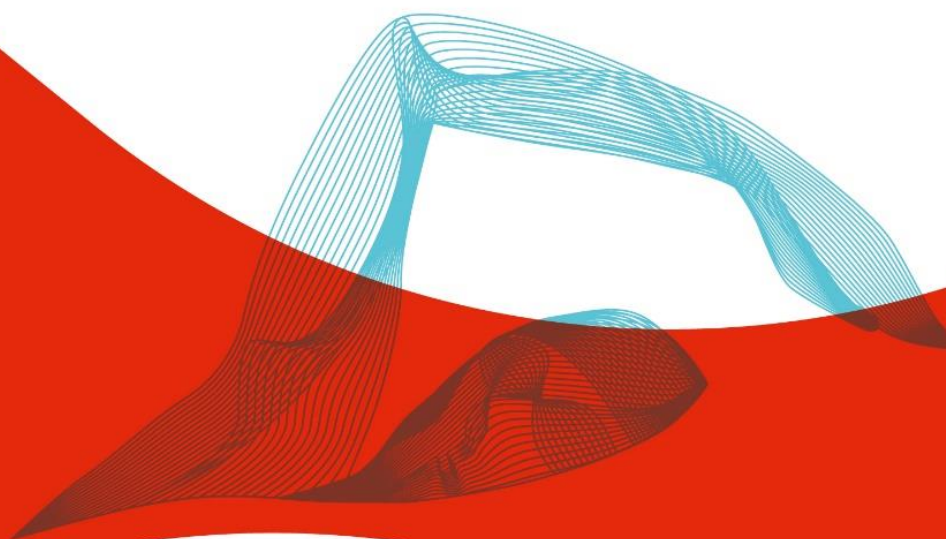


Entry Pack

Swim England Open Water National Age Group Championships 2022

10 August | Thrybergh Country Park



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INTRODUCTION

This document contains the required information needed to enter Swim England Open Water National Age Group Championships 2022.

Please ensure you read this document carefully as some information may be new to you. All entries must be made online, including payment. Details on how to enter online are included in this document.



CONTACTS

Swim England	Venue
Ekaterina Boyd, Head of Events Email: ekaterina.boyd@swimming.org	<u>Thrybergh Country Park</u> Doncaster Rd Thrybergh Rotherham S65 4NU
Event Website	
Swim England Open Water National Age Group Championships 2022	Tel: 01709 850 353



KEY DATES

Entries Open	12 noon, Wednesday 22 June 2022
Entries Close (pool based and regional qualifiers)	12:00 Noon, Wednesday 20 July 2022



PRIVACY POLICY AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

All individuals attending Swim England events are asked to complete the photo consent form below, prior to attending the event:

[PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT FORM](#)

To view further details about how Swim England manages your data, download [Swim England's Privacy Policy](#).



TRAVEL INSURANCE

Affiliated clubs and members thereof have the benefit of third party and personal accident insurance effected by Swim England. However, this does not include travel insurance for trips in the UK or abroad, in particular there is no cover for travel or accommodation costs for the cancellation of an event.

Some clubs and members may already have the benefit of their own group or personal travel insurance. For those that do not have travel insurance for this event and wish to get a Sport Travel Insurance quote please click [HERE](#) or contact Howdens directly on 0121 698 8052. Alternatively, you can seek cover from another insurance provider.

SCHEDULE

Events*	Registration	Race
Swim England National Age Group 5k Championships	08:30	10:00
Swim England National Age Group 3k Championships	11:30	13:00
Swim England National Age Group 2k Championships	13:30	15:00

**Please note, the above timings are subject to change depending on the number of entries received. Competitors will also be required to attend a pre-race briefing, timings for which will be confirmed in the Confirmation Pack after close of entries.*

HOW TO ENTER

Entry Fee

Entry Fee	£20.00
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Submitting an Entry

Pool based entries	ENTER HERE
Regional qualifying entries	ENTER HERE

- All entries must be made via the online entry system
- Pool based entries: enter your membership number or surname in the box and follow the instructions.
- Regional qualifiers: select swimmer(s) from the drop down list and follow the instructions.
- Your entry is not complete until your payment is processed and you have received a confirmation email from PayPal.
- You are also reminded that electronic entrants are bound by the conditions of entry without a signature.

