

Shropshire ASA

Affiliated to the West Midlands Region

"Under Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules of Swimming"

Licence Nos 2WM260102, 2WM260103 & 2WM260104

Shropshire ASA 2026 County Championships

Promoters Rules and Conditions

1. The competition shall be as per the schedule of events, and shall take place on 24,25 & 31st January and 1 & 7th February 2026.
2. This meet is licensed by Swim England at Level 2 for entry into Regional Championships and Level 1 and 2 meets. It will be run in accordance with Swim England Laws, ASA Technical Rules and the Rules and Conditions of the competition, for swimmers who are members of a club affiliated to Shropshire ASA for a period of not less than 30 days prior to the first day of competition.

A swimmer who enters or takes part in these Championships must not represent another County or compete in any other County's Championships in the same calendar year. Should a swimmer be found to have broken this rule, their recorded times shall be removed from the results and any medals won shall be returned to the County Gala Co-ordinator.

3. Ages are as at 31 December 2026
4. Age groups are 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17/ov. All events will be seeded on submitted entry times. With cyclical seeding in events with a final.

There will be finals for all 50m and 100m events for all age groups which will be made up of the top 8 swimmers from the heats plus 2 reserves. There will be finals for the 200m freestyle and 200mIM for ages 13 and under and 14 and over, made up from the top 8 swimmers in the heats plus 2 reserves. All other event will be HDW. Anyone not intending to swim in a final must withdraw within 30 minutes of the heat results being announced to allow for reserves to be given the chance to swim. Fines may be issued to clubs who's swimmer do not withdraw and then do not turn up for finals.

5. Swimmers submitted entry time must be taken from Rankings. There will be no facility for Entry Managers to edit ranking times. Entry time must be equal to or faster than the qualifying times published for each event. Qualifying times for each event must have been achieved since 1st January 2025. Times can be achieved in Level 1-4 events. Para entries should be made by email, with competitor name, ASA number, event and entry time, and are not subject to the qualifying times.

6. County Championship Records are times set the in County Championships only, and may be achieved in any of the events in the programme. Times achieved in official county trials or at any other event will not constitute a County Championship Record.
7. Entries must be made on the electronic file provided by Sports Systems. All entries must come through the entry manager for each club. No individual entries will be accepted. Clubs must send one electronic payment for all the club entries. Entry is £7.00 for individual events.
8. The promotor reserves the right to refuse entries. Should the event be oversubscribed, events will be reduced at the discretion of the promotor. Any entry not accepted or scratched due to over subscription will be refunded in full. No other refunds will be made. There will be no refund for any entry submitted with a time outside the published qualifying times. Applications for refunds on medical grounds must be made to the County Gala Co-ordinator with supporting evidence.
9. The official closing dated is midnight on 4th January 2026, times for events swum after 28th December 2025 will not be accepted for entry. Shropshire ASA reserve the right to close entries before this date if this is deemed necessary.
10. Entries to this meet will be held on computer and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 1988, to the holding of personal data will be available for inspection during the meet on application to the Promotor
11. All accepted entries will be posted on Shropshire ASA's website as soon as possible after the closing date.
12. Withdrawals must be made by email by either the relevant club coach or nominated representative by the time specified by the County Gala Co-ordinator to the County Gala Co-ordinator. Withdrawals from finals must be made to the results desk within 30mins of the end of the heats of that event.
13. Starts may be over the top except for backstroke which may be side by side.
14. It is the responsibility of team managers to ensure that swimmers report to the marshals in good time for their event, and conduct themselves in a correct manner on and off poolside.
15. Competitors placed 1st 2nd and 3rd in each event, in each age group, will receive a medal. 200m freestyle and IM medals will be awarded to finalists by age group with any remaining medals being awarded to heat swimmers. Swimmers choosing not to swim in the final or who are disqualified in the final will not receive medals.

There will be a top open/male and female trophy for the top three swimmers in each age group. Trophies will be awarded to swimmers who have gained the highest collated number of FINA points, with their highest points counting from one swim in each of the following categories

- **Sprint** 50 Free, backstroke, breaststroke and fly
- **Free** 100, 200 & 400 freestyle
- **100 form** backstroke, breaststroke & fly
- **200 form** backstroke, breaststroke & fly
- **IM (individual medley)** 100, 200 & 400IM
- **Distance** 800 & 1500m freestyle

16. Coaches and team manager passes for the weekend will be available free of charge maximum of 4 per club, or to be compliant with Swim England Ratios. Passes will need to be downloaded and printed by each Coach and Team manager from the Swim England online system.
17. Photography and videoing will not be allowed at this event.
18. A secondary strobe light will be provided where it is requested by the athlete at the time of entry.
19. Backstroke ledges are available at the Championships.
20. Warm ups will take place prior to each session. There is no swim down facility at this venue. The use of training aids is not permitted during warm ups.
21. Any matter concerning this meet not covered by these rules will be dealt with according to the laws of the sport and the discretion of the promotor (Maria Neeld – shropshireasaentries@gmail.com). Any complaints about these terms and conditions should also be addressed to Maria Neeld. The promotor reserves the right to change the order of any events in the programme in agreement with the Referee and the competitors or their representatives.
22. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at Wolverhampton Central Baths. No member of Shropshire ASA, its officers or the promotor of this event will be liable for any loss, damage or injury occurring during this event.
23. All clubs are required to provide 2 officials for EACH session and at least one volunteer per session.
24. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female

25. Lead referee for this competition will be Mrs Mandy Garrott
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