



SWIM WALES
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Swim Wales Winter Championships 2022

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th December

#SWWC22

Meet Summary

The Swim Wales Winter Championships is a competitive open event aimed at top ranked swimmers. The event this year will be swam short course.

Event webpage:

<https://swimwales.justgo.com/workbench/public/Events?ref=531314437EA30569CE246D8F8D0484C4FA215322>

License number: **TBC**

Venue: Wales National Pool, Swansea, SA2 8QG.

Please use the following web link for all information relating to the venue including car parking fees, on site facilities and general venue information:

<https://www.walesnationalpoolswansea.co.uk/>

Entry Conditions:

1. Entries will be considered from swimmers who hold a valid membership with Swim Wales, Swim England, Scottish Swimming or competitors from one of the affiliated FINA countries.
2. Entries will not be taken on a first come first served basis for this event. All entries submitted will be considered and a confirmed entry list will be published after close of entry.
3. In the event of over subscription scratches will be made at the discretion of event management and will be based on entry times.
4. Entries are not confirmed until published by Swim Wales, we therefore advise attendees not to book travel or overnight arrangements until entries are confirmed.
5. All competitors must have bettered or equaled the published consideration standards in a designated or licensed meet (Swim Wales, Swim England, Scottish Swimming and British Swimming).
6. Consideration Standards:
 - a. The most current time available on rankings will be used for entry.
 - b. Times will be considered from level 1, 2 and 3 licensed competitions.
 - c. Times will be taken at the point of entry from rankings and will not be updated, amended or refunded (unless medical) after entry is submitted.
 - d. We do not accept split or relay times.
 - e. Long course and short course times will be accepted for this meet; **the quickest short course time (be that an actual short course achieved time or a long course time converted to a short course time) will be taken.**
 - f. Qualifying times will be accepted from the **1st September 2021.**
 - g. All consideration standards (including separate Para standards) are available on the event webpage and via the events portal within the new Swim Wales Just Go membership system.
7. It is the swimmers responsibility to check the draft entry list and inform event management (swimwales-events@swimming.org) of discrepancies or errors. This must be raised within 48 hours of the information being published.

8. Entries are submitted for consideration via an online entry system. Payment for entries will be taken at the point of entry online via PayPal using direct/credit card.
9. Overseas and para-swimmer entries are submitted via a manual entry application process, please email swimwales-events@swimming.org for more information.
10. **Entries will open Tuesday 1st November at 10am and close Friday 2nd December at 5pm.**
11. Event entry costs £10 per entry.
12. Age of competitors will be taken as 31st December 2022.
13. By entering this event, you / your child, consents to report to Doping Control if requested any time during this event. You also agree to abide by the British Swimming & UKAD Anti-Doping Rules. For further information, See [Anti-Doping | British Swimming](#)

Para Swimmers

1. The Swim Wales Winter Championships is inclusive of Para Swimmers.
2. In addition to meeting the general entry criteria, para swimmers must have an authorised World Para Swimming, British Swimming, Virtus (INAS-FID) or British Blind Sport (BPA) classification, which is held on the Home Nation Membership or WPS Swimming Classification database at the time of entry.
3. Para swimmers must equal or better the para consideration standards and para swimmers will be fully integrated into the event based on entry time.

Meet conditions:

1. **Heats** will be swum seeded by time regardless of age as follows:
15/16 and 17+ morning heats
11/12 and 13/14 afternoon heats
2. **Finals** will be swum as follows for male and female:
11/12
13/14
15/16 - This final will run as the 8 fastest 15/16 age swimmers minus those who have qualified for the Open Championship final. All 15/16 age group swimmers who qualify for the Open Championship final must compete in the Open Championship final.
Open Championship final – This will be open to the fastest 8 from the 15/16 and 17+ age groups.