If you have any queries, please contact Swim England Membership (01509 640 727 / renewals@swimming.org) or Events with any queries **no later than 7 days before the closing date**. After this time it cannot be guaranteed queries will be processed in time.

Entry Deadlines

Entries Close (pool based and regional qualifiers)	12:00 Noon, Wednesday 20 July 2022
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All individual entries and appropriate payments must be received by the above deadlines. Late entries, entries without payment or entries incorrectly completed will not be accepted.

International entrants

Please email ekaterina.boyd@swimming.org for further details on how to enter.

Entry Confirmation

All successfully submitted entries will be published online and can be viewed as follows:

[View online received entries list:](#)

[CONFIRMED ENTRIES](#)

Competitors are asked to check their details carefully and contact the Events immediately with any errors.

A Confirmation Pack will be circulated to entrants once the entry deadline has passed.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation for both coaches and athletes **will not** be in force at this event.

DOPING CONTROL

Whether by accident or on purpose, doping is against the rules of the sport. Swim England and British Swimming promote a culture of doping-free sport. Competitors are advised that Anti-Doping control may take place during this Meet.

Please ensure competitors keep their accreditation on person at all times, as this will be used for identification. For further information, please refer to Anti-Doping section:
<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/anti-doping/>

Please note that in accordance with the International Standards for Testing, it is the competitor's responsibility to provide all information and dosage for any medications and supplements taken on the doping control form, at the point of doping control. Any previously disclosed medications or supplements need be provided to the club and/or via a British Swimming Medical Declaration Form.

Strict liability means competitors are responsible for any banned substance found in their system, no matter how it got there.

All medications should be checked on www.globaldro.com

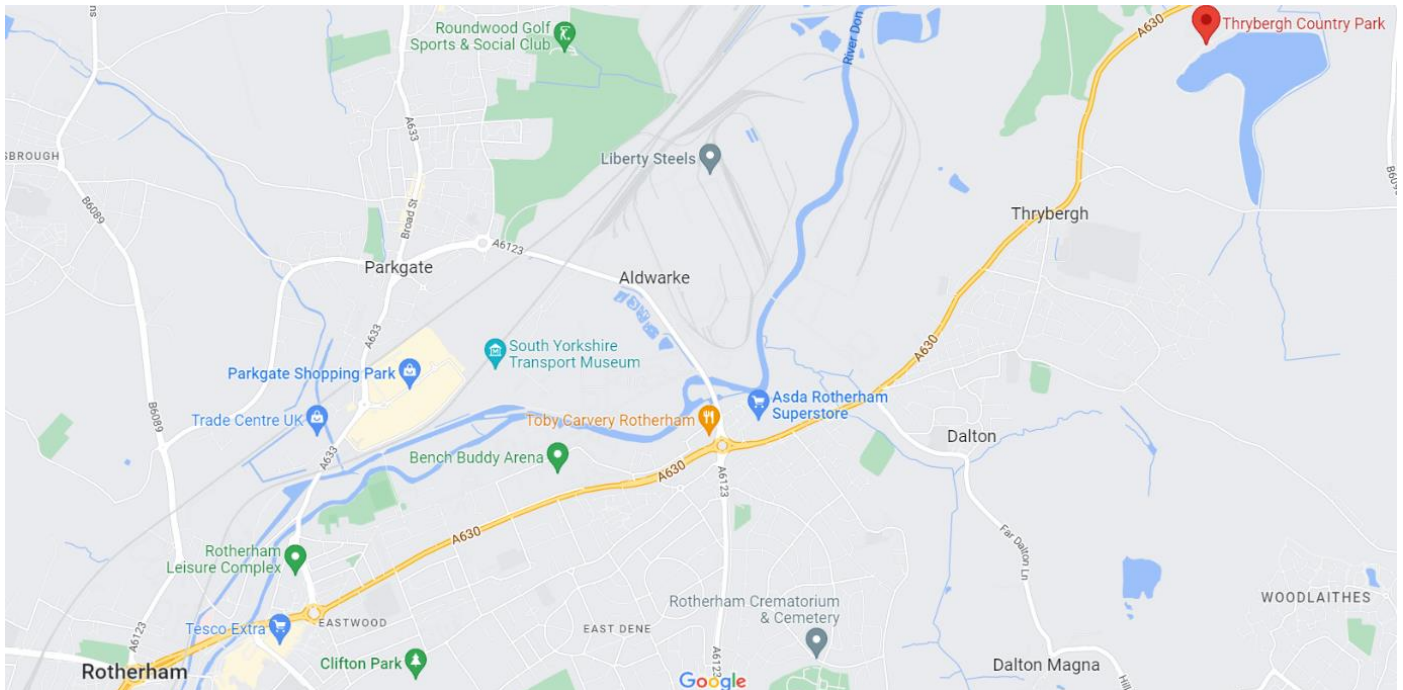
If support is required, or there is a query about any medications, supplements or the anti-doping rules around this, please contact Diane Elliot at diane.elliott@swimming.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All updates and additional information will be uploaded to the [Swim England Open Water National Age Group Championships 2022](#).

