NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

2027 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Licensed by Swim England: 1NE270012/13/14

Entry to the Championships constitutes acceptance of these Conditions.
Clubs, swimmers, coaches and team staff are responsible for ensuring compliance.

1 EVENT DETAILS

Dates	Saturday 30 January 2027 Sunday 31 January 2027 Saturday 13 February 2027 Sunday 14 February 2027 Saturday 27 February 2027
Venue	**Sunderland Aquatic Centre**
Pool	10-lane, 50m competition pool with full electronic timing. A separate 6-lane, 25m pool will be available for warm-up and swim-down.
Promoter	**Northumberland & Durham Aquatics**

The Championships will be managed by the Northumberland & Durham Aquatics Management Board, with authority delegated to the Championships Manager.

The Championships will be conducted under the relevant World Aquatics and Swim England Technical and Judicial Rules and any other applicable regulations.

2 SESSION TIMES

Morning sessions	Start **09:00**
Afternoon sessions	Start **14:00**

Session times are provisional and will be confirmed after entries have been processed.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Competitors must be bona fide members of clubs affiliated to NDSA and hold a valid Swim England swimmer registration.

3.2 A swimmer may represent only one club throughout the Championships.

3.3 A swimmer may not compete in more than one Swim England County Championships in the same calendar year.

3.4 The Female category is for birth-sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering this category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.

3.5 Swimmers with a valid Disability Classification may enter in accordance with the prevailing British Swimming classification categories, subject to the discretion of the Championships Manager. Relevant events will be treated as Multi-Classification Events.

4 CONSIDERATION TIMES

The Consideration Times are set out on the last page of this document.

4.1 Competitors must have achieved the published Long Course Consideration Time, or a faster time, as recorded on the British Swimming Rankings.

4.2 Times must have been achieved **no earlier than 1 January 2026**. Converted times will be accepted.

4.3 Entries slower than the published Consideration Times will not be accepted.

4.4 The Championships Manager may revise the Consideration Times before the closing date where necessary to manage entries, comply with licensing or venue capacity requirements, or ensure the efficient running of the Championships.

4.5 Submitted entry times will be used for seeding.

- **4.5.1** Where necessary to keep sessions within their time limits, entries may be placed on a reserve list or rejected at the discretion of the Championships Manager.
- **4.5.2** If places become available, reserve list swimmers will be offered entry in order of how close their entry time is to the relevant age group Consideration Time (expressed as a percentage).
- **4.5.3** Reserve list entries will be reviewed in line with the withdrawal deadlines: see point 8.1
- **4.5.4** A place on the reserve list does not guarantee entry.

4.6 Any entries that are not accepted will be refunded at the entry fee of £9.00 per event.

5 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The full Schedule of Events follows these Conditions

5.1 **Age groups:** 10/11 years; 12 years; 13 years; 14 years; 15 years; 16 years; 17/Over.
Age is determined as at **31 December 2027**.

5.2 Individual events

50m	Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle
100m	Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle
200m	Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle, Individual Medley
400m	Freestyle, Individual Medley*
800m	Freestyle*
1500m	Freestyle*

* Swimmers aged 10/11 are not eligible to enter the 400m Individual Medley, 800m Freestyle or 1500m Freestyle.

5.3 Finals

- All 50m and 100m events will have heats and finals for all age groups.
- All 200m events for ages 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17/Over will have heats and finals.
- All 200m events for the 10/11 age group will be Heat Declared Winner (HDW).
- All 400m, 800m and 1500m events will be Heat Declared Winner (HDW).

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entries must be submitted by an authorised club official through the Online Entry System.

6.2 Entries from swimmers with a valid Disability Classification can be made via the Online Entry System.

6.3 Entries and payment must be received by **12:00 noon on Wednesday 20 January 2027**.

6.4 Clubs are responsible for ensuring all entries are complete and correct before the closing date.

6.5 The entry fee is **£9.00 per individual event**.

6.6 Amendments or corrections received after the closing date will be treated as new entries and accepted only at the discretion of the Championships Manager, subject to availability.

6.7 Payment must be made at the time of entry through the online platform using PayPal.

7 POOLSIDE PASSES *All passes include refreshments and lunch*

7.1 All coaches and team staff requiring poolside access must hold a valid pass.

7.2 Passes must be obtained through the National Pass Application online system.

Pass	Price	Valid for
Championship & Teams Day Pass	£30	Valid for all five days of the 2027 Championships and Teams Day.
Championships Only Pass	£25	Valid for all five days of the 2027 Championships.

7.3 Passes must be printed prior to attendance. Coaches must register their arrival at the Timing Suite, where a lanyard and pass holder will be issued. Passes must be worn at all times and remain clearly visible while on poolside.