Para Swimming multi-class finals:

- a. Para swimmers can qualify for finals based on outright performance.
- b. Additionally, to support the development of Para Swimming in Wales, there will be a multi-class final for the following events:
 - Male 200 IM
 - Women 200IM
- c. Regardless of age, the top 8 swimmers, based on British Para Swimming points, from the 200 IM heats, will qualify for the MC 200 IM final. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 swimmers in this final based on British Para Swimming points. Swimmers who qualify

for the able bodied finals outright are expected to swim in that final rather than the MC final.

Time trials/exhibition swims will not be permitted at this event. Should a swimmer fail to report for their race, the lanes will remain empty as no on-the-day entries can be accepted.

3. Medals

- a. Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place in the following age groups for heat declared events (HDW): 11/12, 13/14, 15/16, Open Championship (15+).
- b. For all events with finals, medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in the 11/12, 13/14 and Open Championship finals.
- c. Medals for the 15/16 age group will be determined by the top three swims (by time) by those aged 15/16 from the 15/16 final and Open Championship final.
- d. Para Swimming medals (multi-class multi event medals)
 - i. Para swimmers can win medals based on outright performance.
 - ii. Additionally, there will be a para swimming points leader board published at the end of the event showing all para swimmer results based on British Para Swimming points.
 - iii. At the end of the meet, medals will be awarded to the para swimmers with the highest British Para Swimming points total (not including the 200m IM event, see para swimming finals section above) in each age group on a multi class, multi event basis.

4. Refunds

- a. Refunds for entry fees only will be processed on the receipt of a completed medical withdrawal application accompanied with a valid doctor's note (signed by an appropriate consultant/doctor on headed paper).
- b. Applications for medical withdrawals must be received **before 9am on the Friday 16th December** to qualify for refund.
- c. Refunds will not be processed for withdrawals on non-medical grounds.
- d. Email swimwales-events@swimming.org to receive a medical withdrawal form and apply for a refund.

5. Marshalling

- a. Heats
 - i. Swimmers must report to poolside marshalling located adjacent to the changing village entrance.
 - ii. Swimmers should follow the directions given by the marshals. It is the swimmers responsibility to report in plenty of time.
 - iii. Marshals are in place to guide swimmers only, and are not responsible for ensuring swimmers swim.
- b. Call room
 - i. Call room marshalling for finals is located in the middle of the changing village.

- ii. It is the swimmer responsibility to report to the call room a minimum of 10 minutes prior to their race.
- iii. Swimmers must report to the call room and wait for their race to be called.
- iv. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification.
- v. Swimmers who fail to report to the call room or fail to withdraw from finals will be fined £50 as per meet conditions.
- vi. Coaches/Chaperones are not permitted into the call room.

6. Poolside passes

- a. Cost £20 per application.
- b. Applications will soon be available to access on the event webpage/events portal in the new Swim Wales Just Go membership system.
- c. Applications must be submitted and paid in full by **5pm Monday 12th December.**
- d. Applicants must have a valid DBS and membership number.
- e. Late submissions (**applications submitted after Monday 12th December at 5pm**) will result in an additional £5 administration charge.
- f. Passes include use of the refreshment room on level 3 (balcony area overlooking swim down pool), full event access, car parking, event accreditation and finals sheets.
- g. **As part of Swim Wales' efforts to contribute to sustainability and a greener environment, seeded heat programmes will be available to download from the event webpage/events portal in the new Swim Wales Just Go membership system. These will NOT be available to collect with your poolside passes.**
- h. Poolside passes are intended for use for the named individual only; misuse may result in removal of your pass.

7. Tickets (Spectators) and Event Programmes

- a. Access to purchase spectator tickets will be available nearer the commencement of the competition via the events portal in the new Swim Wales Just Go membership system (a link will be provided).
- b. Ticket costs:
 - i. Adults (aged 18+ yrs) - £7.50 per day (includes finals sessions)
 - ii. Children (aged 5 – 17 yrs) - £5 per day (includes finals sessions)
 - iii. Children (under 5 yrs) - FREE
- c. Spectators may be restricted due to site capacity and safety mitigations of the site.
- d. Full event programmes (will included seeded heat sheets) will be available for FREE and accessed online only via the event webpage/events portal in the new Swim Wales Just Go membership system.