Venue

[Thrybergh Country Park](#), Doncaster Rd, Thrybergh, Rotherham, S65 4NU



Car

If travelling by car, you can access the park from junctions 33 or 34 of the M1, or junction 36 of the A1.

Train

The nearest train station, taxi ranks and bus station are in Rotherham town centre. There is a bus stop – service X78 – immediately outside the park.

Bus

Bus times and routes are available by clicking [here](#).

Parking

On-site pay and display parking is available. There are spaces available for disabled visitors. Access to the venue via public transport is limited.





Food and Drink

The Lakeside café will be open throughout the day selling a range of hot and cold food and beverages. There will also be an ice cream van present.



Spectator entry

Spectator entry is free of charge, so feel free to bring as many supporters with you as you like!



Merchandise

A limited stock of event merchandise will be made available to purchase and further information will be published in due course.

Pre-orders will be available for collection at the event.



Event Photography

Official event photography will be provided by Will Johnston Photography. (www.willjohnsonphotography.com) Please see below for the exclusive offer open competitors of Swim England Open Water National Age Group Championships 2019.



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P H O T O G R A P H Y

Will Johnston Photography is proud to be the official photography provider for this event.

Photographs are available on our website:

www.willjohnsonphotography.com

Order within 48 hours of the event and save up to 20% on prints and gifts.



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EVENT CONDITIONS

MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFYING TIMES - LONG COURSE POOL QUALIFYING ONLY Age at 31 December 2022

1500m

	12	13	14	15	16	17/18	19 & over
Female	20.05.00	19.15.00	18.25.00	18.25.00	18.20.00	18.15.00	18.00.00
Male	20.25.00	18.50.00	18.00.00	17.25.00	17.15.00	16.45.00	16.25.00

800m

	12	13	14	15	16	17/18	19 & over
Female	10.20.00	10.05.00	9.40.00	9.30.00	9.25.00	9.20.00	9.15.00
Male	10.35.00	9.55.00	9.20.00	9.05.00	9.00.00	8.45.00	8.35.00

- **All competitors must have equalled or bettered the entry time in an event designated or licensed by Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales for entry into National competitions or, for overseas competitors, approved by their federation. Times must have been achieved since 1 July 2021.
Closing Date for Pool Based Entries: 12 noon, Wednesday 20 July 2022.**
- **Competitors placed first, second and third in a Swim England Regional Open Water Championships, being a member of a club in that Region, or the nominated Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales Open Water Championships, who do not achieve entry by means of a pool based swim, may also enter the Open Water National Age Group Championships providing they meet the Age Groupings for the National Championships.
Closing Date from Regional Open Water Championships or nominated Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales Entries: 12 noon, Wednesday 20 July 2022.**

