

## **Summer National FAQ's**

The days are getting longer, the evenings getting warmer - summer is nearly here, and so is the Swim Wales Summer Open 2018. We look forward to welcoming swimmers, coaches, volunteers and spectators to this event. With over 1,000 competitors this is one of the largest and busiest swimming events in the UK.

Hopefully you can find the answer you're looking for below but if you can't please contact the team: [events@swimming.org](mailto:events@swimming.org)

### **What is the Swim Wales Summer Open?**

The Swim Wales Summer Open is part of the Home Nation and British Swimming Summer Nationals. Wales invite the top 16 and top 8 (400IM, 800m and 1500m) to compete at the Wales National Pool Swansea, along with open entries available in all remaining/empty lanes.

### **Who can enter?**

The invited entry list are the top 16 and top 8 welsh swimmers by club or country of representation. Swimmers must have achieved the qualifying times between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> May at a level 1 50m licensed competition.

Invited entries can be confirmed here:

<https://www.swimmingresults.org/events/summer18.html#4>

After the invited entries, Wales release the remaining lanes for open entry. These are limited spaces in selected events and allocated on a first come first served basis, and not fastest to slowest. The open entry accepts swimmers from Wales, Scotland and England. Swimmers must have achieved the published qualifying time between July 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 and the close of entries. Swimmers can qualify on long course or a short course times.

Swimmers are not permitted to compete the same event at the British and their respective home nation competition and/or the Swim Wales Summer open.

### **Can I enter as a Para-swimmer?**

Yes, para-swimmers can enter the Summer Open using the manual entry form and para qualification times available on the event webpage, the following events are available for para-swimmers:

- 50m freestyle
- 100m freestyle
- 200m freestyle
- 400m freestyle
- 100m backstroke
- 100m breaststroke
- 100m Butterfly
- 200m IM

In the morning session the MC Swimmers will be integrated in the AB heats. Where there are 4 or more MC swimmers a Final will be held in the Evening Final Session. If there are less than 4 the morning results will be (HDW) Heat Declared Winner.

### **What times can I use to enter?**

A swimmers current times are taken from rankings, times cannot be amended, changed or updated once entered. Split and relay times are not accepted.

### **How do I enter?**

Top 16/8 swimmers who qualify for an invite will be given early access entries, this will be confirmed via email by June 8<sup>th</sup>; spaces are reserved for the top 16/8. These spaces remain reserved until entries close, so there is no rush to complete your entry however this must be done before the close of entries on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 4pm.

Open entries spaces are limited for a selection of events, so not all events will be available for open entry. Open entry is on a first come first served basis, similar to purchasing tickets to a concert.

### Tips for using the entry system

- Check your times on rankings before entering to ensure your correct times are displayed. If you have a query regarding your ranked times contact: [rankings@swimming.org](mailto:rankings@swimming.org)
- Make sure your internet connection is secure and stable before trying to enter
- The page works better on a computer or laptop, try to avoid using your phone or tablet
- Once you have searched for your swimmer you will be placed in a queue
- Do not refresh the page or you will go to the back of the queue, wait for the entry page to load, this may take a few minutes
- If the page crashes, close and reload to re-join the queue
- Once you have placed your entry, before leaving the page to pay using PayPal, we recommend you print-screen/save your entries. If the PayPal page crashes, this can be used to evidence your entry which will be processed manually. If you do not print-screen/save your entries we are unable to evidence your attempted entry
- If you experience problems with your entry ask your coach to email the team on [events@swimming.org](mailto:events@swimming.org)

The final round of entries are late entries. These are any remaining lanes after invited and open entries are seeded. Late entries are submitted via a manual entry form, with your long course and short course time for the event you wish to enter, short course times are then converted to long course for seeding. Empty lanes are allocated by fastest to slowest until the event is full. Late entry forms will be made available on the website after June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your late entry will be confirmed via email, if you have not heard from the team by the 29<sup>th</sup> of June your entry has been unsuccessful.

### **How many spaces are available for entries?**

Invited entries have 16 or 8 spaces per age group per event. These spaces are reserved for the invited list and remain open for the invited swimmers until entries close.

For open entries, a number of spaces are opened in addition to the invited spaces. In most cases this is 1 or 2 heats per age group per event. This means selective events will have a limited number of spaces per age group. Once full, the event will not accept further entries. Swim Wales have used all available information to ensure the maximum available number of lanes are opened and used to give you the best chance of entering. The entry system will prioritise your long course times first, if you do not have a qualifying long course time, the system will use your short course time. This short course time is later converted to long course for seeding purposes.

Once both invited and open entries have closed, we combine the entries, seed, and open all available lanes for late entries to ensure all available lanes are opened and used. Late entries are accepted through manual entry and lanes are allocated fastest to slowest on qualifying times.

### **When can I enter?**

Entries for invited swimmers will be confirmed between the 28<sup>th</sup> of May and the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. Open entries will go live on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June at 10am. All entries will close on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June with late entry information published shortly after.

### **Do I need to sign in for events?**

There are no sign in's for this event, swimmers must report to marshalling before their event. Withdrawals for the heats swim empty. We are unable to reallocated empty lanes during the event. Swimmers competing in the final should report to the call room 6 races before their own and in plenty of time for their race. Swimmers who do not report to the call room will be assumed to have withdrawn from the final and may face a fine.

### **How do I withdraw from the event?**

Swimmers withdrawing on medical grounds need to complete a medical refund form (available on the event webpage) and submit with a supporting medical note (signed by a doctor or consultant on headed paper). Refunds are only processed for medical withdrawals.

Withdrawals from heats swim empty, you do not need to inform event management but can inform the lead marshal. Withdrawals for finals are completed at the withdrawal table located underneath the score board. Swimmers must withdraw from finals if they do not intend to swim. Swimmers who do not withdraw and do not report to marshalling will be fined £50, as they have taken the place of another swimmer. The withdrawal table will close 20 minutes after heats the session finishes.

### **Can I watch the races?**

WNPS boasts over 1000 seats with plenty of space to come and watch the heats and finals. Tickets cost £5 (day rate) and can be purchased before the meet online (posted recorded delivery) or at the door. Programmes can be purchased for £5, these include heat sheets.

To avoid queueing on the day, you can order tickets in advance. These can be purchased through the Swim Wales website: <http://www.swimwales.org/shop>

The event will also be streamed online and available to watch through social media platforms.

## **How do I get poolside?**

Coaches, team managers and chaperones can apply for a poolside pass, available on the event webpage:

<http://www.swimwales.org/events/swim-wales-summer-open-2018>

Poolside passes cost £35 for the whole event, this gives the holder access to the sessions and finals, a programme including heat sheets, finals start sheets, accreditation and access to a refreshment room located on level 3. Poolside pass applicants must be a club member and have an in date DBS.