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Swimming championships Information guide 2024/2025



Each year around 4600 competitors compete in over 30 qualifiers for a place at the national swimming finals. 1500 children qualify for the national finals.

Races

U10 (50m)	Breaststroke	Backstroke	Butterfly	Freestyle	4x25 Medley Relay	4x25m Freestyle Relay
U11 (50m)	Breaststroke	Backstroke	Butterfly	Freestyle	4x25 Medley Relay	4x25m Freestyle Relay
U12 (50m)	Breaststroke	Backstroke	Butterfly	Freestyle	4x25 Medley Relay	4x25m Freestyle Relay
U13 (50m)	Breaststroke	Backstroke	Butterfly	Freestyle	4x25 Medley Relay	4x25m Freestyle Relay
Para (50m)	Breaststroke	Backstroke	Butterfly	Freestyle		
Small schools relay	8x25m relay	<p>A small school is defined as a school with less than 30 girls or 30 boys in years 5 & 6 combined.</p> <p>The relay should be made up of four Year 5's and four Year 6's from the same school and same gender.</p>				

Able-bodied competition

- Para competitor entry is separate to the team entry and must be booked under a separate ticket.

Entry conditions

Able-bodied competition

- Competitors can enter 1 individual race and 2 relays.
- Schools can enter the following, per age group:
 - One different competitor per stroke (breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly **or** freestyle).
 - Two relay races (medley, freestyle **or** both). Additional swimmers can be brought in to make up the relays only.

Example 1:

Swimmer 1 = breaststroke
 Swimmer 2 = backstroke
 Swimmer 3 = butterfly
 Swimmer 4 = freestyle

Swimmers 1-4 = medley, freestyle **or** both relays.

Example 2:

Swimmer 1 = breaststroke
 Swimmer 2 = backstroke
 Swimmer 3 = butterfly
 Swimmer 4 = freestyle

Swimmers 1-12 = medley, freestyle **or** both relays (combination of 4 swimmers per relay)

Para athlete competition

- Competitors can enter 1 individual race.
- Schools can enter more than one swimmer.
- Schools will self-classify the swimmer using the tool kit found on our website, this information will then be sent to sport@iaps.uk.

Competitor & school eligibility

- Competitors ages must be taken from 1 September
- All competitors must attend an IAPS school
- Schools must use Swim Manager to submit their competitor details
- Schools who do not submit competitor details using Swim Manager may be asked to withdraw from the championships.

Rules & regulations

- The national governing body for swimming in England is Swim England.
- All IAPS swimming qualifiers are conducted under the Swim England regulations and technical rules
- All races are swam using a 25m pool.
- Competitors may swim up an age group but must **only** compete in that age group for the **duration of the competition**.
- We **do not** accept PB's recorded outside of an official IAPS qualifier. All swimmers must take part in a qualifier for their time to count.
- Diving can only take place at one end of the pool, even if the venue has two deep ends. A lot of schools only have one deep end, therefore this rule helps keep the competition as fair as possible.
- Winning the race does not guarantee a place at the finals, it is a time trial and results are submitted nationally.
- The referee's decision is final.
- Video evidence will not be accepted in any cases to dispute decisions.

Qualifying for the finals

Able-bodied competition

- Qualification for the finals is achieved based on the time swam at a qualifier.
- It is the school's responsibility to check whether swimmers have qualified for the finals once results are announced.
- Qualifying numbers are:
 - **Individual races** - top 20 swimmers in each age group
 - **Relays** - top 20 schools in each age group
 - **Small schools relay** - top 10 schools across all the qualifiers

Para athlete competition

- Subject to entry numbers, all para competitors will be invited to IAPS swimming championships.

Booking onto a qualifier

- All bookings are made via the IAPS website
- Only a member of school staff with a school email address can make the booking.
- You must select all the age groups you wish to enter
- You will receive two confirmation emails once you have booked on. If you do not receive any emails (don't forget to check your junk folder), please check your booking went through.

Submitting your competitor details

- Schools must use Swim Manager to submit their competitors' details.
- All Swim Manager links are provided later, including instructions on how to use the software.
- Make sure you submit your competitors' details at **least 2 weeks before** the qualifier.
- The organising school may ask for them earlier, please respect their request and submit your details on time.

IAPS policies

Please make sure you have read and understand the following eligibility criteria and policies before booking onto an IAPS Sport event:

1. [eligibility criteria](#)
2. [booking terms and conditions](#)
3. [safeguarding policy](#)
4. [media policy](#)
5. [codes of conducts](#)

Championship schedule 2024/2025

BOOKINGS OPEN & CLOSE

Tuesday 8 October 2024 Bookings open for entries (08.00)

Thursday 17 October 2024 Bookings close for entries (23.55)

QUALIFIERS TAKE PLACE

27 January – 6 March 2025 Qualifiers take place throughout the spring term

SUBMITTING RESULTS

08 March 2025 All results to be submitted to IAPS

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

25 March – 30 April 2025 IAPS announces provisional results to schools
Schools to check results and contact IAPS Sport with queries

FINAL RESULTS

02 May 2025 Finalists announced

FINALS TICKETS (subject to guidance)

08 May 2025 Spectator tickets go on sale online

FINALS

07 June 2025 IAPS swimming finals – London Aquatic Centre