



Kent County ASA Junior Meet 2026

License Number – 3SE261003

**Saturday 24th October PM & Sunday 25th October All Day
Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre, 210 St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9TX**

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Any questions/queries regarding the Kent Junior Meet 2026 must be directed to the Promoter in the first instance. The Promoter will liaise with the Lead Referee where necessary.

Conditions

1. General Conditions

- 1.1. The Kent Junior Meet shall be run under Swim England Laws and Technical Rules, the relevant World Para Swimming Rules, and these Promoter's conditions.
- 1.2. The Promoter reserves full powers over the Kent Junior Meet.
- 1.3. The championships will be run in a Short Course pool and licensed at Level 3.
- 1.4. A swimmer who was accepted for individual entry in the 2026 Kent County ASA Swimming Championships will not be eligible to enter any event at this Meet at the corresponding stroke/distance for which the swimmer was so accepted. The results of the 2026 Kent County ASA Swimming Championships can be found at:
<https://results.kentswimming.org/2026/>
- 1.5. Anyone who has competed in the Individual Championships of another county swimming association in 2026 shall not be eligible to compete in this Meet.
- 1.6. A swimmer must be a Swim England Club Compete registered member of a Kent club in whose name the swimmer is entered at the date of making the initial entry and remain so continuously until the Kent Junior Meet has been completed.
- 1.7. A swimmer who joins a second Kent club and wishes to compete for the new club, or who resigns from one Kent club and joins another, after the competition closing date, must immediately notify the promoter of any events that they have entered.
- 1.8. A secondary strobe will be available.
- 1.9. No swim down facility is available.
- 1.10. The meet is intended for development swimmers, as per Conditions 1.4 and 1.5.
- 1.11. The Promoter shall decide any matter not provided for in these conditions and will determine the appropriate action against those concerned if any of these conditions are contravened. Should the Promoter be unavailable and an immediate decision is needed, the Event Manager shall have the power to decide on such matters.
- 1.12. This meet accepts entries for two categories: Female and Open/Male. 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.
- 1.13. Any competitor failing to comply with any of the conditions shall be disqualified and shall forfeit any entry fee paid.



2. How To Enter

- 2.1. The closing date for entries is 9th October 2026. A club entry summary form must also be sent with the entry file.
- 2.2. The entry fee shall be £6.50 per event, and entry fees shall be paid by 9th October 2026.
- 2.3. All entries must be made by the club gala secretary using the electronic entry file – no other entries will be accepted, including individual entries made directly to the Meet Entries Manager.
- 2.4. Clubs shall complete and submit the SportSystems entry file to the Meet Entries Manager. Entries will be processed electronically using SportSystems software. Entry into this competition implies acceptance that necessary data is stored electronically.
- 2.5. There will be a SportSystems entry file provided by the Meet Promoter on the Kent Swimming website.
- 2.6. Para Swimmers will use an entry form for their entry to be submitted manually via their club.
- 2.7. If a swimmer's entry is in breach of Conditions 1.4, 1.5, 6.1 or 6.4, the relevant entries will be rejected with no refund due under any circumstances.
- 2.8. If a swimmer competes and is later found to be in breach of 1.4 and/or 1.5 their name will be removed from the results and times achieved will not go to Rankings.
- 2.9. To be able to complete the meet within the allotted pool time per session, swimmers with the slowest entry times in each age group may be rejected at the discretion of the Meet Promoter. Entries rejected as a result of this will receive a refund of the Entry Fee for such events.
- 2.10. The club gala secretary will be advised as soon as possible after the closing date if any entries are ejected. A list of accepted entries will be posted on the county website and emailed to each club.

3. Meet Programme

- 3.1. The age categories for the Meet shall be: 10, 11, 12 ,13 and 14, with 10-16 years for swimmers with classification assessments.
- 3.2. The age of each swimmer shall be calculated as at 31st December 2026.
- 3.3. All Events shall be heat declared winner.
- 3.4. No Time Trials will be permitted.
- 3.5. Events will be swum with all age groups combined, all events will be seeded by entry times, slowest to fastest, and the last heat in each event will be spearheaded. Over the top starts will be used at the discretion of the referee.
- 3.6. Competitors in events shall be listed on the programme in time order, slowest first.
- 3.7. The competition will be operating a sign out system. Clubs must withdraw their swimmers through the QR code or link provided by the Meet Entries Manager prior to the start of warm up for the relevant session.
- 3.8. Failure to withdraw will incur a £10 fine per event not withdrawn in the appropriate time resulting in heats being swum with empty lanes. Fines will be reduced by 50% if paid within 28 days. Fines will be imposed upon the club.

4. Supplementary Para Conditions

- 4.1. Upper Limit Times as defined in Condition 6.1 do not apply to Para swimmers.



