



DURHAM CITY AQUATICS MEDLEY CHALLENGE 2025

Saturday 15 November 2025

At Freeman's Quay, Walkergate, Durham, DH1 1SQ

Level 3 - License No: 3NE252091

Ages	Individual events for Open/Male & Female	
9 Years	50m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free	To qualify for a 100m IM Final
10 Years	50m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free	To qualify for a 100m IM Final
11 Years	50m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free	To qualify for a 100m IM Final
12 Years	100m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free	To qualify for a 200m IM Final
13 Years	100m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free	To qualify for a 200m IM Final
14 Years	100m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free	To qualify for a 200m IM Final
15 -17 Years	100m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free	To qualify for a 200m IM Final
18 years and Over	100m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free	To qualify for a 200m IM Final

This is a first come first served Gala and the meet will close when the entry list is full or at 17:00 on Friday 31st October 2025, whichever is the sooner; **entries are accepted from 08:00 on Monday 13 October 2025.**

Entry to this meet is based on a swimmer's IM time only.

Entries will not be accepted from swimmers who have swum faster than the enclosed cut off time for their respective IM. Swimmers without an IM time on the National Ranking will be allowed to enter. Entry times should be converted to 25m pool times by use of SE conversion tables.

Age as on 15 November 2025 for all events.

All events will be as per schedule of the meet with age groups combined; swimmers will be seeded according to entry times. Coach-approved estimated entry (e.g. training) times should be provided for swimmers who do not have an entry on the Swim England database; entries will be rejected if NO time is entered. For each age group, the 8 swimmers with the highest points total from the 4 heat events will qualify for the IM final in Session 3. **Note that the organisers reserve the right to reduce the number of lanes used for competition (and hence the number of finalists) should the number of available officials necessitate this.**

The entry fee is **£25 per individual**, which allows swimmers to enter all 4 heat events plus the IM final (should they qualify).

An Annual (returnable) Trophy will be awarded for the IM winner in each age group, with medals for the 2nd and 3rd placed swimmers and awards for each swimmer who reaches the IM final in their age group.

Meet Conditions Durham City Aquatics Medley Challenge 2025:

1. The meet will be swum under ASA Law & World Aquatics Technical Rules and is licensed by Swim England NER as a Level 3 meet.
2. The pool length is 25m with 8 lanes & anti-wave lane ropes; the organisers reserve the right to reduce the number of lanes used should the number of available officials necessitate this.
3. Colorado Electronic Timing will be in operation with scoreboard display. Times displayed are for information only.
4. The age groups are Open/Male & Female: 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs and 15-17yrs, 18& over with age on 15 November 2025.
5. 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.
6. Points are awarded for each age group in each event: 1st = 10, 2nd = 9, 3rd = 8, 4th = 7, etc. to determine finalists for IMs. If times equal other swimmers in an age group the same number of points will be awarded to each swimmer and the next placed swimmer will receive points based on the overall position within the age group.
7. For each age group, the 8 swimmers with the highest points total from the 4 heat events will qualify for the IM final in Session 3. **Note that the organisers reserve the right to reduce the number of lanes used for competition (and hence the number of finalists) should the number of available officials necessitate this.**
8. **Should there be a tie for a final place or first place in the final, a swim off will be used to determine the selection. All ages in this case will be asked to swim 100m IM in a swim-off.**
9. A trophy will be awarded for 1st place in each final with medals for 2nd and 3rd placed swimmers, with awards for other swimmers in each IM Final.
10. Entries are encouraged from disabled / para swimmers.
11. The flat entry fee is **£25.00 per individual**; every swimmer can compete in 4 events with the top swimmers in each age group competing in an appropriate IM Final. Paper entries are £27.00 per individual.
12. Coach passes are **£12.50** which includes start lists and lunch.
13. The Sports System Entry File should be submitted together with a completed Summary Sheet to: competitions@dcaswim.co.uk. Payment should be made by Bank Transfer at the time of entry; payment details are specified on the Summary Sheet. The closing date for entries is 17:00 on Friday 31st October 2025, or when the meet is full.
14. The meet organisers reserve the right to limit the number of entries to ensure meet timings can be maintained and a safe number of swimmers are present on poolside. All Entries will be treated as first come first served.
15. DCA reserves the right to fill empty lanes with Durham City Swimmers.
16. For safety reasons only swimmers who can perform a competitive start may perform a shallow racing dive from the starting blocks.
17. Results will be available online after completion of the meet for at least one week at dcaswim.co.uk/swimming
18. Withdrawals must be notified no later than 08:00 on Friday 14 November 2025.
19. No refunds will be issued for withdrawals after the closing date (which may be sooner than the advertised deadline of 31st October 2025 is the meet is full) other than for withdrawals on medical grounds supported either by documentary evidence such as a doctor's note or an email from the swimmer's coach. Swimmer's coach emails should explain the reason why the swimmer can not compete and a brief medical explanation. Each case will be accessed on merit.
20. Coaches/Team managers are responsible for ensuring competitors report to the marshalling area at the required time. Swimmers failing to report to the marshals in time for the race start may not be allowed to compete.
21. No unaccompanied swimmers allowed.

