



RTW Monson Club Championships 2024 Conditions

1. General Conditions

- 1.1. The Competition shall be held under Swim England Laws, Regulations and Technical Rules of Swimming.
- 1.2. The conditions listed below, whilst not part of the rules of the Club, shall be binding on each member of the Club who enters the Championships.
- 1.3. The responsibility for the Championships' conditions rests with the Royal Tunbridge Wells Monson Swimming Club Executive Committee who shall have the power of interpretation and to change them, subject to the approval of the Regional Licensing Panel.
- 1.4. The promoter of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Monson Swimming Club Championship is Paul Gable, email: openmeet@rtwmonson.org, 07769 681519
- 1.5. Questions/queries regarding the championships and/or its conditions should be directed in the first instance to the Promoter.
- 1.6. The Championships will include medals on the day for all events as outlined in 5.1
- 1.7. For those swimmers aiming to participate in events towards the decathlon, please see section 2.1 and for the pentathlon, please see section 2.2
- 1.8. The Championships will be split into three sections:
 - 1.8.1. Decathlon Competition
 - 1.8.2. Pentathlon Competition
 - 1.8.3. Long Distance Championships
- 1.9. All swimming members of the club, who are fully paid-up members before the closing date, may enter the championships. Only those club members swimming regularly with the club are eligible to receive RTW Monson club championship awards. All other club members, such as those at University and those not attending local schools, who are holiday swimmers with RTW Monson, may enter for exhibition swims, recording a licensed time, but will not receive medals or club trophies.
- 1.10. The Decathlon Competition shall be open to all swimming members (see 1.9).
- 1.11. The Pentathlon Competition shall only be open to members of the Junior Squad and Youth 2 squads.
- 1.12. The Long distance events are restricted to swimming members who meet the Qualifying times and restrictions in section 4.
- 1.13. Ages will be as at midnight on the 31st December 2024
- 1.14. 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 swimmers confirm that their birth sex is female. The 'Male/Open' category is for birth sex males and any other swimmer who is not eligible for the female category.
- 1.15. Subject to enough officials being available to meet the licensing criteria, the championships will be licensed. Events 101-404 at Level 4 and the long-distance events at Level 3.

2. Events

- 2.1. The Decathlon Championship comprises 16 individual events:
 - 2.1.1. 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m Freestyle
 - 2.1.2. 100m, 200m & 400m Individual Medley
 - 2.1.3. 50m, 100m & 200m Backstroke
 - 2.1.4. 50m, 100m & 200m Breaststroke
 - 2.1.5. 50m, 100m & 200m Butterfly
- 2.2. Pentathlon Championship comprising of 5 individual events (any stroke/distance):
- 2.3. Long Distance Championships comprised 2 individual events:
 - 2.3.1. 800m and 1500m Freestyle

3. Meet Procedure

- 3.1. All events will be run on a Heat Declared Winner (HDW) basis across all ages.
- 3.2. Events will be seeded slowest to fastest based on submitted entry times.
- 3.3. Heats will be spearheaded.
- 3.4. The Pentathlon Competition will be swum as part of the Decathlon Competition.
- 3.5. For the Decathlon and Pentathlon Competitions points will be allocated to swimmers for each event for which a time is posted, utilising the FINA Short Course Comparative Points Tables with Competition positions determined by the overall FINA points score.
- 3.6. Of the 16 events comprising the Decathlon programme only 10 will score towards the Decathlon as detailed below.

3.6.1. Freestyle	50m	100m	200m	400m	(4 scoring events)
3.6.2. IM	100m	200m	400m		(3 Scoring events)
3.6.3. Highest scoring	50m	Form stroke score			(1 scoring events)
3.6.4. Highest scoring	100m	Form stroke score			(1 scoring events)
3.6.5. Highest scoring	200m	Form stroke score			(1 scoring events)
- 3.7. For the Pentathlon competition, any of the 16 events can be swum, and the highest scoring 5 events will score towards the Pentathlon.
- 3.8. The awards for the Decathlon and Pentathlon in 2024, will be given out at a later date and will be awarded to the top three places only.
- 3.9. The Long Distance events (800m and 1500m) will be swum as separate stand-alone events.
- 3.10. In the interests of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the Championships, the promoter reserves the right to restrict the number of entries in any event, should the need arise, and/or alter the programme or seeding.
- 3.11. If a swimmer is required to attend a British Swimming competition or training event which clashes with the Club Championships, they can apply to the promoter (via the head coach) before the event, for their SC or LC PB (achieved only in the calendar month prior to the RTW Monson Club Championship events that are being missed) to be converted to FINA points and entered into the decathlon results. However, these MUST be agreed with the head coach and the promoter in advance. This does not affect the result of the individual event and trophies which will remain as swum on the day.
- 3.12. A secondary starting strobe will be available.

