



WSC Autumn Open Meet 2026

2nd, 3rd and 4th October 2026

Promoter's Conditions

Under Swim England Laws & Swim England Technical Rules
(Affiliated to Swim England West Midlands & Worcester County SA)

1. This meet will be licensed at level 3.
2. **Age as at 4th October 2026**
3. **Qualifying Times:** Upper limit times are taken from the latest National Short Course Qualifying times. Times faster may be accepted, dependent on the capacity of the event.
4. There are no lower qualifying times for this meet.
5. All entrants must be registered (Category 2) members of their Association and of an affiliated Club.
6. The competition pool is 25m, 8 lanes, with :
 - a. anti-turbulence lane ropes,
 - b. electronic timing and placement.
 - c. Secondary strobe.
 - d. Backstroke Ledges
7. There will be no diving in the shallow end at any point.
8. All events will be run on a heat declared winner (HDW) basis. Entries will be seeded into heats from submitted times, with the slowest heat first and all heats spearheaded.
9. **All entries must be submitted electronically.**
 - a. Please download the meet entry file from the Club web site (www.worcestersc.co.uk)
 - b. Electronic entries are only accepted once payment has been received in full. All payments should be made via **BACS to Lloyds Bank sort code: 30-99-90, account: 80159268**. Please use reference '**Your Club Name WA26**'.
 - c. Completed entries, together with the summary sheet, should be emailed to: wscopen@worcestersc.co.uk
 - d. All entrants are still bound by these Promoter's Conditions even though an entry form has not been signed. Electronic entries are £8.50 per event.
10. **Official Closing Date: Midnight Friday 18th September 2026.** All entries and fees **MUST** be received by this date.
11. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, entries will be closed early if the meet is full.
12. **Age groups are as follows:** 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/Over. 50m, 100m & 200m events – all age groups; 400 Freestyle – all age groups (9 years old must only enter with their coach's recommendation); 400 I.M. – 11 and Over (11 years old must only enter with their coach's recommendation).
13. 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.

14. The promoters reserve the right to refuse any entry. Any entries that are not accepted will be refunded in full. Refunds for withdrawals will apply if the Promoter has received an email or written confirmation of a swimmer withdrawing before the official closing date. Refunds will be made for any rejected entries after the event.
15. **Entry Times:** All times for entries must be actual short course times, or long course times converted to 25m. It is the responsibility of competing clubs to ensure entry times are accurate.
16. Entries to this meet will be held on computer, and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018 (GDPR), to the holding of personal information on computer, will be deemed to have been given by the submission of entry. Personal data will be available for inspection during the meet on written application to the Promoter.
17. Officials will be co-ordinated by Worcester Swimming Club; any club able to provide officials (min J-1) should forward their names, status and details to officials@worcestersc.co.uk. We ask that officials enter through swimmeet.com as early as possible to enable the correct allocation to all sessions, there will be a link on our Autumn Open Meet Web Page.
18. **Supervision: All Clubs must provide adequate supervision of their swimmers at all times during the meet, in line with SE guidelines re swimmer and coach / team manager ratios on the poolside, in the vicinity of the pool and in the sports hall.** Clubs should have poolside coaches/team managers at a minimum of 1 for every 10 swimmers (16/Under) who will be admitted on production of a Poolside Pass. Swimmers are required to bring appropriate footwear for moving between the sports hall and the pool.
19. **Poolside Passes:** These must be purchased at a cost of £8.50 per day when submitting entries. These must be ordered using the Entry Summary Sheet which can be download from the website. No purchase on the day.
20. Withdrawal of Swimmers must be submitted by a single representative 24 hours before the meet.
21. Heats may have 'over the top' starts.
22. The order of events may be changed at the discretion of the referee.
23. Entries will be seeded into heats from submitted times, with the slowest heat first.
24. The fastest 8 swimmers in the 200m Individual Medley Events will go forward to a separate Mixed Stroke Skins 50m final event. This event may be withdrawn and is at the discretion of the promoter.
25. The Skins events will take the following form:
 - a. Seven rounds for each sex – 90 seconds between each heat, alternating female/open.
 - b. Slowest swimmer in each heat is eliminated.
 - c. A draw will be made to determine the stroke to be swum for ALL heats.
 - d. Each swimmer is allocated a lane in which they remain for all the races until the final round; in the final round the two remaining swimmers are allocated the centre lanes of the pool.
 - e. It is the duty of the swimmer to be at the start on time for the next round and to get on the blocks.
 - f. The Chief Timekeeper will time the intervals between the heats; and inform the starter of the 10 second warning and start times.
 - g. In the event of a disqualification, no other swimmer will be eliminated.
 - h. If the last two swimmers in a race are equal, neither is eliminated; both proceed to the next round when the two slowest swimmers will be eliminated.
26. For the Mixed Stroke Skins final there will be cash prizes for all 8 places. These will be £50, £40, £30, £25, £20, £15, £10, £5 for places 1 to 8.
27. There will be a separate £50 prize for the top overall male and female who gain the most points from individual events.
 - a. If still tied after countback, then prize is shared.

b. Points and ties as per previous paragraph.

28. There will be a separate prize for the club that gains most points by swimmers swimming in their own age groups. Points will be awarded as follows:

- a. 1st place 8pts, 2nd 7pts, 3rd 6pts, 4th 5pts, 5th 4pts, 6th 3pts, 7th 2pts and 8th 1pt.
- b. In the event of a dead heat each swimmer will get the average number of points for the places covered by the number of swimmers concerned,
- c. if there is a dead heat between two swimmers for first place, each swimmer will be awarded 7.5 points with the third place swimmer receiving 6 points.
- d. No points for disqualification.
- e. Ties for overall club position will be decided on the most 1st places, followed by the most 2nd places etc.

29. Any amendments to these conditions, after confirmation by the Regional Licencing Officer will be sent to All Club Representatives.

30. The event is run under Swim England Laws and Swim England Technical Rules, and Swim England Laws on Open Competitions shall cover any laws not covered by the promoter's conditions. All other decisions are at the discretion of the Promoter.

31. This meet will adhere to the latest Swim England covid guidance, and may entail a health declaration forms to be completed within 10 days of the meet start date. Failure to do so may result in swimmers being withdrawn from the event.

32. The promoter of the event is Michael Gooch (wscopen@worcestersc.co.uk).