

BCM SWPA SPRING MEET **General Information 2026**

- 1 The Promoter of this event is Bolton Central Lancashire & Manchester SWPA (BCM SWPA)
- 2 The event is licensed by Swim England at Licence Level 3 for entry into County and Regional Competitions and will be a Short Course event.
- 3 The competition will be held under Swim England Laws & Technical Rules.
- 4 Venue: Wigan Life Centre, College Avenue, Wigan WN1 1NJ
- 5 Dates: 14th and 15th March 2026
- 6 On both days warm ups will be from 8.00am & 1pm or a later time to be confirmed with the accepted entries
- 7 ENTRY FEE £4.50 per event, invoiced to clubs as soon as possible following the closing date.
- 8 All Entries to: As per 2026 Club Entry Form.
- 9 Entries will open for acceptance at 8pm on Monday 2nd February. Entries will be on a first-come-first-served basis and will close at 11.59pm on Sun 15th February or whenever the meet is full. NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED
- 10 All entrants must be a member of an affiliated club to BCM SWPA and registered with Swim England at Club Compete (Cat 2) for that club.
- 11 Each event will be open to Female and Open/Male categories. 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, or the club entering a swimmer in the 'Female' category, the swimmer/club confirms that their birth sex is female.
- 12 Relay events:-
 - Each competing club may enter one relay team in each 4 x 50m relay event (events 108-111 and 308-311). Swimmers may only swim relays for the club which they compete for at the BCM Spring Meet 2026. Swimmers must swim in their correct age group, with no 'swimming up' and be Club Compete members.
 - The method of entry for relays shall be by written submission on the summary entry form. Swimmer names, SE no and DOB must be submitted by 6pm on Saturday 7th March. Changes can be made with the timing desk by submitting updated information if necessary before the first warm up in the given session. There will be no cost to clubs for relay entries.
 - Estimated times should be submitted where possible for seeding purposes.
 - The top three placed teams in each age group will receive medals for each team member.
 - The relay events will be included subject to there being enough time within pool booking & license requirements, with priority given to individual swims if the event is oversubscribed.
- 13 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 reducing the consideration time or by any other method thought appropriate. Entries will be considered from swimmers who meet the consideration times. Swimmers that don't have a formal time from the Swim England rankings may submit a time based on a realistic forecast of current form. This will enable more accurate seeding for the swimmer.
- 14 Entries from registered Disability Swimmers are welcome.
- 15 A totally Cardless system will be used. After the closing date for entries confirmation of entry will be posted on the website and in addition the Competition Secretaries will receive by e-mail confirmation of which events their club's swimmers are swimming plus details of how to withdraw from an event should the need arise. Competition Secretaries will also receive an invoice for the total once entries have been accepted. In the event of any rejections full refunds for rejected events will be paid back via the club.

16 All events will be seeded on submitted times and all events will be Heat Declared Winner.

17 Swimmers must report to the Competitors Stewards when instructed to do so. Any swimmer not reporting in time may be excluded.

18 The promoters reserve the right in the interests of time to operate 'OVER THE TOP' starts.

19 Results sheets will be posted in a position where spectators and swimmers can see the final positions for each event. A complete list of Start Lists and Results will be available via the website. Unfortunately owing to the very poor signal at Wigan this will probably be done retrospectively.

20 Coach Pass
Up to 2 passes for Coaches or Team Managers will be free per club. Any extra passes will incur a cost of £10.00 per person.

21 No Coach/Team Manager will be allowed on poolside unless they are in possession of a Coach's Pass which must be applied for at the time of submitting the Entries. Up to three additional Passes may be purchased. The Pass may be transferred to another Coach/Team Manager during the day. Anyone not displaying a valid Pass will be asked to leave the Poolside and each club should have appropriate passes to supervise the swimmers in line with Swim England ratios. The payment for the Pass will entitle the holder to a Programme plus a Heat Start List.

22 The events available to each Age Group are as follows:-

9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/Over	50m Free, Back, Breast, Fly
9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/Over	100m Free, Back, Breast, Fly, Ind Medley
9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/Over	200m Free, Back, Breast, Fly, Ind Medley

23 The age groups are 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs & over. **Ages of swimmers are as at midnight on 15th March 2026.**

24 No formal presentations will be made however medals will be available for collection during each session.

25 All Age Group winners will be on a heat declared winner basis.

26 The first three (3) swimmers in each Age Group will receive medals.

27 The promoters reserve the right to refuse admission to any person.

28 Any situation not covered by the above information or Meet Conditions will be at the discretion of the promoters, who also reserve the right to make any changes that may be considered necessary for the smooth running and discipline of the event.

29 The Small Pool at Wigan Life Centre will be available during each session for continuous warm up and warm down supervised by coaches/team managers. In the event of any mis-use of this facility, Wigan Life Centre staff & the promoters reserve the right to close it at any time to some or all swimmers.

30 **SPECTATORS;** Spectators may be limited on the day if required. This will be done on a first come first served basis. Camping/portable chairs are not allowed in Wigan Life Centre.

31 **PHOTOGRAPHY;** Filming or photography by spectators is not permitted unless arranged prior with the promoter (via bcmchampionshipsecretary@gmail.com)