Bolton Metro Swim Squad 5th Masters Meet

Saturday 16th January 2027
Jason Kenny Centre, Moor Lane, Bolton BL3 5BN
Bolton Metro Swim Squad would like to invite you to our 5th Masters Meet. New for 2027, we are running Female, Open/Male and Mixed relays, so you can swim in both single-sex and mixed relay teams. We look forward to receiving your entries.

Meet summary

Date	Saturday 16th January 2027
Venue	Jason Kenny Centre, Moor Lane, Bolton BL3 5BN
Pool	25m, 8 lanes, diving blocks, anti-wave lane ropes, electronic timing and display
Events	50m, 100m and 200m all strokes, 100m IM, and 4x50m medley and freestyle relays in Female, Open/Male and Mixed categories
Fees	£7.00 per individual event, £10.00 per relay team
Entries open	25/11/2026
Entries close	09/01/2027
How to enter	Online Entries
Live results	results.boltonmetro.com
Promoter	Bolton Metro Swimming Squad
Contact	compsec@boltonmetro.com

Session times

Doors open	2:30pm
Session 1 warm-up	Open/Male 3:00pm to 3:20pm, then Female 3:20pm to 3:40pm
Session 1 start	3:45pm
Session 2 warm-up	Straight after session 1 finishes (approximately 5pm TBC):

	Female 20 minutes, then Open/Male 20 minutes
Session 2 start	Approximately 5:45pm TBC

Times after the start of session 1 are estimates and will be confirmed in the final programme once entries have closed.

Programme of events

Session 1

Event	Category	Race
101	Mixed	4x50m Freestyle Relay
102	Mixed	100m Individual Medley
103	Female	50m Backstroke
104	Open/Male	50m Backstroke
105	Mixed	100m Butterfly
106	Mixed	200m Breaststroke
107	Mixed	100m Freestyle
108	Mixed	200m Backstroke
109	Female	50m Butterfly
110	Open/Male	50m Butterfly
111	Female	4x50m Medley Relay
112	Open/Male	4x50m Medley Relay

Session 2

Event	Category	Race
201	Mixed	4x50m Medley Relay
202	Mixed	200m Freestyle
203	Female	50m Breaststroke

204	Open/Male	50m Breaststroke
205	Mixed	200m Butterfly
206	Mixed	100m Backstroke
207	Female	50m Freestyle
208	Open/Male	50m Freestyle
209	Mixed	100m Breaststroke
210	Female	4x50m Freestyle Relay
211	Open/Male	4x50m Freestyle Relay

Individual events marked Mixed are swum with Female and Open/Male swimmers seeded together, with separate results for each category.

Age groups

- Ages are taken as at 31st December 2027, and each swimmer competes in one age group only.
- Individual age groups are 18-24, 25-29 and five-year groups after that (30-34, 35-39 and so on).
- Swimmers must be aged 18 or over on the day of the meet.

Relays

- Each session opens with a Mixed relay and finishes with the Female and Open/Male relays, so there is a full session between any two relays a swimmer can enter.
- Mixed relays (events 101 and 201): two Female and two Open/Male swimmers, swimming in any order.
- Female relays (events 111 and 210): four Female swimmers.
- Open/Male relays (events 112 and 211): four Open/Male swimmers.
- A swimmer may swim in one team per relay event, so up to four relays in the meet: the two Mixed relays and the two relays in their own category.
- Age bands are set by the combined ages of the four swimmers: 72-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, and 240+. Swimmers aged 18 to 24 may only swim in the 72-119 band.
- Teams are seeded by entry time across all age bands, with results declared for each band. The Female and Open/Male relays of the same stroke may be swum in the same heats, with separate results.

Awards

- Prizes for the top 3 Female and top 3 Open/Male swimmers in each age group. A

swimmer's points are the sum of their best results in each of the four strokes plus the IM. In a tie, the IM result decides.
- Top Visiting Club, and a Top Club from outside the North West. Club points for individuals and relay teams: 1st 6 points, 2nd 5, 3rd 4, 4th 3, 5th 2, and 1 point for 6th and any other legal finish.

Meet conditions

Eligibility

- All competitors must be registered with Swim England as Club Compete swimmers, or hold the Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales equivalent, or be competitive members of clubs that belong to federations affiliated to World Aquatics.
- A competitor may compete in the name of one club only.
- 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 competitor confirms that their birth sex is female.

Entries and payment

- Entries are accepted on a first come, first served basis, by date received, and must be submitted and paid for by the closing date.
- Payment is via the online entry system.
- The Promoter, Bolton Metro Swim Squad, reserves the right to reject any entry.
- Depending on the entries received, the organiser may adjust session start times and limit the number of competitors in any event. 200m events are limited on a first come, first served basis.

Competition format

- All individual events are heat declared winners.
- Heats cover all age groups. Events are seeded slowest to fastest by entry time, and each heat is spearheaded. The Promoter may change the seeding if conditions require.
- All starts are into deep water. Over-the-top starts are used for all events, including backstroke.

Warm-up

- Warm-ups are separated by category, as shown under Session times. Once entries close, the length of each category's slot may be adjusted so the larger category has the longer slot.
- A lane plan by age group will be published in the final programme. Lane 8 is reserved for swimmers aged 60 and over during all warm-ups.
- Lanes 1 and 2 become one-way sprint lanes, starting from the blocks, for the last 5 minutes of each warm-up. There is no diving at any other time or in any other lane.
- Odd lanes swim clockwise and even lanes anti-clockwise.

- Swimmers must leave the water by the side of the pool, not over the timing pads.
- There is no swim-down facility at the pool.

Safety and conduct

- All swimmers must follow the health and safety rules displayed at poolside. Anyone breaking them may be excluded from the rest of the meet.
- No glass bottles on poolside. Shoes must be worn when leaving poolside.
- The Promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any competitor or spectator.
- Anything not covered by these conditions is at the discretion of the meet organiser and the Promoter.

Results and data protection

- Results will be posted on the club website and supplied to British Swimming for the Masters rankings database.
- Entries are held electronically. By entering, swimmers consent to their personal data being held for running the meet. Personal data can be inspected during the meet if the swimmer applies to the Promoter in advance.

Officials

We rely on volunteers from visiting clubs to help with officiating. If you can help, please add your availability on Officials Finder (swimmingofficials.co.uk) or email officials@boltonmetro.com. We offer full expenses, and coffee and cake during the session 2 warm-up.

Contacts

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