

The club championships are held each year around the end of November and are open to all swimming members. For the younger swimmers this is an ideal opportunity to try competing for the first time or try an event they have not swum before. For the more experienced swimmers the championships are valuable to hone their skills and possibly win a club trophy.

Above all the championships are intended to be friendly, fun and inclusive.

The club championships are licenced, and the results are sent to the Aquatics GB rankings system, which then allows the times achieved to be used as qualifying times for other competitions such as the county championships, which are held around the end of January.

Swim England licence events at different 'levels' and the results from each can be used to qualify for different types of competition. To allow the youngest members of the club to enter, usually the club championships are licenced at the lowest level (level 4), however this prevents the results being used for regional qualification which requires level 3 results. Licencing at level 3 may exclude the younger swimmers and/or require them to pay a higher membership fee to become Swim England "Club Compete" members. To overcome this, the championships will be licenced as both level 4, and level 3, which is permissible for an internal competition such as club championships. The results will be separated by age and/or membership type and sent for inclusion in rankings at the appropriate level.

There is one drawback to this approach, to run a level 3 event requires more qualified officials, and only if enough step forward and volunteer to help will the results of each session be accepted at level 3. If not, they will all be submitted at level 4.

See [\[Insert link to 2026 webpage\]](#) for full details.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE RTW MONSON CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

1. LICENCING

- 1.1. The championships will be licenced at both level 3 and 4.
- 1.2. Subject to enough officials being available for the results to be valid they will be submitted for inclusion by the Aquatics GB rankings system.
- 1.3. The licencing conditions for both level 3 and level 4 are separate documents and contain the key conditions required for licencing. Please read these, they are identical except for sections 1.10 - 1.13.

2. ENTRY FEES

- 2.1. Entry fees remain unchanged for 2026.
- 2.2. The entry fee for events 101-404 will be £18 for up to 6 events or £36 if more than 6 events are entered.
- 2.3. A total maximum entry fee of £60 for events 101-404 is payable for each family.
- 2.4. The entry fee for long-distance events (800m and 1500m) is £6.50 per event.
- 2.5. 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.
- 2.6. 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.

3. MEDALS, COMPETITIONS AND SCORING

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. Medals and ribbons (not including the long-distance events).
- Medals will be awarded on the day in each event, age group and gender category
 - Medals will be given out for the first, second and third places
 - 4-6 places will receive a runner up award.
 - For medals the age groups will be 9 years and under, 10, 11, 12, 13,14,15,16 and 17 and over (age at 31st December 2026).
- 3.3. The Championships competitions will be split into three sections:
- Decathlon competition
 - Pentathlon competition
 - Long-distance championships (1500m and 800m events)
- 3.4. For the decathlon and pentathlon competitions, points will be allocated to swimmers for each event for which a valid time is achieved utilising the World Aquatics Points system (formally known as FINA points).
- 3.5. The awards for the decathlon and pentathlon in 2026, will be given out at a later date.

4. THE DECATHLON COMPETITION

- 4.1. The decathlon competition shall be open to all swimming members and shall use their points for all events except the long-distance events (1500m and 800m).
- 4.2. Of the 16 events comprising the decathlon programme only 10 will score towards the decathlon as detailed below:
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| • Freestyle | 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m | (4 scoring events) |
| • IM | 100m, 200m and 400m | (3 scoring events) |
| • Highest scoring | 50m Butterfly, Backstroke or Breaststroke | (1 scoring event) |
| • Highest scoring | 100m Butterfly, Backstroke or Breaststroke | (1 scoring event) |
| • Highest scoring | 200m Butterfly, Backstroke or Breaststroke | (1 scoring event) |
- 4.3. Age groups for the decathlon competition are 9 years and under, 10, 11, 12, 13,14,15,16 and 17 and over (age at 31st December 2026).
- 4.4. If a swimmer is required to attend a national level competition or training event, or attends an alternative open meet supported by the club, 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 within in the calendar year prior to the RTW Monson club championship events that are being missed, to be converted to World Aquatics Points and entered into the decathlon results. This does not affect the result of the individual event and trophies which will remain as swum on the day.

4.5. In the decathlon 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 ten (or less) scoring events in the decathlon.

5. THE PENTATHLON COMPETITION

5.1. The pentathlon competition shall only be open to members of the following squads:

- Junior
- Youth
- Competition

5.2. For the pentathlon competition, any of the 16 events can be swum (excludes 800m and 1500m), and the highest scoring 5 events will score towards the pentathlon.

5.3. For the pentathlon competition, the age groups will be:

- Junior (13 and under)
- Senior (14 and over)

5.4. 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. THE LONG-DISTANCE COMPETITION (800M & 1500M EVENTS)

6.1. Age group: Open (i.e. there are no separate age groups)

6.2. In the long-distance events medals will be awarded to the first three competitors in each event and gender category.

7. PERPETUAL TROPHIES

7.1. Where a trophy exists, it will be awarded for the respective event.

7.2. Where possible trophies will be awarded to swimmers during the session breaks.

7.3. 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.

7.4. Any damage to trophies must be reported to the Trophy Secretary immediately.

7.5. 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.

7.6. Award winners will be responsible for meeting the costs of the engraving at the nominated engravers. Any swimmers leaving the club in the following year must return any trophies before they depart the club.