Swim Wales Winter Championships 2022: Event Schedule

Friday 16 th December	Saturday 17 th December	Sunday 18 th December
Session 1 – heats (15+)	Session 4 – heats (15+)	Session 7 – heats (15+)
F 400m IM (HDW) M 200m IM F 200m Freestyle M 50m Breaststroke F 50m Breaststroke M 200m Backstroke F 200m Backstroke M 100m Butterfly F 100m Butterfly M 50m Freestyle F 1500m Freestyle (HDW) M 400m Freestyle (HDW)	M 400m IM (HDW) F 200m IM M 100m Freestyle F 50m Freestyle M 100m Breaststroke F 100m Breaststroke M 100m Backstroke F 100m Backstroke M 50m Butterfly F 50m Butterfly M 1500m Freestyle (HDW) F 800m Freestyle (HDW)	M 200m Freestyle F 100m Freestyle M 200m Butterfly F 200m Butterfly M 50m Backstroke F 50m Backstroke M 200m Breaststroke F 200m Breaststroke M 800m Freestyle (HDW) F 400m Freestyle (HDW)
Session 2 – heats (11-14)	Session 5 - heats (11-14)	Session 8 – heats (11-14)
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Session 3 – Finals (all age bands)	Session 6 – Finals (all age bands)	Session 9 – Finals (all age bands)
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N.B - The event management reserve the right to amend the above schedule of events.

****All events will be swam across all age groups with the exception of the 1500m in the 11/12 year old age group****

Swim Wales Film and Photography Policy

Please be advised that photographs and videos may be taken at this event. Swim Wales are aware of the wide range of devices including mobile telephones which have photographic and filming capabilities. This enables the capture of both static and moving images. Used responsibly, such devices are perfectly safe, but sharing images widely may betray a confidence or identity of a child/children which may present a risk of harm to the child/children concerned. The use of such equipment is difficult to control but we can all be vigilant. If you have any concerns or safeguarding queries, please bring them to the immediate attention of the event management team situated at the enquiries desk. Swim Wales may use photographs taken at this event as promotional material and used across public forums including their website and social media accounts, and possibly the local press and television. Should you wish to refuse photographic permission please contact the event management team on site. The full swim Wales photography guidance policy can be found at the enquiries desk or email swimwales-events@swimming.org.

General Information

Officials and Volunteers:

Swim Wales invites and welcomes officials and volunteers to support this meet and all are asked, initially, to send an email confirming your interest, membership number and qualification level to support the Swim Wales Winter Championships to swimwales-events@swimming.org.

This year there will be a new method of submitting applications and registering your availability. This method will be confirmed prior to commencement of the competition, therefore, please keep check of the event webpage or the events portal in the new Swim Wales Just Go membership system for future information.

All of our volunteers and officials are provided with event kit, refreshments, meals and expenses claims. The Swim Wales volunteer expenses policy will be available on the event webpage (see link on page 2 above).

Car Park:

The car park has 250 spaces, with additional spaces in an overflow located at the bottom of the slope. However please be aware, despite our best efforts – the car park is busy and fills quickly. To avoid disappointment, please arrive early. **A new ANPR camera system will be in place for the duration of the competition, therefore, please ensure you have paid and displayed at the ticket machines to avoid a parking penalty fine.**

Where possible please arrange to car share or drop offs to help ease congestion. Alternatively there are 3 nearby pay and display car parks we recommend:

- Foreshore Car Park: 4 Mumbles Rd, Sketty, Swansea SA3 5AU – 0.6 miles 12 minute walk
- Recreation Ground Car Park: Mumbles Rd, Brynmill, Swansea SA2 0AU – 0.9 mile 19 minute walk
- Blackpill Area Car Park: 266 Derwen Fawr Rd, Sketty, Swansea SA3 5AT – 0.8 mile 15 minute walk

The car park will be managed by security staff, please treat them with respect. Disrespectful or inappropriate behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated and you may be asked to leave the competition.

