

Summer Open Meet 2018

Incorporating British Swimming Home Nation Summer Events

IPC registered and approved

Monday 30th July – Sunday 5th August 2018

#SWSO18



Our Vision

A world leading National Governing Body delivering excellence, **inspiring** our nation to **enjoy, participate, learn** and **compete** in Welsh aquatics.

Ein Gweledigaeth

Corff Llywodraethu blaenllaw sy'n cynnig rhagoriaeth, gan **ysbrydoli** cenedl i **fwynhau, cymryd rhan, dysgu** a **chystadlu** mewn campau dŵr yng Nghymru

Meet summary

Swim Wales is proud to present the Welsh Summer Open.

Swim Wales Summer Open Meet is a level 1 Long Course (50m) meet aimed at top ranking swimmers. There will be multi-classification entry for this meet.

All meet information can be found at the following webpage:

<http://www.swimwales.org/events/swim-wales-summer-open-2018>

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Entry Criteria:

The 2018 Swim Wales Summer Open Meet incorporating Home Nations Summer event will be held at the Welsh National Pool, Swansea from the 30th of July to the 5th of August.

Invited competitors:

The Home Nation Summer events will be offered as guaranteed (first invite) places to top Welsh Club ranked swimmers (plus any Welsh swimmer who has elected to swim in this competition on the basis of country of representation. If swimmers wish to be invited on the basis of country of representation then individuals must email HNMeetChoice@swimming.org with their name, date of birth, membership number, and current ranked club and registered Country of representation, and clearly state their wish to be ranked by their Country of International Representation in relation to the Home Nation Summer Meets. This needs to be done no later than midnight on 1st May 2018).

There are 16 places in each age group, in 50m, 100m, 200m in all strokes and 400m Freestyle and 8 places in the 400m IM, 800m & 1500m Freestyle. Swimmers must have achieved the qualification time in the qualification window: 1st March – 28th May at a 50m competition (level 1) and not be invited to the British Summer Championships in that event.

Other competitors:

There will be a limited number of places available to any Swim Wales, Scottish Swimming, Swim England OR FINA member who have achieved the qualification times and have not been invited to the British, Scottish Swimming and Swim England Summer Competitions in that event. This will be on a first come first served basis and spaces are limited. Each event will have an entry cap which, once full, will not accept further entries. A decision to accept late entries filling empty lanes will be made after entries have closed.

All competitors must have equalled or bettered the published qualifying times in a designated or licensed Swim Wales, Scottish Swimming or Swim

England meet. Open entry qualifying times will be accepted from 30th July 2017.

Entry will be through two online systems:

1. Invited entry for Welsh Swimmers ranked Top 16 & Top 8 in the 400m IM, 800m & 1500m Freestyle outside of the British Summer Championships during the qualifying window of 1st March to May 28th 2018 who have achieved the published qualifying time at a 50m competition.
2. Open Entry for remaining spaces on a first come first served basis for those who achieve the qualifying time between 30th July 2017 and the closing date of entry (ranked time from 30th July 2017).
3. A decision to open late entries will be made after close of entries. This will be dependent on available empty lanes. Late entries will be allocated fastest to slowest through manual entry. Please check the event webpage for updates on late entries.

Entry Information:

Entry opening and closing, date and time, for all entries (invitational, open and late) to be confirmed.

Multi Classification entry to be made using the entry form that is available on the website. Entries must be completed and returned to events@swimming.org before the close of entries (to be confirmed).

In the event of an oversubscription Swim Wales reserve the right to scratch and remove entries as deemed appropriate. This is at the complete discretion of Swim Wales and the event management. Entries are not confirmed until a confirmed entry list of swims is published after the close of entries. This will be published on the event webpage.

The online entry system is provided by SportSystems and technical support is not available from the Swim Wales office. Due to the popularity of the Summer Open, open entries are filled quickly and places are limited. If you experience issues with the online entry system please wait for the screen to load, do not refresh the page as this creates another request and will delay your process further. If you continue to experience technical issues please close the page and try again. Swim Wales is unable to support entry requests due to technical issues and system failures. We advise you print or save the entries selected before commencing payment, if the payment page fails, this can be used to support a manual entry. All queries related to entries must come through your clubs head coach. Only queries collated and presented by a head coach will be reviewed. Swim Wales are unable to review individual queries regarding entries.

