

# Bolton Metro Swim Squad – Affiliated to Swim England

The meet will be held under Swim England Technical Rules (with a one-start rule) on **Saturday 4th July 2026**, at **Jason Kenny Centre, Moor Lane, Bolton, BL3 5BN**. The pool is **8 lane anti-wave, 25m**, and electronic timing will be used. The competition is open to amateurs only, as defined by Swim England Laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of Racing.

## 1. General Information

- 1.1. Meet Name: Summer Splashdown
- 1.2. Licence Level: 3 Meet Licence No: 3NW261439.
- 1.3. Promoter: Bolton Metro Swim Squad.
- 1.4. Eligibility: Open to all swimmers registered with Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales at Club Compete (formerly Cat 2) level, or competitors from a country affiliated to World Aquatics.
- 1.5. This meet is open to Club Compete members of clubs affiliated with Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales (or their national association). Competitors may only enter under one club name.
- 1.6. This meet will be run using SportSystems software. The entry file will be available on the <http://www.boltonmetro.com> website from.
- 1.7. This competition is licensed by Swim England (SE) and will be held under SE Laws and Regulations, SE Technical Rules of Racing, and SE Open Meet Licensing Criteria.
- 1.8. Entries and results will be managed via computer and available online.
- 1.9. Accepted Entries: Published on 13/06/2026.
- 1.10. The Data Protection Act 2018 requires us to provide you with certain information before processing data about you. We require personal data (name, date of birth, Swim England number, entry times, recorded times) for the purposes of managing entries, running the competition, and submitting results to Rankings. This information will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Consent to process such personal data is deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Results, including name, club, race times, and age category, will be published online and submitted to British Rankings.

## 2. Competition Age & Age Groups

- 2.1. Competition Age: Swimmers' ages will be as of midnight on Sunday 5th July 2026
- 2.2. Age Groups for Awards: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/over

## 3. Competition Format

- 3.1. Heat Declared Winner (HDW) – no finals.
- 3.2. Heats will be seeded slowest to fastest based on submitted times.
- 3.3. The Promoter reserves the right to reduce the number of entries if necessary, even for swimmers who have achieved the qualifying times.

## 4. Events & Awards

- 4.1. Individual Events:
  1. 50m, 100m, 200m all strokes, 200m IM, 400m Free & IM
- 4.2. Awards:
  1. Medals for the Top 3 Open/Male & Female swimmers in each age group per event.
  2. Para swimmer awards will be allocated based on British Para Swimming (BPS) points.
  3. Spot prizes awarded randomly throughout the meet.

## 5. Entry Process & Limitations

- 5.1. Priority Entries: Bolton Metro Swim Squad swimmers will be processed first, regardless of entry times.
- 5.2. Entry Limits: The Promoter reserves the right to limit entries to meet gala license timing restrictions.
- 5.3. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED: If entry limits are required, the meet will be filled on an FCFS basis.
- 5.4. Rejections: Entries will be rejected per event, not per club, ensuring fair distribution across clubs.

- 5.5. Entries Processing: Entries will be processed in order of receipt. If the meet becomes full, later entries will be rejected regardless of qualifying times.
- 5.6. Safety & Time Constraints: The Meet Director reserves the right to restrict entries in the interests of safety, time constraints, and ensuring the smooth running of the competition.
- 5.7. Session Length Adjustments: If session times exceed licensed meet guidelines, the Director may reduce qualifying times by a set percentage to bring session lengths within limits.
- 5.8. Refunds:
  1. Any swimmers rejected due to these adjustments will receive a full refund.
  2. Partial refunds will be considered if an entire session is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as technical failure or facility closure.
  3. Medical withdrawal refunds will only be granted upon receipt of an official medical certificate.
- 5.9. Entry Times: Upper qualifying times apply.
- 5.10. Converted Times: Entries from either a 50m pool or converted 25m times are accepted, using Swim England Equivalent Performance Tables or SportSystem Equivalent Times Converter.
- 5.11. Disability Swimmers: Swimmers in possession of a Swim England Certificate of Swimming Disability, or those whose membership details record a disability Sport Class, are welcome to enter without the requirement of having achieved a qualifying time. An entry time must still be provided.
- 5.12. Entry Fee: **£7.00 per event.**
- 5.13. Closing Date: **11:59 pm on 10/06/2026 or when full.**
- 5.14. No Late Entries: No poolside or late entries will be accepted.
- 5.15. Entry Submission:
  1. Entries must be submitted via SportSystems entry file to compsec@boltonmetro.com.
  2. Club summary and payment details must be emailed to compsec@boltonmetro.com and treasurer@boltonmetro.com.
  3. Accepted entries will be published on <http://www.boltonmetro.com>.

