



Lincolnshire ASA

Lincolnshire Amateur Swimming Association

74th Annual County Swimming Championships and Age Group Competitions (Under Swim England Regulations & Technical Rules)

2026 GENERAL CONDITIONS & INFORMATION

General

1. All competitors must be registered with Swim England as category 2 swimmers, for the club in whose name they wish to enter by the closing date for the entries, 11/12/25. Any competitor swimming in any other County's Championships in 2026 shall not be permitted to compete in the Lincolnshire County Championships in 2026.
2. All Swimmers competing at the Championships must be members of a club which is affiliated to Lincolnshire ASA, by the closing date for entries 11/12/25.

Entries

1. Closing Dates for entries – 4pm on Thursday 11th December 2025.
2. Entries will only be accepted from a club official in electronic format, using the entry file to be provided to club secretaries. All entry times must have been taken from the British swimming rankings and therefore achieved at licensed meets levels 1-4 only.
3. Entries to Promoter – Tanya Talkes, email tanya.talkes83@gmail.com. Any queries to: Tanya Talkes, 3 Sympton Close, Lincoln, LN2 4UY. Telephone 07786 172 774.
4. Entry times submitted must be within the published qualifying standards and have been achieved, after 1st March 2025 in licensed competitions levels 1-4.
5. No splits (individual or relay) are allowed as qualifying times.
6. Entry times or the swimmers club cannot be changed once the entry has been submitted.
7. Fee per event is £8.00.
8. Swimmers whose Swim England membership record details a disability sport classification (S1-S14) are welcome to enter the competition with a time slower than the lower limit standard.
9. All ages are as at 31st December 2026. Minimum entry age is 10 years as at 31/12/26 (via 10/11 consideration time).
10. There are separate events and consideration times for the following age groups, i.e., 10/11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs and 17yrs and over.
11. 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.

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12. Late or incomplete or incorrect entries will not be accepted under any circumstances. Any fee paid will be forfeited.
13. Should events be oversubscribed the promoter reserves the right to reject the slowest competitors. This shall be done by accepting a set number in each age band, then by fastest time, also taking into consideration the overall length of the session. No swimmer will be accepted on a time which is slower than the time of a rejected swimmer in a younger age group. Refunds will be provided for any rejections.
14. Any entry which fails to comply with any special or general condition governing a Lincolnshire County ASA Competition will not be accepted.

Awards

1. The top 3 swimmers in each age group for each event which is HDW (200m and above) will receive an age-group medal.
2. In all the 50m and 100m events there will be Heats and subsequent Finals for the fastest 8 swimmers in each of the age groups – 10/11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs and 17yrs and over. The top 3 placed swimmers in each Final will receive Finalist Medals. Two reserves may be called on as appropriate for each final.
3. In all events the three fastest overall swimmers and the three fastest Juniors will be awarded Championship medals.
4. Ages for Junior Championships are: Open/Male 14yrs and younger and Female 14yrs and younger. Age as on 31/12/26.
5. The winners of each Championship will receive the perpetual trophy (where such a trophy exists) for one year and this must be returned cleaned, prior to the commencement of the following years Championships.
6. Top Club at the Championships is calculated using a 8-1 points system for the top 8 swimmers in all events. If the event has a Final, then the heats in that event will not count towards the points totals.
7. Top Open/Male and Female Disability swimmers will be awarded a trophy after the championships, based on the number of Disability points scored.
8. The top 3 swimmers in age group will be calculated based on a total number of World Aquatics points from the following 5 categories: **Sprint** (50m Free, Back, Breast & Fly), **100m** (Free, Back, Breast & Fly), **Form** (200m Fly, Back & Breast), **Freestyle** (200m Free) and **Medley** (100 & 200m IM). Where multiple events are swum in a category the highest scoring will be used. Certificates will be awarded to the top three in each age group, after the Championships, once all points have been calculated.