7.4 Clubs must maintain the required ratio of coaches and team managers to swimmers in accordance with Swim England safeguarding and welfare requirements.

7.5 The Promoters accept no responsibility for unaccompanied swimmers on poolside.

8 WITHDRAWALS

8.1 **Heats**

Withdrawals must be notified:

- by **16:00 on Friday** for Saturday events; and
- by **12:00 noon on Saturday** for Sunday events.

Withdrawals must be submitted via the online form or by email to ndchampionshipentries@outlook.com and include the swimmer's full name, SE Membership Number, club, event and event number.

8.2 **Medical withdrawals**

8.2.1 Entry fees will be refunded only where a swimmer is unable to compete on medical grounds and appropriate medical evidence is provided.

8.2.2 A swimmer withdrawing on medical grounds will be withdrawn from all remaining events on that day.

8.2.3 All refunds are at the discretion of the Championships Manager.

8.3 **Failure to withdraw**

Except in cases of genuine illness or proven emergency, failure to follow the withdrawal procedure may result in a **£10.00 penalty** per inappropriate withdrawal.

8.4 Responsibility for payment rests with the club in whose name the entry was made.

9 FINALS

9.1 A swimmer wishing to withdraw from a final must notify the recorders in writing, using the appropriate form, within 15 minutes of the announcement of the finalists.

9.2 A maximum of two reserves will be nominated for each final.

9.3 A reserve called into a final at short notice will occupy the vacant lane. There will be no reseeding.

9.4 A swimmer who qualifies for a final but fails to compete without following the official withdrawal procedure may incur a **£15.00 penalty** per final.

9.5 Responsibility for payment rests with the club in whose name the entry was made.

10 AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Medals will be awarded to the first three swimmers in each event and age group.

10.2 Presentations will take place during finals, where time permits, or following the announcement of HDW results.

10.3 Swimmers must wear appropriate clothing for presentations.

10.4 Clubs are responsible for ensuring that medallists, or an appropriate deputy, attend the presentation.

10.5 Medals will be awarded in Multi-Classification Events. These results will not count towards the Championship trophies.

11 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

The following trophies will be presented on Teams Day at the conclusion of the Championships.

11.1 **Tom Randall Memorial Trophy**

Awarded to the club scoring the highest points total across the 10/11, 12, 13 and 14 years age groups.

Points will be awarded from 10 points for 1st place to 1 point for 10th place, based on final placings or HDW results, as applicable.

11.2 **Mark Latimer Memorial Trophy**

Awarded to the club scoring the highest points total across the 15, 16 and 17/Over age groups.

Points will be awarded from 10 points for 1st place to 1 point for 10th place, based on final placings or HDW results, as applicable.

11.3 **Guy North Trophy**

Awarded to the club winning the most gold medals across the Championships.

In the event of a tie, the trophy will be awarded to the club with the greatest combined number of gold and silver medals.

12 OFFICIALS

12.1 Each club must provide at least one licensed poolside official for each day on which it has swimmers competing.

12.2 The meet expenses policy is available on request and will be provided to officials when invited.

12.3 The Lead Referee for the 2027 Championships is Mrs Christine Johnston. Email: ndofficials@gmail.com

13 GENERAL EVENT REGULATIONS

13.1 Warm-up and swim-down facilities will be supervised by venue staff. Swimmers must follow all instructions given by supervising staff.

13.2 Clubs, through their coaches and team managers, are responsible for the conduct of their swimmers.

13.3 Swimmers must remain under the supervision of a coach or team manager during warm-up, competition and while in the vicinity of the pool.

13.4 The maximum number of available lanes will be used for heats and finals.

13.5 A secondary strobe will be available during the Championships.

14 PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING

14.1 All attendees must comply with Swim England Wavepower requirements relating to photography, recording and the use of images on social media.

14.2 Photography or video recording for commercial purposes is prohibited without the Promoters' prior written permission.

14.3 Flash photography is not permitted within the competition pool hall.

15 MOBILE PHONES IN CHANGING AREAS

15.1 The use of mobile phones in changing areas is prohibited.

15.2 This includes calls, messages, emails, internet access, music, podcasts, photography and video recording.

15.3 Mobile phones must remain out of sight in a bag or pocket while in changing areas.

15.4 This requirement applies to all swimmers, coaches, team staff, officials, meet management and volunteers.

16 VARIATION OF CONDITIONS

16.1 The Northumberland & Durham Aquatics Management Board reserves the right to amend these Conditions where necessary.

16.2 Any amendments will apply to the Championships and may be made at short notice.

Any queries

Please contact the Championships Manager: ndchampionshipmanager@outlook.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS · WEEKEND ONE

