



ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS
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SWIMMING

JUNIOR AUTUMN BLAST

Saturday 3rd October 2026

Licence No. 4SE262108

The competition is promoted by Royal Tunbridge Wells Monson SC, which is affiliated to Swim England South East Region.

LICENCE. The event is to be licensed at Level 4 for 50m events and 100m Individual Medley. The 25m events will be unlicensed.

FACILITIES. The event will take place at Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre (TN4 9TX) in a 25m, 6 lane pool with electronic timing (for licenced races), anti-wave lane ropes and Omega wedge starting blocks. A secondary strobe is available. The water depth at the start end is 2.0m and the height of the starting blocks are 0.75m above the water surface.

RULES. The licenced events will be held under Swim England Laws and Regulations, Swim England Technical Rules of Racing and the Rules & Conditions of this competition.

EVENTS.

- 25m events in all strokes - these will not be licenced
- 50m events in all strokes plus 100m Individual Medley - these will be licenced at Level 4
- All heats will be mixed as Female category and Male/Open category

AGE GROUPS.

- 25m events - 8, 9, 10, 11+
- 50m events and 100m Individual Medley - 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13+
- Age on day of meet (3 October 2026).

ENTRY FEE.

- Pentathlon: £28.00 for all 5 events - 4 x 50m strokes plus 100m Individual Medley
- Individual Event Entries: £7.00 per licenced event (50m all strokes, 100m Individual Medley) or £5.00 per unlicensed event (25m all strokes)

CLOSING DATE. The closing date for entries is midnight on Sunday 13 September 2026.

QUALIFYING TIMES. There are no qualifying times.

ELIGIBILITY. Swimmers competing in licenced events must have current Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales membership to enter at either Club Train or Club Compete level.

GENDER. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering this category, a swimmer confirms 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. All events will be run as mixed gender heats.

ENTRIES. We encourage swimmers competing in licensed events to enter the Pentathlon Championship, by entering all five licenced events (50m all strokes and 100m Individual Medley).

The entry pack, including the Hy-Tek meet file, can be found at www.rtwmonson.org/open. Clubs entering more than 3 swimmers must use electronic entry. Individual entries may be submitted using the individual entry form. All entries must show the swimmer's full name, date of birth and membership number.

As this is a Level 4 meet, entries will be limited to eight clubs and application will be by invitation only.

Entries should be emailed to james.martin-young@rtwmonson.org and include an entry report, completed summary sheet and any poolside pass applications. All electronic entries will be acknowledged with receipt confirmation. For emailed electronic entries, the sent date on the email will be classed as the date submitted.

It is the competing club/swimmer's responsibility to check the confirmed entry list for accuracy and advise of discrepancies or errors. This must be raised within 72 hours of the confirmed entries being published. Confirmed entries will be sent to the entering club's contact email address along with the Payment Summary sheet. All payments are to be made to RTW Monson within 7 days of receipt, unless discrepancies are raised.

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION. The event programme is based on an allocated session time in accordance with Swim England guidelines. In order to keep the session time within the available pool time, the number of entries may be restricted. If rejections are required, the slowest swimmer from each age-group will be removed, starting from the youngest age-group. This process will be repeated until enough swimmers have been removed. Clubs will be advised as soon as possible after the closing date if any entries are rejected.

In the event that the meet is under-subscribed, the promoter reserves the right to accept late entries and time trials, providing that priority has already been given to qualifying entries received before the closing date.

WITHDRAWALS. Withdrawals prior to the to the event should be notified no later than 6.00pm on Friday 2 October 2026. Withdrawal links will be provided to clubs after accepted entries have been confirmed. All other withdrawals are to be made on the day at the Sign-In Desk.

REFUNDS. Entries may be withdrawn, with refund, up to the meet entry closing date. There will be no refunds for withdrawals after the closing date for any errors or omissions attributable to the individual or their club, other than for medical reasons that are accompanied by the appropriate certification. Where a medical withdrawal is necessary, the appropriate certification will be accepted until midday on the day before the start of the meet. Withdrawals after this time will not be considered for refunds. All refunds will be made to the club who submitted the entries.

