



SEASON STARTER



**WIGAN LIFE CENTRE:
13 & 14 SEPTEMBER 2025**

LEVEL 3 OPEN MEET

L3 Open Meet - Licence No 3NW251150

Date

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September 2025

Venue

Wigan Life Centre, College Avenue, Wigan, WN1 1NJ

Age

Entries

Entries are open to club swimmers 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & over on a first come, first served basis or when the meet is full.

Entries must include a time, swimmers that don't have a formal time from Swim England rankings may submit a time based on a realistic forecast of current form. This will enable more accurate seeding for the swimmer, all times must not exceed the upper limit.

Entries will be seeded on a slowest to fastest basis. **No late or poolside entries will be accepted.**

Individuals Events: (Heat Declared)

- 50m, 100m, 200m Freestyle
- 50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly
- 100m, 200m Individual Medley
- 400m Freestyle (12 years and over only)
- 400m IM (12 years and over only)

Skins Event (14 years & Under; 15 years & over only)

8 fastest Swimmers 14 years & under; 15 years & over taken from 200m IM. If a swimmer decides not to take up the "invitation" then we will then backfill with the next fastest 8 swimmers only.

In line with the Swim England transgender and non-binary competition policy the following Definitions apply:-

- Female Athletes with a birth sex of female
- Open Athletes with a birth sex of male, trans or non-binary competitors and any Competitor not eligible for the female category.
- By entering the "Female" category, an athlete confirms that their birth sex is female.

Entries

£6.00 per event and clubs should make their entries collectively and make one payment per club. All entries are to be sent from the club only via the Competition Secretary.

BACS Payment is the preferred method of payment. As a reference, please state CLUB NAME for the collective entries. Bank details are:-

Account Name:- Wigan Swimming Club

Account Number: 32042517

Sort Code: 40-46-32

Ref: Club Name

Opening Date

18.00pm on Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Closing Date

18.00pm Sunday 31st August 2025 or when the meet is full

Sportssystem entry file (sez) together with the Club Entry Form should be sent directly to meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk

Accepted Entries

Accepted entries will be posted on the entry website before the meet. No further information will, be returned.

Rejections

The promoter reserves the right to reject entries if events are oversubscribed or safety regulations regarding numbers on poolside dictate. If the meet is oversubscribed then the first-come-first served basis will initially be used to reduce entries. It may also be necessary to reduce entries by any other method thought appropriate. Refunds will be made to those affected.

Awards

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, whose times are below the upper limit and will be awarded in the following age groups; 9 years, 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 & over.

Coaches/Team Manager Pass – Cost £10.00 per person

Clubs will be charged £10.00 per person for the first 2 coach/team manager passes, no charge for any additional passes.

Clubs should ensure they comply with the Swim England Safeguarding Ratio's Policy regarding the number of Club Officials on poolside.

No Coach/Team Manager will be allowed on poolside without a valid pass which must be paid for with the Club entries.

Racing

The competition will be held under Swim England Law and FINA technical rules. One start rule will apply. Over the top starts may be used at the organiser's discretion.

Results

All results will be posted on the competitions website.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals are accepted up to 45 minutes before the session is due to start on the subsequent form. Refunds will not be processed for withdrawals.

Withdrawal due to exception circumstances

Individuals who have withdrawn from events due to either a medical reason or injury, a refund will be considered by application and submission of appropriate evidence from registered professional (HCPC, etc) or recognized medical/health institution (NHS, Bupa, etc).

Withdrawing from the event must be completed prior to the event/session in which the individual is due to compete, in the normal way. Any failure to withdraw or notification of withdrawal received later than the event withdrawal cut off time will result in no refund being processed. Please submit application details within 5 days of the meet ending. Once the refund has been processed, documents relating to an individual's medical information will be destroyed.

Contact Lee Cutter - meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk -

Any point not covered by these conditions will be at the discretion of the promoter.

RULES FOR SKINS EVENT

1. The SKINS race distance will be 50m.
2. Both the Open and Female events will begin with up to 8 male and 8 female swimmers.
3. Open and Female heats will be run alternately with 3 minutes between each gender's races.
4. The promoter will select the stroke for each race through a random process such as drawing slips from a hat. Each time, the slip will be returned to the hat prior to the next race selection.
5. Each start will be made according to ASA starting procedure. The starter will give the command 'Take your Marks' and will then attempt to give the starting signal on either the 1.5 minute time slot of the 3.0 minute time slot for each race.
6. If a swimmer is 'moving at the start' the heat will continue and the swimmer 'moving at the start' will be eliminated at the end of the race instead of the slowest swimmer in that particular race.
7. If a swimmer "False Starts" and enters the water the remaining swimmers will be stood down and the race confirmed as complete. The swimmer with the false start will be eliminated. In the event of more than one swimmer entering the water as a 'false start' it will be the first swimmer to false start as decided by the referee who will be eliminated. Once swimmer(s) are clear of the water we will move straight onto the next race in same event without the need for another 3 minute break.
8. If a swimmer is disqualified for a stroke infringement then they will be eliminated and not the slowest swimmer in that race. Strokes will be in accordance with FINA laws and Technical Rules.
9. The referee will determine the slowest swimmer, who is to be eliminated in each round using either Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) or placing judges and will inform the slowest or disqualified swimmer of this following every race. To determine this, if AOE is used, the referee will determine whether it operated correctly. If the placing judges determine the slowest swimmer, they will make the referee aware of their decision. The referee will then inform the eliminated swimmer. If the Placing Judges disagree on the swimmer to be eliminated, the Referee will make the decision. If no clear decision can be reached (e.g. a dead heat) all swimmers will swim in the next heat, where two swimmers will be eliminated.
10. The races proceed according to these rules with the races in each event being 3 minutes apart, until there is an overall male and female winner.
11. Swimmers will remain in their original assigned lanes throughout the event other than during the final, where the two middle lanes will be used.
12. At the end of each race, the Referee will enter on the swimmer's timecard the place attained in the event (i.e. 6th, 3rd, 5th etc).
13. In all matters pertaining to the Skins event not covered by these rules the Referee's decision is final.