Conditions

1. The Swimming Leadership Group ("the Group") reserves full powers over the Open Water National Age Group Championships ("the National Championships"), including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the National Championships venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control.
2. The National Championships shall be held under Swim England Regulations and FINA Technical Rules of Open Water Swimming.
3. A competitor must be a registered member of the club in whose name he/she is entered, at the date of making the initial entry. Competitors may enter in the name of one club only. The club must be offered by the online entry system.
4. Overseas competitors will be accepted if they are from one of the countries affiliated to FINA.
5. **Age Groups and Distances for the National Championships are:
Girls & Boys: 12/13yrs – 2km; 14/15yrs – 3km; 16 & over – 5km**
6. Ages as at: 31 December 2022
7. Entry Fee: £20
8. Medals will be awarded to the first 3 male and female competitors in each of the following age groups:- 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17/18, 19+. Commemorative Medals will be awarded to Overseas Competitors placed in the first three places in an event.
9. An award will be made to the Top Club based on points scoring.
10. A cut off time limit of 30 minutes after the first competitor in each competition has finished shall operate.
11. Registration: Competitors MUST sign in at the registration desk at the appropriate time.
12. Any competitor representative (coach/ team manager/ chaperone) not attending the briefing may result in the competitor NOT being allowed to swim.

13. Competitor No: Competitors must have their number displayed on their back or upper arms AND WEAR THE ELECTRONIC CHIP AND/OR WRIST BAND PROVIDED. When Wetsuits are in use only the Hands and Hat will be numbered.
14. Water Temperature & Swimwear
 - (a) Water Temperature 20 degrees or above:- Swimming costumes must comply with FINA Open Water Rules.
 - (b) Water Temperature 18-19.9 degrees:- Competitors may choose to wear a Wetsuit or a Swimming Costume. Both must comply with FINA Open Water Rules.
 - (c) Water Temperature 16-17.9 degrees:- Competitors must wear a FINA approved Wetsuit.
15. Swim Gear: No competitor shall be permitted to use or wear any device, which may be an aid to their speed, endurance or buoyancy. Goggles, cap, nose clip and earplugs may be used. Only one costume is allowed.
16. Grease: Competitors shall be allowed to use grease or other substances providing these are not deemed as excessive, in the opinion of the Referee.
17. Safety and Conditions:
 - (a) Water temperature will be monitored in the run up to the National Championships.
 - (b) On the day of the National Championships, prior to the start of the competition, the course will be inspected and water temperature measured to ensure all of the safety requirements are met and the conditions are suitable for staging the National Championships.
 - (c) Reasonable modifications may be made to the course or the manner in which the National Championships is conducted based on the conditions at the time.
18. Cancellations:
 - (a) If the conditions are deemed to be unsuitable and not safe at the National Championships, a decision may be made to cancel or stop the National Championships.
 - (b) Full refunds of entry fees to the National Championships will be offered to all competitors.
 - (c) No refunds will be offered for any other expenses incurred in relation to the National Championships.
 - (d) If a Regional Open Water Event is cancelled, due to unsuitable conditions, there will be no qualifiers for the National Championships from that event. If it is possible to accommodate these competitors in another Regional Event this will be acceptable for qualification to the National Championships.

Guidance from British Swimming on the use of Wetsuits

The following guidance has been issued by the British Swimming Officials Group relative to the suitability of Wetsuits in Open Water Competition:

“This rule change has been brought about to increase safety for competitors in water between 16° - 18° (compulsory) and 18° - 20° (optional). In accordance with other swimsuit rules British Swimming will conform to the intention of the rule. We do not provide interpretation of FINA rules – only FINA as the governing body can interpret their own rules.

However, to provide guidance, the discussion to date has been around what would constitute coverage of the shoulder. An informed view is that to ensure complete coverage of the shoulder the wetsuit must include a sleeve, as a minimum polo or ‘T’ shirt length covering the full shoulder and upper arm in order to maintain shoulder cover during swimming, full arm to wrist has been suggested although elbows do not feature in the rule, whereas coverage of knees as a mid-limb joint in respect of leg length of a wetsuit is.

It is expected that officials will apply common sense when dealing with references to neck, wrists and ankles. As in all Open Water events held in the home counties of England Scotland and Wales the Chief Referee will have responsibility for the overall management of the rules.”