

Swim England National Masters Inter-Counties Competition 2026

CONDITIONS

1. The Swim England National Masters Inter-Counties Competition is managed by the Swim England Masters Swimming Leadership Group (MSLG). Responsibility for the day-to-day running of the constituent meets is the responsibility of the Regional Meet Organisers. Any matter not dealt with in these conditions will be decided by the Swim England MSLG.
2. The Competition shall be a team event open to all English Counties and shall be swum under Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules.
3. The Competition shall be held as Regional Meets in 25m pools with electronic timing. The Competition shall take place on Sunday 15th November 2026. Exception can be made only in the case of no suitable pool available to host the event on that day, subject to approval by the MSLG.
4. The Swim England Masters Inter-Counties Competition 2026 will be held in the following five Meets:
East Region: Bedfordshire; Cambridgeshire; Essex; Hertfordshire; Norfolk; Suffolk.
East Midlands and West Midlands Regions: Derbyshire; Leicestershire; Lincolnshire; Northamptonshire; Nottinghamshire; Staffordshire; Shropshire; Worcestershire; Warwickshire
North East and North West Regions: Cheshire; Cumbria; Lancashire; Northumberland & Durham; Yorkshire.
South East Region: Berkshire & S Bucks; Hampshire; Kent; Oxfordshire & N Bucks; Surrey; Sussex; Middlesex.
South West Region: Cornwall; Devon; Dorset; Gloucestershire; Somerset; Wiltshire.
5. The results from the regional meets will be consolidated into a National Results table on an event time basis. Disqualification, no swimmer, or no team shall score nil points. Tied places will score the average of the points for the tied positions. The number of points awarded for the fastest swim in each event is equal to the number of Counties participating with one point less for the second fastest etc.
6. The Events included in the Competition are as follows. a. Individual (one representative per county) 50m backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and freestyle for open/male and female in age groups 18 plus, 25 plus, 35 plus, 45 plus, 55 plus, 65 plus and 50m freestyle for age group 75 plus. Relays (one team per county) 4 x 50m medley and freestyle for open/male and female for age groups 72 plus, 100 plus, 140 plus, 180 plus, 220 plus, and mixed (two open/male and two female) 4 x 50m mixed medley and freestyle for age group 260 plus.
7. The programme shall be swum in an order of events approved and published by the Swim England MSLG. The Event numbering must remain consistent across all Regional Meets.
8. All ages shall be calculated with effect from midnight on 31 December 2026. All swimmers must be 18 years or over on the day of competition.
9. Regional Meets may include other events which do not count towards the national result.
10. Each County will receive an invitation to participate from the Swim England MSLG, through their Regional Representative, no later than 31st August 2026. Counties wishing to participate shall notify their regional meet organiser no later than 30th September 2026. The County Team Manager should submit a provisional team sheet to the Regional Meet organiser not later than one week prior to the meet. Amendments to the team sheet will be allowed on the day of the meet.

11. To be eligible to swim for a county team, each competitor shall:

- (a) Have current Swim England Club Train (formerly Category 1) or Club Compete (formerly Category 2) membership
- (b) Be a member of a club affiliated to the relevant county
- (c) Not have represented any other county in any swimming discipline during the calendar year.

12. The Regional Meet shall be conducted using a recognised results system which interfaces directly with the electronic timing system. A copy of the Regional Meet Results must be made available to all participating counties at the end of the meet.

Any errors or omissions should be raised with the Regional Meet Organiser by a County Team Manager during, or immediately after, the running of the Regional meet. The results of each Regional Meet must be sent to Judy Brown, Results Coordinator, at: **judyLbrown@btinternet.com**

13. The results of each regional meet including the names, age and/or SE number of swimmers on 31 December in individual events must be submitted by the Regional Meet Organiser in electronic format not later than 5 working days following each regional meet.

Any result not submitted with the full required information may be returned for corrections to be made by the organiser. Amendments to Regional results will only be accepted if submitted by the Regional Meet Organisers within 7 days after the event. Results submitted must comply with any of the following:

- 1. **Sportsystems version 5 Meet Res file** (select the res files that Sportsystems produces)
- 2. **Sportsystems version 6 Meet txt file** (use export option and select txt)
- 3. **Hy-Tek Meet txt file** (use export option and select txt)

14. The results of each regional meet will be consolidated into a National Result and then forwarded to the Swim England MSLG for final approval. The Swim England MSLG will publish the final National Result at **swimmingresults.org** as soon as practicable following the processing of all the Meet Results.