitted without a pass. Clubs must ensure there are enough adults (Coaches and Team Managers with the correct ratios to the number of attending swimmers) on poolside with valid passes to provide adequate supervision in accordance with Swim England's Team Manager, Coach and Chaperone Policy, and with reference to their obligations and the recommendations laid down in [Wavepower 2024](#), the Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy & Procedures. ([Swim England Supervision-ratios-policy](#))
Any under 18y individual entrants will need to join the Ealing swimmers whilst on poolside.
17. Only swimmers; coaches; team managers and officials are allowed onto the poolside, Parents / Carers **are not** allowed onto the poolside.

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18. Parents / carers are allowed into the changing rooms **but must not** go past the showers and block / stand in the entrance to the pool, this is a health and safety and safeguarding issue. Anyone found to be ignoring this rule will be asked to move immediately. The gala will be stopped until the entrance is clear.
19. Where possible there will be a swim shop.
20. Hot drinks **MUST NOT** be taken on poolside.

OFFICIALS

1. To ensure the Meet can run effectively and efficiently, clubs with an entry over 8 swimmers are requested to provide at least 1 licensed official per session. (Any clubs who is unable to meet this requirement will not be penalised on entry nor will entries be rejected). Trainee officials are always welcome and we will endeavour to provide mentoring, if numbers permit.
2. Officials may claim Travel expenses. Please read [ESC Meet Expense Policy](#). Claim form may be found on [ESC website](#).
3. We warmly invite any Officials who are willing to help to [CLICK HERE](#) and complete the form.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

1. Events: 50m 100m 200m all strokes, plus 100m, 200m and 400IM and 400m Freestyle.
2. Entry fees are £10.00 p/event.
3. Age bands are 9/10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16+. Ages as at midnight 1st March 2026.
4. 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, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
5. Swimmers must be Swim England registered at Club Compete (category 2) and have a Swim England registration number.
6. Additional entries may be accepted after the entry closing date if space is available at the discretion of the Meet Promoter. Only swimmers already entered into the meet may apply. Time Trials (TT) will be offered where there would otherwise be empty lanes. Competitors wishing to swim time trials on the day should go to the Time Trial / Computer Helpdesk upon arrival at the start of each session prior to warm up. There will be a charge of £15.00 per time trial swim. There will be no awards for TTs but times achieved will go to Rankings.
7. A time standard table is attached. Swimmers entering this Meet are expected to enter their current best times and must **NOT** enter faster than the time limit shown.
8. The closing date is **10PM 17th February 2026**. Times cannot be amended after the closing date.
9. For Team entries please complete the **online Summary/coach pass form** ([summary form link here](#)) <https://ealingsc.wufoo.com/forms/zriphzj1edhc8m/> this will also allow you to submit the Hy-Tek entry file electronically.
Entries will not be accepted without the Summary Form.
Please BACS payment to: Ealing Swimming Club Ltd; Account number 48500760; Sort code 30-84-58; Ref *Club name*ESC_RQ26.
10. Entry fees should reach the Promoter no later than **17th February 2026**.
Clubs entering more than 6 swimmers **MUST** download the Hy-Tek Team Manager file from HERE (<https://www.swimesc.co.uk/page/esc-meets>) and return the entry file to meetmanager@swimesc.co.uk using the summary form. Please note that if a Club enters more than 6 swimmers by means of entry forms rather than Hy-Tek Manager Event File, these entries will incur an administration fee of £18.00 p/entry.
11. We will process personal data submitted by the swimmer or their club in accordance with the current Privacy Notice published by British Swimming. With respect to this meet we will process personal data for the legitimate purpose of running the gala. The items of personal data processed are name, Swim England registration number, date of birth, gender and para-swimming classification if applicable. During the gala we will process name, gender and competition age in reports for the legitimate purpose of running the gala efficiently. At the end of the gala we will process name, gender, Swim England registration number and date of birth in the electronic submission made to British Rankings. We will also make this information available on request to the club of the swimmer as the data controller.
12. 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. This data will be shared by form of results with Swim England

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(Rankings) and the clubs who have entered the meet. 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 system.

13. This meet will operate as a **CARDLESS** meet. Entries will be pre-seeded before the meet. Any withdrawals must be made 45 minutes before the start of each session at the withdrawal desk.
14. Should the meet be oversubscribed, every effort will be made to minimise the number of rejections, whilst ensuring the meet remains balanced across all events/age-groups and fits within the available swim time. This is likely to be done by admitting fastest swimmers first will be by age group by event until the heats are full. The Promoter reserves the right to adapt or change this method if necessary. Refunds will be made for rejected entries only. The promoter's decision in this matter is final. There will be no refunds for withdrawals after the closing date other than withdrawals for medical reasons that must be accompanied by the appropriate certification.
15. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at Northolt Leisure Centre. Neither the Meet Management, the Promoter nor Ealing Swimming Club will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet. Clubs are reminded of their duty of care to their swimmers during a meet and that they should have with them full contact details of parents/guardians for all swimmers attending the meet. They should also hold any details on medical conditions that may be deemed necessary.

PARA SWIMMING

1. All Para-Classification entries will be accepted if they have a time for their events on rankings. There are no qualifying times required.
2. Swimmers with S1 to S15 classifications will be accepted.
3. All competitors must have an Authorised British Swimming or IPC classification, which is held on the British Swimming or WPS swimming classification database at the time of entry. Please include details of the classification upon entry, either on the entry form or via email to meetmanager@swimesc.co.uk. For any swimmer awaiting their classification documentation, provision of a Disability Certificate or Certificate of Exception will be accepted.
4. All competitors must be registered as members of a swimming club affiliated to the Swim England, Swim Scotland (SASA) or Swim Wales (WASA) at time of entry.
5. Chaperones will be permitted for swimmers where needed. Poolside passes for chaperones should be requested ahead of the Meet - There is no charge for these.
6. The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the programme. Swimmers will be integrated on a time-banded basis in all events.
7. Para Swimmers will be included in the Multi-Disability results and placed within those results according to the number of British Para Points gained.
8. Where possible an official who holds the qualification of Swim England Disability Official will act as a technical adviser in each of the sessions where disability athletes are entered.
9. Medals shall be awarded on a multi-disability basis to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event.
10. Specific warm up lane allocation will be made for disability swimmers.
11. Swimmers with classifications (S Categories S1 to S15) and those who require additional provisions to access the event are requested to notify the Meet Promoter in advance of the meet.

COVID

Participants are reminded that they should not attend if they have a high temperature, cold like symptoms, a new, continuous cough, and a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.

Any matters concerning the Meet not covered in these rules will be dealt with according to the laws of the Sport and at the discretion of the Meet Management or the Promoters.