## 6. Withdrawals

- 6.1. Deadline: Withdrawals must be submitted no later than 60 minutes before the advertised warm-up start time for the relevant session.
- 6.2. Online System: Withdrawals will be managed online (details in entry confirmation emails).

## 7. Gender Categories

- 7.1. Categories: Open/Male & Female.
- 7.2. Swim England Transgender Policy: The Female category is for birth sex females only. By entering the 'Female' category, swimmers confirm their birth sex is female.

## 8. Meet Procedures

- 8.1. Marshalling:
  1. All swimmers must report to marshalling at least 3 events before their race.
  2. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
  3. The event will proceed without waiting for late swimmers.
- 8.2. Warm-Up Procedure:
  1. Warm-up will be conducted in allocated sessions by age group and gender to avoid overcrowding. Swimmers may only access the pool at the time allocated and must follow the directions of the appointed warm-up marshal.
  2. Sprint lanes will be designated in the first 10 minutes of each session.
  3. No diving except in designated sprint lanes. No climbing over lane ropes or timing pads at any time.
  4. Swimmers must leave the water by the side of the pool and not over the timing pads.
  5. Clubs must ensure that all their swimmers are appropriately supervised by their club coach or team manager during warm-up.
- 8.3. Starts:
  1. "Over-the-Top" starts will be used for all events except backstroke.

2. Backstroke swimmers must exit promptly at the side of the pool.
3. The Referee's decision on all Swim England rules and laws is final.

## 9. Health & Safety Rules

- 9.1. Liability: The Promoter accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to the competitor's personal belongings unless caused by the negligence of the Promoter. Entry Times: Upper qualifying times apply.
- 9.2. Footwear: Must be worn outside poolside.
- 9.3. No Diving: Prohibited at the shallow end.
- 9.4. Glass Items: Not permitted on poolside.

## 10. Poolside Passes

- 10.1. Flat Fee Per Club: **£15.00** per club for unlimited coaches & team managers.
- 10.2. Requirements:
  1. Valid SENW Poolside Accreditation pass (verifies DBS and safeguarding compliance)
  2. Parents chaperoning unaccompanied swimmers must also hold a valid accreditation pass
  3. All coaches, team managers, and chaperones must present their digital accreditation pass (QR code) at the poolside entrance for scanning. Personnel without valid accreditation will not be granted poolside access. In exceptional circumstances, manual verification may be carried out at the discretion of the Meet Promoter.
  4. Club secretaries are responsible for generating accreditation passes for their poolside team via the SENW accreditation platform before the meet.
- 10.3. Wristbands will be issued upon successful accreditation verification. Coaches and team staff must wear the wristbands provided at all times.
- 10.4. Officials Waiver: Poolside pass fees are waived for clubs providing **at least one technical official**. Must be noted on the poolside pass request form.
- 10.5. Unaccompanied swimmers: Must have a designated club coach or team manager responsible for them at all times.
- 10.6. Neurodiversity: It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure they are aware of the whereabouts of their swimmers with neurodiversity and that appropriate support, in line with Swim England guidance, is provided by the club for these swimmers.

## 11. Spectators & Photography

- 11.1. Seating is first-come, first-served.
- 11.2. Admission Fees:
  1. Per Session: **£5.00**.
  2. All-Day Pass: **£7.00**.
- 11.3. Spectator Access Restrictions:
  1. Spectators are not permitted in poolside, changing areas, or designated swimmer areas at any time. This is to ensure the safety and privacy of all competitors.
- 11.4. Photography & Filming:
  1. No flash photography.
  2. Must follow Swim England Wavepower (current edition) guidelines. Parents and carers who wish to take images are requested to focus on their own child as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in images.
  3. Any use of a mobile phone or device in changing areas is strictly prohibited. Anyone found doing so may be asked to leave the competition.
  4. Official media partners may take photos/videos for promotional purposes.

## 12. Payment Details

- 12.1. BACS Payment Required:
- 12.2. Account Name: **Bolton Metro Swim Squad**  
Sort Code: **01-30-99**  
Account Number: **63966557**
- 12.3. Reference Format: **Club Name + Meet Name**.

**13. Meet Promoter's Authority**

13.1. Final Decisions: Any issue not covered in these conditions will be at the discretion of the Meet Promoter or Referee.

**13.2. Data & Media Consent:**

1. Competitor data will be processed in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.
2. Photography & video footage may be taken for promotional purposes. Parents or guardians of swimmers under 18 have the right to withhold consent for photography — please notify the Meet Promoter in writing before the competition. Withholding consent will not prevent participation.
3. By entering the meet, swimmers consent to data processing and promotional use.