

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 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. All swimming members of the club, who are fully paid-up members before the closing date, may enter the championships.
- 1.7. The long-distance events (800m and 1500m) are restricted to swimming members who meet the qualifying times and restrictions in section 4.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. Ages will be as at midnight on the 31st of December 2026
- 1.10. The championships will be licensed at level 4.
- 1.11. Swimmers must be Swim England 'Club Train' or 'Club Compete' members.
- 1.12. Swimmers under 10 may compete but should discuss with their coach which events are appropriate to enter. The application of no minimum age is as specified in the Swim England 'Open meet licencing criteria' and the 'Swim England regulations'¹ "Events restricted to members of one club: No minimum age".

2. EVENTS

- 2.1. The championship comprises 18 individual events:
- 2.2. 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle
- 2.3. 100m, 200m & 400m Individual Medley
- 2.4. 50m, 100m & 200m Backstroke
- 2.5. 50m, 100m & 200m Breaststroke
- 2.6. 50m, 100m & 200m Butterfly

3. MEET PROCEDURE

- 3.1. All events will be run on a Heat Declared Winner (HDW) basis across all ages.
- 3.2. Entry times from licenced galas should be submitted if available.
- 3.3. Events will be seeded from slowest to fastest based on submitted entry times, except for 3.4.
- 3.4. For 50m and 100m events the fastest 6 female and fastest 6 male/open swimmers will be seeded an all-female and all open/male 'final' heat.
- 3.5. Heats will be spearheaded.
- 3.6. 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.

¹ [The Swim England Handbook](#) Section 410.5.1

- 3.7. In the event of unforeseen circumstances resulting in a swimmer not being able to compete in their heat, a swimmer may be reallocated to a later heat at the discretion of the promotor, and subject to agreement by the lead referee.
- 3.8. A secondary starting strobe will be available.

4. RESTRICTED ENTRY AND QUALIFYING STANDARD FOR LONG-DISTANCE EVENTS (800M & 1500M)

- 4.1. Entries to the long-distance events (800m and 1500m) shall be based on 200m Freestyle PB's as at the closing date, unless a qualifying licenced time for that event (800m/1500m) exists.
- 4.2. The 200m time submitted must appear on either the club database, Aquatics GB Ranking or be verified by a club coach.
- 4.3. There will be a lower (faster than) qualifying time of 3:00.00 (200m Freestyle) for the long-distance events.
- 4.4. There will be a maximum of 5 heats in the 1500m comprising the fastest 15 Male/Open swimmers and 15 female swimmers.
- 4.5. There will be a maximum of 10 heats in the 800m comprising the fastest 30 Male/Open swimmers and 30 female swimmers.
- 4.6. 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.
- 4.7. Reserve entries will be allowed to compete on the night in the event of withdrawals, providing they have achieved the qualifying time above.

5. REPORTING FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

6. RESULTS

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. Results will be posted on the RTW Monson website after the gala(s).
- 6.3. Event Best Performance (EBP) times will be established for each age group event contested and maintained by the RTW Monson executive committee.

7. ENTRY PROCEDURE

- 7.1. All entries must be submitted using the online entry system at www.rtwmonson.org, by the closing date.
- 7.2. 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.

8. CLOSING DATE

- 8.1. The closing date for the long-distance events (800m and 1500m) will be **Sunday 4th October 2026**.
- 8.2. The closing date for all other events is **Sunday 15th November 2026**.
- 8.3. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the promotor and will incur a £5 late entry charge per swimmer.

9. PHOTOGRAPHY AND MOBILE DEVICES (PHONES, CAMERAS ETC)

- 9.1. Spectators wishing to carry out video or close-range photography must be in accordance with Swim England Wavepower 2025. These conditions also apply to swimmers on poolside.
- 9.2. The use of mobile devices and the taking of photos or videos in changing rooms is strictly forbidden. Anyone found doing so will be reported to the club welfare officer, may be asked to leave the premises and will not be permitted to race.
- 9.3. 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.

10. LICENCING

- 10.1. The championships are held under the following licenses:

Venue	Date	License No.
Tonbridge School Centre	11 th October 2026	4SE262202
Tonbridge School Centre	17 th November 2026	4SE262203
Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre	Sat 21 st / Sun 22 nd November 2026	4SE262198
Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre	Sat 28 th / Sun 29 th November 2026	4SE262199

11. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

DATE	SESSION	VENUE	SIGN-IN	WARM-UP	START	END	MAX SESSION LENGTH	EVENTS	
Sun 11-Oct-26	LD1	TSC	16:30	17:00	17:15	19:30	2:15	LD1	Mixed 800m Freestyle
Tue 17-Nov-26	LD2	TSC	19:00	19:30	19:45	22:00	2:15	LD2	Mixed 150m Freestyle
Sat 21-Nov-26	1	TWSC	14:00	14:15	15:15	19:00	3:45	101	200m Backstroke
								102	50m Freestyle
								103	100m Breaststroke
									*20min Break
								104	400m IM
Sun 22-Nov-26	2	TWSC	08:00	08:15	09:15	13:00	3:45	201	200m Freestyle
								202	50m Backstroke
								203	100m Butterfly
									*20min Break
								204	200m IM
Sat 28-Nov-26	3	TWSC	14:00	14:15	15:15	19:00	3:45	301	200m Breaststroke
								302	50m Butterfly
								303	100m Backstroke
									*20min Break
								304	400m Freestyle
Sat 29-Nov-26	4	TWSC	08:00	08:15	09:15	13:00	3:45	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