22. Access to poolside will be restricted to swimmers, coaches, officials and authorised helpers in line with Swim England Child Protection Policy. Official passes shall be worn at all times on poolside.
23. Swimmers are advised to use lockers; DCA or Freemans Quay Management cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to spectators or swimmers equipment.
24. All swimmers leaving poolside must have appropriate clothing and footwear.
25. Anyone found damaging or misusing property or equipment at the host venue may be disqualified from any further involvement in the competition and may be subject to further action from the Pool Management.
26. The use of any photographic equipment (still, video or digital, including mobile phones with camera function) by members of the public will not be allowed anywhere in the spectator area. We aim to support requests for recording for exam purposes, but an enquiry must be made at the time of entry submission and the decision will be at the discretion of the DCA club secretary.
27. Anyone who has prior approval to use image recording devices for exam purposes must register at the entrance and comply with the current Swim England Wave Power Guidelines on Photography (copies can be found at [WavePower](#)) and adhere to the rules and standard operating procedures of the venue.
28. Only the DCA official photographer is allowed on the poolside.
29. **Mobile phones or other (digital) recording devices are not allowed to be used in the changing village.** Anyone found to be using mobile phones in the changing village could be withdrawn from the gala.
30. If you can help as an official please contact: Paul McLean (officials@dcaswim.co.uk). Our expenses policy can be viewed at the bottom of this linked page:
<https://uk.gomotionapp.com/team/nedcaswpc/page/competitions1/upcoming-galas-at-durham>
31. All competing Clubs are invited to provide officials to ensure the smooth running of the meet.
32. The referee's decision is final.

Any points not covered here will be at the discretion of the meet organisers.

Any queries should be directed to: Steph Holmes-Morris at competitions@dcaswim.co.uk.

Qualifying Times

Swimmers must not have swum faster than the times below after 1 January 2024:

Durham City Aquatics Medley Challenge 2025				
Upper Limit Times				
Female			Open/Male	
200m IM	100m IM	Age Group	100m IM	200m IM
	01:30:00	9 Years	01:30:00	
	01:24:00	10 Years	01:24:00	
	01:18:00	11 Years	01:18:00	
02:30:00		12 Years		02:30:00
02:24:00		13 Years		02:24:00
02:20:00		14 Years		02:18:00
02:18:00		15 -17 Years		02:12:00
02:18:00		18 Years & Over		02:12:00

Programme of Events

Session 1	Events - Warm Up @ 8.00 a.m. Start @ 9.00 a.m.	Session 2	Events - Warm Up @ TBC Start @ TBC
101	Female 11 Years & Under 50m Butterfly	201	Female 11 Years & Under 50m Breaststroke
102	Open/Boys 11 Years & Under 50m Butterfly	202	Open/Boys 11 Years & Under 50m Breaststroke
103	Female 12 Years and Over 100m Butterfly	203	Female 12 Years and Over 100m Breaststroke
104	Open/Boys 12 Years and Over 100m Butterfly	204	Open/Boys 12 Years and Over 100m Breaststroke
105	Female 11 Years & Under 50m Backstroke	205	Female 11 Years & Under 50m Freestyle
106	Open/Boys 11 Years & Under 50m Backstroke	206	Open/Boys 11 Years & Under 50m Freestyle
107	Female 12 Years and Over 100m Backstroke	207	Female 12 Years and Over 100m Freestyle
108	Open/Boys 12 Years and Over 100m Backstroke	208	Open/Boys 12 Years and Over 100m Freestyle

Session 3 - Warm Up @ TBC, Start @ TBC	
301	Female 9 Years 100m IM Final
302	Open/Boys 9 Years 100m IM Final
303	Female 10 Years 100m IM Final
304	Open/Boys 10 Years 100m IM Final
305	Female 11 Years 100m IM Final
306	Open/Boys 11 Years 100m IM Final
307	Female 12 Years 200m IM Final
308	Open/Boys 12 Years 200m IM Final
309	Female 13 Years 200m IM Final
310	Open/Boys 13 Years 200m IM Final
311	Female 14 Years 200m IM Final
312	Open/Boys 14 Years 200m IM Final
313	Female 15-17 Years 200m IM Final
314	Open/Boys 15-17 Years 200m IM Final
315	Female 18 Years & Over 200m IM Final
316	Open/Boys 18 Years & Over 200m IM Final