



BOBCATS Last Chance County Qualifier 2026

L3 Open Meet - Licence No: 3NW260004

Meet Conditions

Date: 9th, 10th and 11th January 2026

Venue: Darwen Leisure Centre, The Green, Darwen. BB3 1PW

Facilities: 25m pool complex with 8 lanes, anti-wave lane ropes and Swiss Timing Quantum timing system in operation with scoreboard display. The Leisure Centre has on site café facilities.

There is parking onsite which is limited, however, there are numerous local parking facilities in the vicinity of the pool.

Age: Ages are as at midnight Sunday 11th January 2026

The Meet:

The meet will be held under Swim England Technical Rules and is licensed to level 3. Swimmers shall be registered with Swim England for their entry club at category Club Compete or the equivalent category for Swim Scotland and Swim Wales.

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.

The programme will cover 50m, 100m, 200m events for all strokes and all age groups. The 400m, 800m and 1500m events will not be available to 9 and 10 year olds. (800m & 1500m will both be mixed events, but the awards will be separate for Open/Male and Female.

Entries for all age groups within an event combined will be seeded on a slowest to fastest time basis.

Entry times should have been achieved in the twelve months prior to the event and converted to short course. Submitted times must have been achieved at a licensed meet or be endorsed by the club coaches.

As the event organisers, we rely on integrity and accurate times being entered to ensure fairness to all swimmers. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Entries that do not meet the attached Qualifying Times for that event will be rejected.

Para Swimmers are welcome to compete in this competition. The general conditions for this meet shall apply to all Para Swimmers except that they will be exempt from meeting the consideration times.



The competition format will be based upon Para Swimmers inclusion within the schedule of events. As such, there will be no separate events for swimmers with disabilities.

All swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to their entry times and Para Swimmers will be included within the results for their age group. There will be no medals specifically for Para Swimmers.

If a 50m (long course) time is to be used this must be converted to 25m (short course) times using Swim England Equivalent Performance Tables or Sportsystem Equivalent Times Converter electronic programme

All events will be heat declared winners within the prescribed age limits.

Spectators

To avoid overcrowding we would encourage there being one parent per swimmer in the spectator gallery. No swimmers are permitted in the spectator gallery.

Price of entry will be £10 per person for the full day, or alternatively it will be £5 per session per person.

We will have the facility to pay by card on the entry door should you prefer.

Heats and results can be directly viewed at www.galaresults.com

Awards:

Awards will be made for the first three placed participants in each individual age group:

- Female: 9 years, 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years & Over
- Open/Male: 9 years, 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years & Over

All races will be spearheaded. No formal presentations will be made for the individual events, all awards can be collected from the designated table.

Points accrued by swimmers throughout the event will lead to a 'Top Visiting Club' award.

Entries:

Cost per race entry is £7.50 (electronic entry) except for both the 800M and 1500M races which will cost £11.00 per entry (electronic entry)

Clubs should make their entries collectively and make one payment by club. All entries are to be sent from your swimming club via the recognised competition representative who will be the sole point of contact.

BACS is the preferred method of payment; As a reference, please state the CLUB NAME for the collective entries. Bobcats Account details are;

Name: Burnley Bobcats ADM
Account: 87623262
Sort Code: 30-98-97
Reference: Your Club Name

The sportsystem entry file will be available on the Burnley Bobcats ADM Open Meets page of the



Burnley Bobcats website;

<https://www.burnleybobcats.co.uk/bobcats-open-meets/>

Opening, Closing date & Acceptance criteria:

We reserve the right to limit entries to meet gala license timing restrictions. Where this rule is invoked, the meet will be filled based on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis, however additional rejections may be made by event rather than club. Events chosen for restrictions will be at the organisers' discretion.

The window for applications will open at: **6.00pm – Wednesday 26th November 2025**

With the final closing date for entries being: **6.00pm – Friday 5th December 2025** (Subject to not already being closed owing to first come, first serve)

- Late entries will NOT be accepted, and poolside entries will NOT be accepted at this meet.
- Accepted entries will be posted on the Burnley Bobcats website soon after finalising the programme.
- In the event of any entries being rejected, refunds will be forwarded via your club.

Please ensure you check the entries and ensure any queries / errors are raised immediately as we will not be able to correct errors / add swimmers on the day.

Coaches:

- Passes for coaches / pool side staff are £25 each. This will be for the whole weekend. Note... all poolside helpers (as defined by Swim England) must have an Enhanced Disclosure DBS clearance to be on poolside during the event.
- The pass will include entrance to the pool, programme, heat start sheets, lunch, and snacks at programmed breaks.
- No swimmer is to be on poolside without a coach / team manager / club pool side helper. If this is not possible then an agreement should be made with a different club to look after the child. No one will be allowed on poolside without a pass.

Withdrawals:

Withdrawals must be made by either:

- e-mail (bbmeetsecretary@gmail.com) or text (**07930 160102**) up to 60 minutes before the start of the session. Please state the swimmer's name, club name, event number, competition number and the name of the events wishing to be withdrawn from or...
- In person at the designated desk on the day using a withdrawal form before the end of the stated time.
- Refunds will not be given for withdrawn swimmers, for entry errors or omissions attributable to the individual or their club. Only to individuals who can prove they are not fit to compete through evidence of a medical note may be given a refund.

Coaches, team managers and parents may withdraw a swimmer from an event on the day of competition provided the appropriate withdrawal form has been completed.

Website:

Information and live results will be published on our website at:-

<https://www.burnleybobcats.co.uk/bobcats-open-meets/>

- The Sportsystem entry file (.sez) together with the Club Entry form should be sent directly



to bbmeetsecretary@gmail.com

- This is a cardless meet. Entry confirmations will be emailed to clubs as soon as entries are processed. ENTRY FORM FOR: **Bobcats Last Chance County Qualifier 2026**

Additional

At a request of the leisure centre please ensure all swimmers wear footwear and a T shirt when not on poolside and especially when using the steps to and from the pool area. This to ensure we reduce the risk of wet steps and injuries. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.