

ARENA MANCHESTER OPEN MEET 2024 (50m)

10/11/12 May 2024

MEET CONDITIONS

Level 1, License No. TBC

Manchester Aquatics Centre, 2 Booth Street East, Manchester, M13 9SS

1. General Conditions

- a.** The City of Manchester Aquatics Swim Team Committee reserves full powers over the meet. Management and Promoters responsibilities shall be delegated to the Meet Director
- b.** The event shall be held under Swim England (SE) Technical Rules and relevant World Aquatics(WA)/World Para Swimming rules.
- c.** Property brought into the venue is the responsibility of its owner. The City of Manchester Aquatics Swim Team (the Club) accept no responsibility for loss or damage, or criminal acts committed by members of the public, swimmers, athletes, and any other persons within the venue. This includes items placed in lockers, by the starting blocks, or on poolside.
- d.** Outdoor shoes should not be worn on poolside.

2. Events

- a.** Individual Events:
 - i.** 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
 - ii.** 50m, 100m, and 200m Butterfly, Backstroke and Breaststroke
 - iii.** 200m and 400m Individual Medley
- b.** All individual events are available to both Open (see definition below) and Female competitors
- c.** 10 years and under swimmers are not eligible to enter the 400m, 800m or 1500m Freestyle, 400m Individual Medley or the 200m Butterfly
- d.** The schedule of events shall be published in addition to these conditions (see below)

3. Entries

- a.** Competitors
 - i.** In line with the Swim England transgender and non-binary competition policy the following definitions apply:
 - 1.** Female Athletes with a birth sex of female
 - 2.** Open Athletes with a birth sex of male, trans or non-binary competitors and any competitor not eligible for the female category
 - ii.** All competitors must be registered with their National Federation to be eligible to compete
 - iii.** Individual event for each gender will comprise 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, and 17yrs/over age categories
 - iv.** Ages at 31st December 2024
- b.** Online entry process

- i. All competitors are required to comply with the online entry process and pay the required fees
 - ii. Entries **MUST** be made electronically using the correct SportSystems File unless arranged and agreed in advance with the Meet Director.
- c. Entry Files must be received by e-mail by the Meet Director no later than the published closing time and date
 - i. Entries will close at 23:59 on Friday 19th April
 - ii. Entries can be sent to the Meet Director via the following e-mail: meetmanager@cityofmanchesterswimteam.co.uk
- d. Payment must be received no later than the closing date for entries. The Meet Director reserves the right to withdraw competitors if the payment has not been received by this date
- e. Entry times can be achieved in either 50m pool or converted 25m times
- f. Entry times to be taken from a licensed Level 1, 2, 3 or 4 meet
 - i. Random checks will be made against the current Swim England rankings database – any swimmer found to be submitting false times will be rejected from all events unless a results sheet is available to confirm entry times
 - ii. Entry times must have been achieved between 1st November 2022 and the closing date for entries
- g. Submitted entry times shall be used for seeding and rejection purposes as required
 - i. Once a time has been submitted improved times will **NOT** be accepted
 - ii. No refunds will be given for entries incorrectly submitted
- h. Consideration times will be published in addition to these conditions (see below)
- i. The Meet Director has the power to adjust the number of entries accepted in the interested of safety and the smooth running of the meet. Where this clause is invoked, additional rejections may be made by event. Events chosen for restriction will be at the discretion of the Meet Director
- j. The promoter reserves the right to give preference to Club entries from overseas clubs where the pre-booking of flights is required to travel to and from the meet.

4. Meet Procedure

- a. All events shall be Heat Declared Winner
- b. Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal's procedure (see below).
- c. Clubs must comply with the Swim England supervision ratios: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/swim-england-relases-supervision-ratios-policy/>
- d. All coaches, chaperones, and personal care attendants must conform to the Swim England Safeguarding Procedures and hold a current DBS certificate and relevant qualifications

5. Para Swimmers

- a. The general conditions for the meet shall apply to all para competitors
- b. The competition format will be based upon Para swimmers' inclusion within the schedule of events. As such, there will be no separate events for swimmers with disabilities
- c. All swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to their entry times
- d. Para swimmers will be included within the results for their age group
- e. Chaperones for para athletes are to be on a 1:1 basis

6. Withdrawal from Heats

- a. Withdrawals must be made no later than one hour before the advertised start time of the relevant session
- b. Withdrawals can be made in the following ways:
 - i. In person by completing an official withdrawal form (available at the Sport Information Desk)
 - ii. By email to wd@cityofmanchesterswimteam.co.uk
- c. ALL withdrawals must state **NAME, CLUB, EVENT NUMBER, EVENT, COMPETITOR NUMBER**; withdrawals not containing this information will NOT be processed
- d. There will be no refund of entry fees for such withdrawals

7. Call Room

- a. Swimmers must report to the Stewards in the Call Room and follow their direction. It is the competitor's responsibility to report in sufficient time and be available to parade for their event
- b. All competitors are required to report 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in the confines until led on to the deck for their race

8. Awards

- a. Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placed swimmers in each age group for each event
- b. Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placed para swimmers in each age group, except where three or fewer para swimmers are entered into an event where a minus one rule shall then apply
 - i. Where there is only one para swimmer entered into an event they must achieve a time greater than their submitted entry time in order to be awarded a medal