Merchandise:

Attendance of the Swim Wales shop and payment methods will be confirmed prior to commencement of the competition.

Café:

The Blas Café will be open each day (times will be published onsite) with a selection of hot and cold food. There is seating available in the reception area.

Seating:

The pool has 1200 seats for spectators, coaches and swimmers. A limited number of seats have been reserved at the top of each section for access users (disabled, wheelchairs etc.) please refrain from using these seats unless required, you may be asked to move.

We ask swimmers to remain on the bottom 7 rows of chairs to avoid making the stairs and upper balcony wet and slippery. We ask parents remain on the higher seating (7 rows and above).

Changing village:

The changing village is for swimmers only, parents are not permitted in the changing area and will be asked to leave. Swimmers are politely asked not to change poolside and use the facilities available. Cameras and phones are strictly prohibited in the changing area.

Streaming and social media:

The event is being live stream with our streaming partner, Buffon Media. The link for streaming will be available on Facebook. The stream will start at the beginning of each session over the event. Please be aware that you and your swimmers are being watched by over 50,000 people worldwide. Please behave in a manner that has a positive reflection on you and your club.

Health and Safety:

We hope you enjoy the competition, here are some tips to ensure you have a fun and safe experience.

- Event days are long and can be tiring, please drink plenty of water, eat sensibly and rest when possible to ensure you are fit and ready for the sessions.
- If you feel unwell at any stage please seek medical support from the WNPS lifeguards
- When using the pool stairs please ensure you hold the rail, the steps can become wet and slippery during the competition.
- If you see something that could cause an accident, please alert the WNPS staff/lifeguards or an event team member immediately so that it can be dealt with.
- The lift is for individuals who have difficulties using stairs; please ensure the lift is used appropriately and safely. Children are not permitted to use the lift unaccompanied.

Social Media:

Swim Wales would like to share your experience with us on social media, tweet and tag us in your photos and results using #SWWC22 @SwimWales

Photos may be used in Swim Wales communications including newsletters, website and social media.

By attending Swim Wales Meets, individuals are agreeing to adhere to the Swim Wales Media policy. This ensures that the use of social media whilst attending the meet is appropriate and safe. Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their member, swimmers and supporters. Inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with accordingly.

Behaviour and Attitude:

Swim Wales has a zero tolerance policy on negative behaviour at meets. Disrespectful and poor attitude resulting in unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated. All those on site including swimmers, parents, coaches and clubs are expected to behave in an appropriate manner, respectful of officials, volunteers, staff and others. Swim Wales holds the right to ask those behaving inappropriately to leave the event and/or meet if deemed necessary. Refund will not be issued for dismissal from an event. The right to remove swimmers and/or clubs from the meet is held by the meet manager and senior team of officials. We ask that you remind your swimmers of the above policy and remain vigilant throughout the meet. Please report any inappropriate behaviour to a member of staff on site.

Jewellery:

For safety and security reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not permitted while in the water during warm-ups / swim-downs and / or competition. This includes watches, necklaces, chains, bangles, wrist bands, ear-rings (except studs), and rings (except wedding bands). Swim Wales will not be responsible for any jewellery brought to events and will not be liable if such jewellery is lost or damaged.

Equality:

Swim Wales promotes inclusion and diversity, and welcomes participation from everyone. If you have any particular requirements in respect of participating, officiating or volunteering then please mention this, in confidence if required, to our Events and Volunteers Manager. Swim Wales is an equal opportunities employer and aims to provide a discrimination-free working environment. We are committed to an action plan and policy in line with the Equality Act 2010, which ensures that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment because of a protected characteristic. The full equality policy can be viewed by emailing swimwales-events@swimming.org.