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The Competition

1. The Lincolnshire ASA Championships promoter reserves the right to alter the order of events and start times as required.
2. All 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m events will be swum as spearhead seeded based on submitted times. All events with Finals (50m and 100m events), will be spearhead seeded apart from the last 3 heats, which will be cyclically seeded. Finals are spearheaded by default.
3. There will be a 15-minute break between Heats and Finals. Finalists will have an opportunity to use the pool to warm-up during this time, but coaches must supervise from the end of the lane and the pool must be cleared immediately when time is called by the announcer.
4. There will be a secondary strobe available at the Championships.
5. Junior and Championship records will be registered against all relevant events.
6. The Championships will be run under any local Covid restrictions that may be in place at the time. The promoter reserves the right to change any conditions in the event of new Covid requirements to ensure safe delivery of the event, for example, but not limited to, the removal of finals and reducing the number of swimmers per event. The promoter will inform all attendees prior to the championships of any Covid requirements that will be in place in conjunction with pool providers, including restrictions on spectators numbers etc.
7. Protests shall be made and dealt with as detailed in Swim England Regulations & Technical Rules.
8. No physical programmes will be produced for these Championships.
9. Time Trials will not be permitted during these Championships.
10. Backstroke ledges will be used if available at the promoter's discretion.
11. Over the top starts will be at the referee's discretion.
12. Times and places on the electronic scoreboard are for information only and are not necessarily the final results. The referee's decision is final.
13. All swimmers and other personnel must abide by the Health and Safety rules as laid down by the venue management. Any person contravening these rules may be excluded from taking any further part in the proceedings.
14. Coaches or team managers are responsible for their swimmers conduct at all times.

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Withdrawals

1. All withdrawals before the event should be made via the online withdrawal form and should be completed by a coach or team manager only.
2. Withdrawals on the day must be made before the commencement of each session warm up by a club coach or team manager.
3. No refunds will be given for withdrawals (unless on medical grounds as decided by promoter).
4. Once a withdrawal from either a heat or final has been submitted a swimmer cannot be reinstated unless this is an error by the Championship administration team.
5. Any club failing to withdraw a swimmer from a final resulting in an empty lane will be fined £10.
6. In the event a swimmer is withdrawn for any non-compliance to the conditions they will not be eligible for a refund. The promoter reserves the right to withdraw any swimmer for failure to comply with any Championship conditions.

Officials and Coaches Passes

1. Clubs are required to provide Officials for these Championships. Lunch will be provided to all qualified officials who officiate for any full day of competition.
2. Accreditations for the Championships will be available via:
https://www.swimmingresults.org/member_options/
3. Accreditations can only be purchased via the online accreditation system, subject to meeting the requirements of minimum standard qualification, safeguarding and DBS.
4. The number of passes to be permitted per club will be decided by the promoter, in accordance with Swim England Guidance on ratios and the minimum standard requirements for Coaches and Team Managers.
5. Accreditations should be worn at all times while in the venue, including in the spectator area unless attending as a spectator.
6. Accreditations are non-transferable, if the pass is forgotten or lost, a replacement pass will be re-issued for £10 via the Meet Managers.
7. Please be aware that NO abusive, aggressive or offensive behaviour will be tolerated at these Championships and any person adjudged to have been guilty of such behaviour will be asked to leave the Competition and further actions may be taken where deemed to be appropriate. All coaches, will be required to adhere to a Code of Conduct for the Championships.

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Relays

1. £12 entry fee per team per relay.
2. There will be 3 age categories for relays. These will be 10 – 13 years, 14 –16 years and 17 and over.
3. Age as at 31/12/26.
4. Clubs are required to submit an online relay declaration form for each team, specifying each swimmer and the relay order of the team, no later than Sunday 11th January 2026. These will then be distributed on the morning of the event for checking and clarification.
5. Relay teams must have at least two swimmers with one or more qualifying county time to be eligible to take part.
6. Initially limited to one relay team per age group per club for each relay event. The promoter reserves the right to add additional teams should the schedule allow, and clubs will be contacted once entries are submitted if this is the case.
7. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams per event.