30th/31st January 2027

SATURDAY 30 January 2027

Session 1 Morning — Start 09:00

EVENT	GENDER	HEATS	ROUND
101	Male/Open	100m Butterfly	Heats
102	Female	100m Freestyle	Heats
103	Male/Open	50m Freestyle	Heats
104	Female	400m Individual Medley	HDW

BREAK

EVENT	GENDER	FINALS	ROUND
111–117	Male/Open	**100m Butterfly**	FINALS
121–127	Female	**100m Freestyle**	FINALS
131–137	Male/Open	**50m Freestyle**	FINALS

Session 2 Afternoon — Start 14:00

EVENT	GENDER	HEATS	ROUND
105	Male/Open	50m Breaststroke	Heats
106	Female	200m Backstroke	Heats HDW for 10/11
107	Male/Open	1500m Freestyle	HDW

BREAK

EVENT	GENDER	FINALS	ROUND
162–167	Female	**200m Backstroke**	FINALS
151–157	Male/Open	**50m Breaststroke**	FINALS

Events 162–167 are swum before 151–157.

SUNDAY 31 January 2027

Session 3 Morning — Start 09:00

EVENT	GENDER	HEATS	ROUND
201	Female	100m Butterfly	Heats
202	Male/Open	100m Freestyle	Heats
203	Female	50m Freestyle	Heats
204	Male/Open	400m Individual Medley	HDW

BREAK

EVENT	GENDER	FINALS	ROUND
211–217	Female	**100m Butterfly**	FINALS
221–227	Male/Open	**100m Freestyle**	FINALS
231–237	Female	**50m Freestyle**	FINALS

Session 4 Afternoon — Start 14:00

EVENT	GENDER	HEATS	ROUND
205	Female	50m Breaststroke	Heats
206	Male/Open	200m Backstroke	Heats HDW for 10/11
207	Female	1500m Freestyle	HDW

BREAK

EVENT	GENDER	FINALS	ROUND
262–267	Male/Open	**200m Backstroke**	FINALS
251–257	Female	**50m Breaststroke**	FINALS

Events 262–267 are swum before 251–257.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS · WEEKEND TWO

13th/14th February 2027

SATURDAY 13 February 2027

Session 5 Morning

Start 09:00

EVENT	GENDER	HEATS	ROUND
301	Female	200m Freestyle	Heats HDW for 10/11
302	Male/Open	200m Butterfly	Heats HDW for 10/11
303	Female	50m Backstroke	Heats
304	Male/Open	100m Breaststroke	Heats

BREAK

EVENT	GENDER	FINALS	ROUND
312–317	Female	**200m Freestyle**	FINALS
322–327	Male/Open	**200m Butterfly**	FINALS
331–337	Female	**50m Backstroke**	FINALS
341–347	Male/Open	**100m Breaststroke**	FINALS

Session 6 Afternoon

Start 14:00

EVENT	GENDER	HEATS	ROUND
305	Female	50m Butterfly	Heats
306	Male/Open	200m Individual Medley	Heats HDW for 10/11
307	Female	800m Freestyle	HDW

BREAK

EVENT	GENDER	FINALS	ROUND
362–367	Male/Open	**200m Individual Medley**	FINALS
351–357	Female	**50m Butterfly**	FINALS

Events 362–367 are swum before 351–357.

SUNDAY 14 February 2027

Session 7 Morning

Start 09:00

EVENT	GENDER	HEATS	ROUND
401	Male/Open	200m Freestyle	Heats HDW for 10/11
402	Female	200m Butterfly	Heats HDW for 10/11
403	Male/Open	50m Backstroke	Heats
404	Female	100m Breaststroke	Heats

BREAK

EVENT	GENDER	FINALS	ROUND
412–417	Male/Open	**200m Freestyle**	FINALS
422–427	Female	**200m Butterfly**	FINALS
431–437	Male/Open	**50m Backstroke**	FINALS
441–447	Female	**100m Breaststroke**	FINALS

Session 8 Afternoon

Start 14:00

EVENT	GENDER	HEATS	ROUND
405	Male/Open	50m Butterfly	Heats
406	Female	200m Individual Medley	Heats HDW for 10/11
407	Male/Open	800m Freestyle	HDW

BREAK

EVENT	GENDER	FINALS	ROUND
462–467	Female	**200m Individual Medley**	FINALS
451–457	Male/Open	**50m Butterfly**	FINALS

Events 462–467 are swum before 451–457.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS · WEEKEND THREE

27th February 2027

SATURDAY 27 February 2027

Session 9 Morning

Start 09:00

EVENT	GENDER	HEATS	ROUND
501	Male/Open	100m Backstroke	Heats
502	Female	200m Breaststroke	Heats HDW for 10/11
503	Male/Open	400m Freestyle	HDW
		BREAK	
EVENT	GENDER	FINALS	ROUND
522–527	Female	**200m Breaststroke**	FINALS
511–517	Male/Open	**100m Backstroke**	FINALS

Events 522–527 are swum before 511–517.

