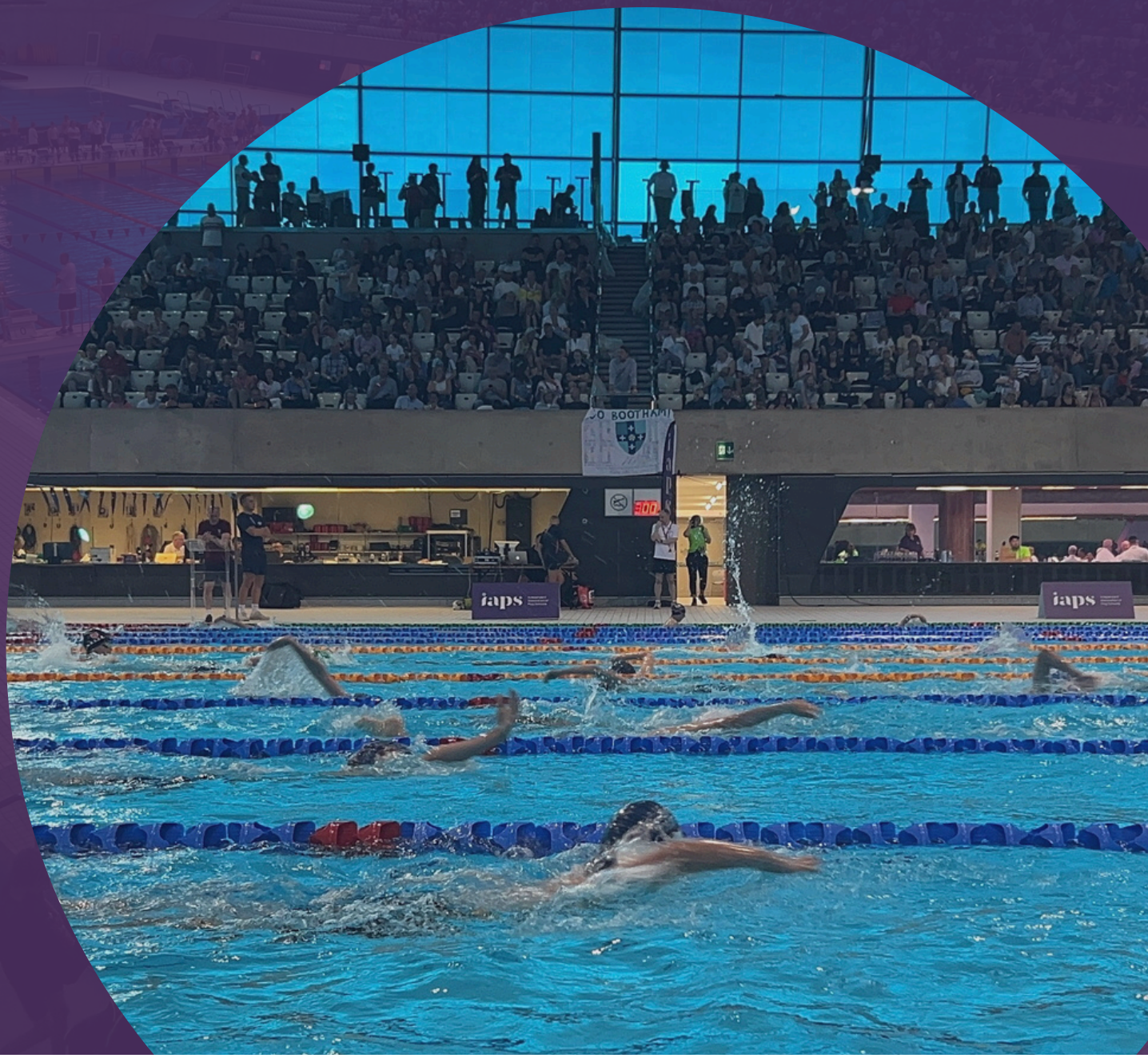
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Swimming Championships

Information guide 2026/2027



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Championship timeline 2026/2027

Registration window

29 September - 6 October

Qualifiers take place

21 January - 4 March

Results submitted to IAPS

8 March

Provisional results

17 March - IAPS announces provisional results to schools to check results and contact IAPS Sport with queries

Results amendment deadlines

20 April - Schools deadline to submit any result queries to IAPS

Final results

27 April - Finalists announced

Final spectator tickets on sale

4 May - Spectators to purchase tickets online via the trybooking website

Final

Saturday 19 June - IAPS swimming finals - London Aquatics Center

Races

All events are contested separately by boys and girls

U10	Breaststroke	Backstroke	Butterfly	Freestyle	4x25m medley relay	4x25m freestyle relay
U11	Breaststroke	Backstroke	Butterfly	Freestyle	4x25m medley relay	4x25m freestyle relay
U12	Breaststroke	Backstroke	Butterfly	Freestyle	4x25m medley relay	4x25m freestyle relay
U13	Breaststroke	Backstroke	Butterfly	Freestyle	4x25m medley relay	4x25m freestyle relay
Para	Freestyle					
Small schools relay	8x25m relay	A small school is defined as a school with less than 30 girls or 30 boys in years 5 & 6 combined. The relay should be made up of four Year 5's and four Year 6's from the same school and same gender				

Costs

Individual tickets

£6 per swimmer

Relay teams

£5 per team

Small Schools relay teams

£10 per team

Entry criteria

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.

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 and 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 and 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.

How to enter

Registering for a qualifier

- All registrations 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 registered. 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.

Registration window

Open - Tuesday 29 September
Close - Tuesday 6 October

Registration can be completed at any time during a one-week window, so there is no need to rush.

You will be asked to list your top five qualifier venues in order of preference, as well as providing us with the age groups and events that you will be entering.

We will allocate your school to one of our qualifiers based on your preferences and will confirm your place in November.

Please note allocations will not be made on a first come first serve basis, nor will it be possible to allocate every school to their first choice of qualifier. Last year 302 schools registered for a space at one of our 40 qualifying rounds.

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Qualifying venues

Dates and addresses of our qualifiers can be found on our website.



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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.

Policies

Please make sure you have read and understand the IAPS eligibility criteria and policies before booking onto an IAPS Sport event. These policies can be found here.



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