AWARDS. The competition will be run on a 'heat declared winner' basis and medals will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each age group for those entering each event (excluding disqualifications). Ribbons will be awarded to places 4th, 5th and 6th in each group. Awards must be collected on the weekend of the gala. Any unclaimed awards will not be forwarded.

The licenced events will be run as a Pentathlon Championship comprising of 5 individual events - 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and 100m Individual Medley. Trophies will be awarded to the Pentathlon winners in each age and gender category.

MEET PROCEDURE. This will be a SIGN IN event and registration must be completed by start of warm-up at 1pm. Competitors who fail to sign in during registration will not be accepted for that session and no refund will be given.

Swimmers must report to the competitor marshals before the start of their event. Those not reporting in time may not be permitted to swim.

All events will be swum with all age-groups combined and will be seeded by entry times, slowest to fastest. All heats will be swum in a spearhead formation.

STARTS. The event will operate over the top starts throughout, at the Referee's discretion, with the exception of the Backstroke events.

RESULTS. Results will be available as the meet progresses. Printed copies will be posted poolside and on the spectator's gallery shortly after each event. Results will be available on Meet Mobile and posted on the RTW Monson website after the meet.

COACH & TEAM MANAGERS. Coach and Team Manager passes are free to competing clubs. All visiting clubs must ensure that Team Managers and Coaches are DBS checked and comply with the Swim England Child Protection Policy. Entry to poolside will not be permitted without a pass. Coaches and Team Managers must be club-trained personnel and clubs are asked to maintain the minimum supervision ratios for a single day of competition for athletes under the age of 18 years, including for individual entries. Untrained parents without DBS checks are NOT allowed poolside. Individual entries under 18 years old, who cannot meet the Swim England supervision ratios, are advised to agree in writing, supervision with another club. Coach passes are transferable.

OFFICIALS. The event requires a minimum number of 14 officials for each session. We request that each club provides as many officials as possible. To help us cover all sessions fully, we would ask, at a minimum, that those entering more than 5 swimmers provide at least one official for the meet and those clubs entering 15 or more swimmers provide at least two officials - where at least one is trained to a minimum J1 level. If we are unable to fulfil the required number qualified officials to ensure the competition meets the licence requirements, the meet may be downgraded to a fully unlicensed event and the times recorded by swimmers will not be allowed into 'Rankings'. If visiting clubs cannot assist with the provision of officials, then RTW Monson cannot guarantee the licence level required by the Swim England SER Licensing Board. Officials will be warmly welcomed, provided with food and poolside refreshments, and reimbursed reasonable travel expenses.

Our Officials Coordinator, Kate Elliott, can be contacted at officials@rtwmonson.org, or click on the following sign-up link for officials: [Swim Meet Junior Autumn Blast 2026](#).

WARM UP. The pool is available for warm up only during the designated times. During the warm up, swimmers and coaches must ensure that they take no action which would endanger themselves or others. Diving is not permitted in the warm up until sprint lanes are announced and then only in the sprint lanes under supervision by club coaches. The instructions of pool lifeguards or others in authority must be obeyed immediately.

DATA PROTECTION. RTW Monson uses a computer to manage entries and results. The Data Protection Act 2018 requires us to provide you with certain information and to obtain your consent before processing data about you. Processing includes: obtaining, recording, holding, disclosing, destruction or retaining information. We require certain personal data for the purposes of making entries to the competition, managing the meet and the submission of results to Rankings. The information provided by you will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Consent to process such personal data is deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Where the personal data of competitors, officials and coaches/team managers has been passed to us by a third party such as a club rather than by the individuals themselves, we rely on the third party to ensure that consent has been obtained.