Session 10 Afternoon

Start 14:00

EVENT	GENDER	HEATS	ROUND
504	Female	100m Backstroke	Heats
505	Male/Open	200m Breaststroke	Heats HDW for 10/11
506	Female	400m Freestyle	HDW
		BREAK	
EVENT	GENDER	FINALS	ROUND
552–557	Male/Open	**200m Breaststroke**	FINALS
541–547	Female	**100m Backstroke**	FINALS

Events 552–557 are swum before 541–547.

CONSIDERATION TIMES · LONG COURSE (50m)

Age at 31 December 2027 · times from 1 January 2026 · converted times accepted

OPEN/MALE								FEMALE						
10/11	12	13	14	15	16	17/Ov	Event	10/11	12	13	14	15	16	17/Ov
38.00	35.60	33.90	30.70	29.50	28.50	27.10	50m Freestyle	37.90	35.50	33.30	31.70	31.00	30.60	30.50
1:23.30	1:17.20	1:13.00	1:05.70	1:03.60	1:01.70	58.00	100m Freestyle	1:24.40	1:16.30	1:10.50	1:08.60	1:06.50	1:06.40	1:04.60
3:04.90	2:45.00	2:36.50	2:20.60	2:18.20	2:10.60	2:06.90	200m Freestyle	3:05.00	2:43.90	2:35.90	2:28.70	2:23.70	2:23.10	2:20.30
6:14.60	5:55.60	5:22.80	4:58.70	4:44.60	4:37.00	4:31.50	400m Freestyle	6:50.80	5:45.10	5:18.50	5:12.00	4:55.10	4:55.00	4:51.20
–	12:30.50	11:07.20	10:16.00	10:01.80	9:35.00	9:29.30	800m Freestyle	–	12:28.00	11:22.70	10:43.20	10:12.00	10:07.50	10:05.80
–	23:43.50	21:05.60	19:40.00	19:15.30	18:15.00	17:45.30	1500m Freestyle	–	23:30.00	21:50.00	20:44.90	20:23.00	20:20.90	19:46.00
52.60	49.70	44.70	41.50	39.10	37.60	35.20	50m Breaststroke	51.00	47.00	43.90	42.00	41.00	40.60	40.50
1:55.00	1:44.60	1:35.70	1:28.40	1:22.20	1:20.60	1:18.70	100m Breaststroke	1:50.30	1:41.60	1:35.80	1:31.50	1:28.60	1:25.85	1:25.10
4:01.50	3:50.20	3:29.00	3:05.60	3:00.50	2:58.90	2:48.90	200m Breaststroke	3:55.70	3:35.60	3:22.40	3:14.10	3:11.90	3:11.80	3:10.00
47.40	42.30	38.40	35.10	32.40	32.00	30.40	50m Butterfly	45.90	40.80	37.10	35.50	34.20	34.00	33.70
1:56.40	1:39.60	1:25.80	1:19.30	1:12.00	1:07.60	1:04.40	100m Butterfly	1:51.90	1:35.80	1:25.00	1:20.40	1:17.00	1:15.00	1:14.00
4:15.10	3:43.60	3:36.60	3:02.00	2:48.10	2:36.90	2:34.40	200m Butterfly	4:02.00	3:53.80	3:18.60	3:11.30	2:58.10	2:58.00	2:56.20
44.90	42.80	39.50	36.60	35.10	35.00	31.90	50m Backstroke	45.00	41.20	38.10	37.40	36.50	36.00	35.90
1:33.50	1:30.50	1:24.20	1:16.60	1:13.10	1:11.40	1:08.70	100m Backstroke	1:34.40	1:28.90	1:20.90	1:19.90	1:16.20	1:15.50	1:14.70
3:30.00	3:08.70	2:53.80	2:40.20	2:35.80	2:32.50	2:24.90	200m Backstroke	3:23.60	3:08.70	2:57.10	2:46.80	2:42.00	2:41.10	2:38.30
3:36.30	3:12.60	2:56.10	2:42.50	2:35.00	2:29.70	2:25.10	200m Individual Medley	3:32.50	3:09.20	2:54.70	2:50.10	2:43.60	2:40.20	2:36.60
–	7:02.00	6:25.50	5:47.20	5:37.80	5:22.50	5:16.60	400m Individual Medley	–	7:00.00	6:17.50	5:56.80	5:52.40	5:45.00	5:40.10

– = event not open to that age group. Swimmers aged 10/11 may not enter the 400m Individual Medley, 800m Freestyle or 1500m Freestyle.

The closing date for entries is 12:00 noon, Wednesday 20 January 2027