Fees:

Individual event: £10

Poolside Pass*: £40

Poolside chaperone pass* (S1-S4/S11): FREE

*Individuals applying for a competition pass must have a valid DBS and membership number (Swim Wales, ASA, Swim Scotland or FINA recognised club). Individuals will be contacted for payment once their application has been processed.

Individuals without appropriate event accreditation will not be granted poolside access. Event accreditation must be worn at all times-lack of accreditation will result in removal from poolside.

The deadline for applications is July 23rd 2018. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

Event Summary:

Male and Female: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & over (as of 31st December 2018)

Multi classification: Male & Female: 12 years & over (S2-S14)

Heats will be swum seeded by time regardless of age. Finals will be swum as single age bands.

MC Finals will be swum for 4 or more Swimmers.

We will not accept; converted, split or relay times. The times used at the point of entry will be used during the event and we will not amend, update or alter times after the entry process.

Please see separate qualifying times document published on the event webpage.

Multi Classification event summary:

Multi classification event entry will be available for the following events:

- 50m freestyle
- 100m freestyle
- 200m freestyle
- 400m freestyle
- 100m backstroke
- 100m breaststroke
- 100m Butterfly
- 200m IM

In the morning session the MC Swimmers will be integrated in the AB heats.

Where there are 4 or more MC swimmers a Final will be held in the Evening Final Session. If there are less than 4 the morning results will be (HDW) Heat Declared Winner.

Event Schedule

Please see event webpage for the event schedule. A draft timetable for the event will be published after close of entries.

Entry Conditions

Meet conditions:

All competitors must have equalled or bettered the entry qualifying time in an event designated or licensed by Swim Wales, Swim England or Scottish Swimming. Times must be short or long course and achieved within the required qualification window (top 16/8 swimmers 1st March – 28th May in a 50m competition, open entries on or after 30th July 2017). Converted, split or relay times will not be accepted.

The most current ranking time will be used at the point of entry and times will not be altered or updated after entry has been processed. Swimmers who wish to re-enter with faster times do so at their own cost, original entries are not refundable.

The National Administrator may request validation of any stated entry time.

In the event of oversubscription of the meet, Swim Wales reserve the right to scratch entries based on times. Entries are not confirmed until the draft entry list is published after close of entries.

General conditions:

The Swim Wales general meet conditions can be found at: <http://www.swimwales.org/key-documents> - Events - General meet conditions

By entering this meet swimmers are agreeing to abide by both the meet and general conditions.

Meet administration

Medals and awards

Medals will be awarded to swimmers placed first, second and third in the following age groups: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17+

Meet withdrawal process

Swimmers are not required to withdraw from heat events. Lanes will swim empty if swimmer fail to attend marshalling.

Sign in is not required for 800m and 1500m races.

Withdrawals for all finals are required, including reserves. Withdrawals for finals must be made through the withdrawal table located poolside within 20 minutes of the last swim of the heat session.

Failure to do so will result in a fine of £50 per swimmer per event.

A list of confirmed finalist will be available 30 minutes after the closure of the withdrawal desk.

Refunds

Refunds for entry fees will be processed on the receipt of a valid doctor's note (signed by an appropriate consultant/doctor on headed paper). Applications for medical withdrawals must be received before 9am on the 30th of July to qualify for refund.

Refunds will not be processed for withdrawals on non-medical grounds.

Marshalling

Heats: Swimmers should report to poolside marshalling approximately 6 heats before their allocated heat. This allows time for swimmers to be placed in appropriate positioning as directed by marshals. It is swimmers responsibility to report to marshalling. Failure to do so may result in a no swim.

Finals: Finalists must report to the call room, located in the middle of the changing area for sign in and marshalling prior to their final (advised 5 races before) and shall remain in the call room until called for their event. Swimmers who fail to attend the call room before the race is called for marshalling will be deemed to have withdrawn in breach of meet conditions and will be fined £50. Coaches/chaperones will be not permitted into the call room.

Behaviour deemed inappropriate and abusive towards marshalls, officials and staff will not be tolerated and may result in removal from an event, session, day or competition. This is at the discretion of event management.

Officials and Volunteers

Swim Wales invites officials and volunteers to support this meet. Official's applications can be found on the event webpage, positions are open to those qualified from Time-keeper to Referee.

Volunteer roles include marshalling, announcing, call room duties, front of house and many more. Application forms can be found online. For more information please contact events@swimming.org

All of our volunteers and officials are provided with event kit, refreshments, meals and expenses claims. The Swim Wales volunteer expenses policy can be found on the website.