PHOTOGRAPHY. Participants and spectators are requested to follow the Swim England guidelines for photography and the use of photographs on social media. The Swim England Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, 'Wavepower 2025' Section 2 provides guidance on the use of social networking (page 24-25) and guidance on photography (page 94-99). Flash photography is prohibited at all times. Any use of a mobile phone or device in a changing area is prohibited.

SAFETY. For the reasons of child protection; only officials, sports centre staff, registered volunteers and swimmers shall be allowed poolside other than in the designated spectator area. Spectators, officials and competitors must observe the safety precautions in operation at the sports centre and are asked to familiarise themselves with the location of all emergency exits, and must abide by any rules laid down by the venue management. The emergency exits must be kept clear at all times. Anyone observing anything they consider to be a safety hazard must report any issues immediately to a member of the sports centre staff or to the Promoter. Neither the Promoter nor RTW Monson SC will be

responsible for any loss or damage during the meet. The depth of the pool at the starting end is 2m and 1m at the shallow end.

BEHAVIOUR. Coaches and Team Managers are responsible for the swimmers' conduct at all times. The Promoter and the sports centre management reserve the right to remove any swimmer or spectator from the pool area whose behaviour is either against pool rules or is affecting the running of the meet. Behaviour becomes 'unacceptable' when it is considered 'offensive' to others. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: theft, wilful damage to property and/or equipment, acts of vandalism, abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, bullying, offensive language, aggressive/violent acts, threatening behaviour, all breaches of safety practices, failure to comply with instructions/directions, actions that bring the sport of swimming into disrepute. Please be safe and courteous at all times. Anyone found causing damage or misbehaving will be banned from the meet.

CHANGING & ATTIRE. This venue is a sports centre and the changing facilities may be open to the general public during the meet. Swimmers must wear suitable clothing and footwear on poolside and when moving around the centre. No outdoor shoes are allowed on poolside unless exclusively used for the purpose of poolside shoes. Swimmers wearing wet clothing are not allowed in the spectator seating area. Lockers are available in the changing rooms and should be used for the safe keeping of all belongings.

JEWELLERY. Swimmers are advised to remove all jewellery in order to prevent accidental injury to themselves. The wearing of jewellery is not permitted whilst in the water at any time. This includes watches, necklaces, chains, bangles, wristbands, earrings (except small studs) and rings.

SECURITY. RTW Monson cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage to personal property - including jewellery - and requests that all persons remove their belongings if they leave the premises at any time. Competitors and spectators must not leave their belongings unattended. Any lost property not claimed from the announcer during the meet will be handed to the sports centre management for collection by the owner.

SPECTATORS. Adult spectator entry will be £5.00 per day. Children under the age of 16 are admitted free. There is a café and vending machines at the venue. There is also a swim shop at the leisure centre.

PARKING. Parking at Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre is limited. In the event, that there is no space at the centre, swimmers and spectators can park in the car park at the Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys - TN4 9XB. This is immediately next door with direct pedestrian access to the centre.

GENERAL CONDITIONS. The Promoter has the right to change any aspect of the meet to ensure the smooth running and fairness of the event. If changes to the conditions are required prior to the event, the Promoter will consult with the South East Region Licensing Panel and publish details of the changes on the club website and by email to the competing clubs.

By entering this event, competitors and coaches agree to abide by these conditions.

FURTHER INFORMATION. If you require further information, please contact James Martin-Young.

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PROVISIONAL TIMINGS

Admission and Sign-In Opens: 12:45

Warm Up Commences: 13:00

Start: 13:45

Finish: 17:00 estimated

1	50m Backstroke	Licenced
2	25m Freestyle	
3	50m Breaststroke	Licenced
4	25m Butterfly	
5	100m Individual Medley	Licenced

20 minutes break

6	25m Breaststroke	
7	50m Butterfly	Licenced
8	25m Backstroke	
9	50m Freestyle	Licenced

WARM UP

This will be split into 20 minutes blocks by age and club