- 4.2. Swimmers who have a Classification assessment must state their 'S' category. All Classification entries must be submitted manually, not using SportSystems entry file, and emailed directly to the Meet Entries Manager by 9th October 2026.
5. Technical Officials and Volunteers
 - 5.1. The County is unable to run competitions without the support of technical officials and volunteers to support key functions of the competition. Technical Officials are able to offer their support through the Kent Swimming Officials database. Volunteers should contact the Meet Promoter to offer their support.
 - 5.2. Technical Officials shall be offered expenses.
6. Qualification Entry Times
 - 6.1. There are Upper Limit Times (ULTs) for this competition. Entries must not be faster than the ULTs.
 - 6.2. There are no Lower Limit Times.
 - 6.3. Times achieved from 1st June 2025 to 9th October 2026 inclusive are eligible for entry ("the Qualifying Period").
 - 6.4. Entries submitted without a time will not be accepted.
 - 6.5. The submitted time(s) shall be the fastest time that a swimmer has recorded within the Qualifying Period for each event entered.
 - 6.6. Submitted times must have been recorded either:
 - 6.6.1. at a Licensed Meet and be recorded on the British Swimming Rankings database, or
 - 6.6.2. in a time trial supervised by a qualified official at J1 level or higher and by making an entry based on such time the Club entering such swimmer certifies that the time was achieved under such conditions
 - 6.7. If any swimmer entering under Condition 6.6.2 shall achieve a time at the Meet more than 10% slower than the submitted time, the Promoter reserves the right to remove the results and the times shall not go on Rankings.
7. Medals
 - 7.1. Medals shall be awarded to the Top 6 swimmers in each age group for each event.
 - 7.2. Medals must be collected at the Medal Table on poolside during the event. The Meet Promoter will not send medals out by post after the event.
8. Marshalling
 - 8.1. Coaches and Team Managers must ensure that their swimmers are present at the marshalling area in good time for their heat. Swimmers who miss their heat will not be offered the chance to re-swim.
9. Poolside Access & Accreditation
 - 9.1. Poolside accreditation MUST be applied for by 9th October 2026 with an accompanying photograph. To apply contact John King at john.king@kentswimming.org
 - 9.2. Existing accreditation from the Kent Swimming Championships 2026 and Kent Swimming Team Championships 2026 are valid. If you are using previous accreditation, it must be presented on arrival at the Meet.
 - 9.3. Details of the Swim England Club Supervision ratios and FAQs can be viewed from the following link: <https://www.swimming.org/library/documents/6101/download>



- 9.4. No passes will be issued on the weekend of competition.
- 9.5. Coaches/Team Managers/Chaperones will NOT be able to apply for Poolside Accreditation without ALL the following documents in place:
 - 9.5.1. DBS,
 - 9.5.2. Minimum qualification/requirements certificates (specific to the role) which shall be in compliance with Condition 9.8
 - 9.5.3. Safeguarding certificate/qualification to be recorded with Swim England Membership
- 9.6. Where a club has not applied for Poolside Accreditation by 10 October 2026 any swimmers who attend the meet will NOT be permitted to swim.
- 9.7. There is no charge for Poolside Accreditation.
- 9.8. At least one Coach must be qualified to a minimum of Level 2 Coach equivalent and all others to at least Level 1 Coach equivalent. All Team Managers must be TM1 qualified. Chaperones must provide a club authorisation to be acting in loco parentis on behalf of the Club and must be listed as that role within a club personnel report.

10. Photography

- 10.1. All those attending the Kent Junior Meet (competitors, coaches, team managers, spectators, officials, volunteers, contracted staff etc) wishing to use cameras, video or digital imaging capturing devices (including mobile phones) should only do so after reference to their obligations and the recommendations laid down in Wavepower published 3 January 2024, the Swim England Child safeguarding Policy and Procedures and other Swim England guidance. Photographic equipment must not be used anywhere in the changing rooms.
- 10.2. **Use of a mobile phone or other device in the changing rooms is strictly prohibited.** Any breach of this condition shall be reported to the Promoter and/or the County Welfare Officer who shall be entitled to take such action as they deem appropriate.
- 10.3. Photographs of the meet may be taken by representatives of the Promoters of the event and may be used for promotional purposes. Entry into the competition implies acceptance of this condition.

11. Data Protection

- 11.1. By submitting and accepting entries to the meet consent is hereby given, as required by the Data Protection Act 1998, to the holding of personal information. The personal information supplied with your entry will be retained securely and will only be used for the legitimate purposes of running the event. This data will be shared by form of results with Swim England (Rankings) and the clubs who have entered the meet. A full copy of the results will be published on the website after the meet. Please be aware that links from our website may take you to external websites that are not covered by our policies. Please ensure that you review their privacy policies before any data is submitted. If any persons want to exercise their right to erasure or processing of their personal data they will need to make a written request to the promoter. We will only hold competition data for 12 months after which it will be destroyed and erased from our systems.

12. Safeguarding

- 12.1. The Promoter shall run the competition in accordance with the most up-to-date version of Swim England's Wavepower policies available.