4. Restricted entry and qualifying standard for Long Distance Championships

- 4.1. For the long distance championships, licensed at Level 3, the minimum age is 10 years old at 31st December 2024

- 4.2. Entries to the long distance championships shall be based on 200m Freestyle PB's as at the closing date.
- 4.3. The 200m times submitted must appear on either the club database, SE Ranking or be verified by a club coach.
- 4.4. There will be a lower (faster than) qualifying time of 3:00.00 (200m Freestyle) for the Long-Distance events.
- 4.5. For licensing purposes, upper (*not faster than*) qualifying times are required:
 - 4.5.1. Male/Open 800m 7:36.26
 - 4.5.2. Male/Open 1500m 14.33.79
 - 4.5.3. Female 800m 8:19.85
 - 4.5.4. Female 1500m 15.46.15
- 4.6. There will be a maximum of 5 heats in the 1500m comprising the fastest 15 Male/Open swimmers and 15 female swimmers.
- 4.7. There will be a maximum of 10 heats in the 800m comprising the fastest 30 Male/Open swimmers and 30 female swimmers.
- 4.8. If there are less than the maximum entries in either gender category, entries will be accepted in the alternative gender category up to a maximum total for each event.
- 4.9. Reserve entries will be allowed to compete on the night in the event of withdrawals, providing they have achieved the qualifying time above.

5. Age Groups

- 5.1. For medals on the day, the age groups the age groups will be (**age at 31st December 2024**):
 - 5.1.1. 9 years and under
 - 5.1.2. 10 years
 - 5.1.3. 11 years
 - 5.1.4. 12- years
 - 5.1.5. 13 years
 - 5.1.6. 14 years
 - 5.1.7. 15 years
 - 5.1.8. 16 years
 - 5.1.9. 17 and over
- 5.2. For the Decathlon Competition the age groups will be (**age at 31st December 2024**):
 - 5.2.1. 9 years and under
 - 5.2.2. 10 years
 - 5.2.3. 11 years
 - 5.2.4. 12 years
 - 5.2.5. 13 years
 - 5.2.6. 14 years
 - 5.2.7. 15 years
 - 5.2.8. 16 years
 - 5.2.9. 17 and over
- 5.3. For the Pentathlon Competition, the age groups will be:
 - 5.3.1. Junior (13 and under)
 - 5.3.2. Senior (14 and over)
- 5.4. For the Long Distance Championship:
 - 5.4.1. Open (Only)

6. Awards

- 6.1. In the Decathlon Awards will be made to (a minimum of) the highest scoring six competitors in each gender age group based on the cumulative score of their ten (or less) scoring events in the Decathlon
- 6.2. In the Pentathlon Awards will be made to (a minimum of) the highest scoring three competitors in each gender age group based on the cumulative score of their five (or less) scoring events in the Pentathlon.
- 6.3. In the Long Distance events Awards will be made to the first three competitors in each gender category.
- 6.4. Medals will be given out for the first, second and third places for each event for the age groups above at club champs and places 4-6 will receive a runner up award.
- 6.5. Perpetual Trophies
 - 6.5.1. Where a trophy exists, it will be awarded for the respective event.
 - 6.5.2. Where possible trophies will be awarded to swimmers during the session breaks.
 - 6.5.3. By entering the Championships, any member winning a trophy undertakes to maintain the trophy in good condition and shall be entitled to hold the same for one year or until called upon to return by the Trophy Secretary.
 - 6.5.4. Any damage to trophies must be reported to the Trophy Secretary immediately.
 - 6.5.5. Any member holding a trophy that ceases to be a member of the Club, or leaves the district, shall immediately return the trophy to the Trophy Secretary.
 - 6.5.6. Award winners will be responsible for meeting the costs of the engraving at the nominated engravers.

7. Reporting for Championships

- 7.1. All competitors shall sign in and report prior to the start of the advertised warm-up.
- 7.2. Failure to report on time may result in disqualification and a swimmer not being allowed to swim.