Swim Wales Film and Photography Policy

Please be advised that photographs and videos may be taken at this event

Swim Wales are aware of the wide range of devices including mobile telephones which have photographic and filming capabilities. This enables the capture of both static and moving images. Used responsibly, such devices are perfectly safe, but sharing images widely may betray a confidence or identity of a child/children which may present a risk of harm to the child/children concerned.

The use of such equipment is difficult to control but we can all be vigilant. If you have any concerns or safeguarding queries, please bring them to the immediate attention of the event management team situated at the enquiries desk.

Swim Wales may use photographs taken at this event as promotional material and used across public forums including their website and social media accounts, and possibly the local press and television. Should you wish to refuse photographic permission please contact the event management team on site. The full swim Wales photography guidance policy can be found at the enquiries desk or on the Swim Wales website.

Polisi Ffotograffiaeth a Ffilmio Nofio Cymru

Er gwybodaeth, gall lluniau a fideos gael eu tynnu yn y gystadleuaeth yma

Mae Nofio Cymru yn ymwybodol o ddyfeisiau amrywiol gan gynnwys ffonau symudol sy'n gallu tynnu lluniau a ffilmio. Mae hyn yn galluogi tynnu lluniau a delweddau disymud a symudol. Pan maent yn cael eu defnyddio'n gyfrifol, mae'r dyfeisiau o'r fath yn ddiogel iawn, ond gall rhannu lluniau yn llydan ddatgelu gwybodaeth bersonol am y plentyn/plant sy'n gallu achosi perygl o niwed iddynt.

Mae defnyddio offer o'r fath yn anodd ei reoli ond gallem i gyd fod yn wylidwrus. Os oes gennych unrhyw bryder neu ymholiad ynglŷn â

diogelwch, dewch â nhw yn uniongyrchol i'r tîm rheoli digwyddiadau sydd wedi ei leoli ar y ddesg ymholiadau.

Nofio Cymru ddefnyddio lluniau wedi eu tynnu yn y gystadleuaeth fel deunydd hyrwyddo ac ar draws fforymau cyhoeddus gan gynnwys eu gwefan a chyfrifon cyfryngau cymdeithasol, ac o bosib yn y wasg leol neu deledu. Os nad ydych yn caniatáu tynnu lluniau o'ch plentyn/plant, cysylltwch â'r tîm rheoli digwyddiadau ar y safle. I weld polisi ffotograffiaeth lawn Nofio Cymru, ewch i'r ddesg ymholiadau neu i wefan Nofio Cymru.

General Information

Car Park:

The Wales National Pool Swansea has a car park facilities on site. This is managed by the WNPS site staff. The car park facility is limited and events can fill the car park quickly. Please be aware that the car park is busy on event days. Swim Wales advises that drop off's and pick up's are arranged where possible to minimize cars on site.

Security will be managing the car park. You may be stopped on your way into the car park. This is to ensure the car park is used by event customers only. Please cooperate with security as required.

Swim Wales has an allocated car park area for staff and volunteers, including officials. It is important that these spaces are reserved for staff and volunteers to ensure smooth running of the meet. Please do not park in these reserved spaces.

Social Media:

Swim Wales would like to share your experience with us on social media, tweet and tag us in your photos and results using #SWSO18 @SwimWales. Photos may be used in Swim Wales communications including newsletters, website and social media.

By attending Swim Wales Meets, individuals are agreeing to adhere to the Swim Wales Media policy. This ensures that the use of social media whilst attending the meet is appropriate and safe. Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their member, swimmers and supporters. Inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with accordingly.

Behaviour and Attitude:

Swim Wales has a zero tolerance policy on negative behaviour at meets. Disrespectful and poor attitude resulting in unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated. All those on site including swimmers, parents, coaches and clubs are expected to behave in an appropriate manner, respectful of officials, volunteers, staff and others. Swim Wales holds the right to ask those behaving inappropriately to leave the event and/or meet if deemed necessary. Refund will not be issued for dismissal from an event. The right to remove swimmers and/or clubs from the meet is held by the meet manager and senior team of officials. We ask that you remind your

swimmers of the above policy and remain vigilant throughout the meet. Please report any inappropriate behaviour to a member of staff on site.

Jewellery:

For safety and security reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not permitted while in the water during warm-ups / swim-downs and / or competition. This includes watches, necklaces, chains, bangles, wrist bands, ear-rings (except studs), and rings (except wedding bands). Swim Wales will not be responsible for any jewellery brought to events and will not be liable if such jewellery is lost or damaged.