8. Results

- 8.1. Results will be available as the meet progresses via the Hy-Tek Meet Mobile App. Printed copies will be posted pool side and on the spectator's gallery shortly after each event. Results will be posted on the RTW Monson website after the gala.
- 8.2. Event Best Performance Times will be established for each age group event contested and maintained by the RTW Monson Executive Committee.
- 8.3. The Committee (or other delegated member of the club) shall keep the results and times of the Championships and these will be displayed on the RTW Monson website and/or Meet Mobile App.

9. Entry Procedure

- 9.1. All entries must be submitted using the online entry system at www.rtwmonson.org , by the closing date.
- 9.2. By submitting an entry, entrants are accepting that entries will be processed using IT systems. Entrants may request that details are not displayed on the web

site but need to be aware that entry confirmation and results are not made available in any other form.

10. Closing Date

- 10.1. The closing date for the long distance championships will be **Sunday 6th October 2024**.
- 10.2. The closing date for all other events is **Sunday 17th November 2024**
- 10.3. Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the promotor and will incur a £5 late entry charge per swimmer.

11. Entry Fees

- 11.1. Payment for all Club Championship events will be invoiced to your Monson account and deducted from your card on file as part of the regular RTW Monson payment
- 11.2. The entry fee for events 101-404 for all squads will be £17 for up to 6 events or £35 if more than 6 events are entered.
- 11.3. A total maximum entry fee of £58 for events 101-404 is payable for each family.
- 11.4. The entry fee for Long Distance Events (800m and 1500m events) is £6 per event.
- 11.5. Once you have submitted your entry for events at club championships and this has been approved, entry fees will **only** be refunded if the swimmer is unable to swim on medical grounds. Please read the schedule carefully to ensure a swimmer can attend the events entered.

12. Photography

- 12.1. Spectators wishing to carry out video, zoom or close-range photography must be in accordance with [Swim England Wavepower 2024](#). These conditions also apply to swimmers on poolside. The taking of photos or videos in changing rooms is strictly forbidden. Anyone found taking photos/videos in the changing area may be asked to leave the premises and will not be permitted to race.
- 12.2. Poolside photographs may be taken by individuals nominated by the RTW Monson Executive committee, who will share them with RTW Monson SC members after the event via a private link which is for the sole access of members. This link is not to be shared or published or used commercially without permission. Please contact the promoter if you do not wish for poolside photographs of your children to be shared with members.

13. Live streaming

- 13.1. The Event may be publicly live streamed and remain available to watch after the end of the event. Please note, it is not practical to exclude individual swimmers from any live coverage

14. Licensing

- 14.1. The Championships are held under the following licenses:

Venue	Date	License
Tonbridge School Centre	Sunday 13 th October 2024	3SE242297
Tonbridge School Centre	Tuesday 19 th November 2024	3SE242298
Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre	Sat 23 rd /24 th November 2024	4SE242295
Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre	Sat 30 th Nov/Sun 1 st Dec 2024	4SE242296

15. Programme of Events

Date	Session	Venue	Sign-in	Warm-Up	Start	End	Max Session Length		Events
Sunday 13 th October 2024	L1	TSC	16:30	17:00	17:15	19:30	2:15	1	Mixed 800m Freestyle
Tuesday 19 th November 2024	L2	TSC	19:00	19:30	19:45	22:00	2:15	2	Mixed 1500m Freestyle
Sat 23-Nov-24	1	TWSC	14:00	14:15	15:15	20:00	4:45	101	200m Backstroke
								102	50m Freestyle
								103	100m Breaststroke
									*20min Break
								104	400m IM
Sun 24-Nov-24	2	TWSC	08:00	08:15	09:15	14:00	4:45	201	200m Freestyle
								202	50m Backstroke
								203	100m Butterfly
									*20min Break
								204	200m IM
Sat 30-Nov-24	3	TWSC	14:00	14:15	15:15	20:00	4:45	301	200m Breaststroke
								302	50m Butterfly
								303	100m Backstroke
									*20min Break
								304	400m Freestyle
Sun 1-Dec-24	4	TWSC	08:00	08:15	09:15	14:00	4:45	401	200m Butterfly
								402	50m Breaststroke
								403	100m Freestyle
									*20min Break
								404	100m IM

TWSC = Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre, St. Johns Road.

TSC = Tonbridge School Centre

Please note: Swimmers should arrive in good time to sign in and be on pool side for the start of the warm-up