



Future Stars Summer Meet 2026

SE Licence No.

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

20th/21st June 2026

FACILITIES

8 Lane (2 ½ m wide) 25m Pool, using Electronic timing and SportSystems software. The spectator balcony holds 250 people.

MEET INFORMATION

The meet is a level 3 meet, run with entry times, the qualifying window for entry times is from January 1st 2025.

Ages – Ages are as Midnight 21st June 2026

Age Groups – Open/Male: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/Ov Years

Female*: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/Ov Years

*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.

EVENTS

50m, 100m, 200m, all strokes, 100m IM, 200m IM, 400m Free & 400m IM. All events Heat Declared Winners (HDW). All 400m events will be for swimmers age 11/Ov only.

The Meet will also include a "Cannon Relay" event. The Relay event may be withdrawn if the Meet becomes full to allow for no rejections or at the discretion of the promoter.

Relay Event :

- The Cannon Relay will be an 8x50m freestyle event and will consist of teams with 8 swimmers. 1 open/male and 1 female in the following age groups 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and 15/16OV!
- Clubs can have a maximum of 2 teams.
- Swimmers can race in any order.
- The Cannon Relay will take place over the two days at the start of the afternoon sessions.



- Once all teams have competed the fastest team will be awarded the Duel at the Pool trophy!!!!
- Swimmers must be competing in individual events at this Meet to be able to take part and they must only race for the club they are representing in the individual events.
- Entries for the Cannon relay must be made by the club only and submitted on the "Cannon Relay entry form" which is attached to this document and submitted at the same time as your summary sheet and entry file.
- Once the entries have closed we will send out information as soon as possible to let clubs know on what day their team(s) will be competing. We will try our best to accommodate any specific requests for which day a team would like to compete although this can not be guaranteed and should only be requested due to swimmer availability.
- Changes can be made to your teams up to the start of the afternoon warmup on the day your team(s) are competing.
- If you have more than one team then a swimmer can only swim for one of your teams!
- This Duel at the Pool Cannon Relay event is free of charge to enter!
- If the Meet was to become oversubscribed priority would be given to individual events.

AWARDS:-

Top 3 Open/Male & Female swimmers in each Age Group per event will receive medals.

A top Open/Male and Female award will be presented in the following age groups

- 9-11 year olds
- 12-14 year olds
- 15 and Overs

World Aquatics points will be calculated for all swims. These points will be accumulated into the appropriate British Age Group Category for each of the age groups. The top Open/Male and top Female in the age groups above will receive a reward.

The team finishing first in the Cannon Relay will receive the Duel at the Pool Trophy.

An award will be presented to the top visiting Club. This will be based on points gained by swimmers finishing in the top 8 for all events/age groups. 8 points will be awarded for 1st place, 7 for 2nd place and so on.



ENTRY INFORMATION

£7.00 per event (**NO LATE ENTRIES OR POOLSIDE ENTRIES ALLOWED**).

Entries should be made via your club using the Sportsystems Entry File. The entry file can be downloaded from the Wigan BEST website. An individual entry form can also be found on the Wigan BEST website which must be returned to each club's competition secretary for inclusion in the club entry file.

All completed entry files should be emailed to WBfuturestars@gmail.com along with a club summary entry form detailing payment.

Entries will be accepted on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** basis.

OPENING DATE FOR ENTRIES –

6:00pm Monday 27th April 2026 any entries sent before this time will not be accepted.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:-

11:59 pm Monday 1st June 2026 or WHEN FULL if earlier than this date.

A list of accepted entries will be published as soon after the meet is closed as possible. Competitors are requested to check their entries carefully and inform WBfuturestars@gmail.com immediately of any errors.

SUMMER MEET 2026 CONDITIONS

1. This meet is held under Swim England Laws and Swim England Technical Rules include World Aquatics Rules.
2. All competitors must be registered with the Swim England or their own national association as appropriate.
3. Age as at Midnight 21st June 2026.
4. This meet will be run using the Sportsystems software, the entry file of which is available on the Wigan Best website. Ranking times are preferred but if not available please use a training time. Converted times can be used and the Sportsystem entry file will be produced to accept these times.



5. Entries will be accepted on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** basis. In addition, the promoter reserves the right to limit the number of entries to ensure the comfort of all and the smooth running of the competition. Rejections will be made by individual event and the events chosen for restrictions will be at the meet organiser's discretion.

6. All entries and rejections will be posted on the Wigan BEST Swimming Club Website

7. Any entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.

8. BACS Payments should be made using the appropriate club code. For this Meet it is JUN26(Your Club Code) Your club code is something we will use to identify your payment e.g Wigan = WBEN (JUN26WBEN).

9. Bank Details for BACS payments are Sort Code:

Account name: Wigan Best

Sort code: 60-01-24

Account number: 48518972

10. Withdrawals – Heats – Must notify via email or at the timing desk at least 60 mins before the start of the session. Email: WBfuturestars@gmail.com

11. All events will have 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.

12. Swimmers with a disability shall swim under IPC Rules.

13. Qualifying times for disability competitors are not required. However, entry times shall be submitted for the purpose of seeding the heats.

14. Personal Care Attendants/Coaches: Personal care attendants will only be permitted for swimmers in the following classes: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5 and S11. A swimmer in any of these classes may have both a coach and a personal care attendant present. No charge will be applied for personal care attendant. Poolside passes; coaches' passes shall attract the advertised fee. All coaches, chaperones and personal care attendants must conform to the Swim England child protection procedures and hold a current DBS certificate.

15. The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able-bodied programme i.e. there will be no separate events for swimmers with disabilities. All swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to their entry times. Disability competitors will be included within the results for their age group.



16. A mobile strobe will be available throughout the competition. Any competitor who needs to use it should notify the event referee prior to the start of the session.
17. All competitors must go through marshalling. If a competitor does not report to marshalling in time the event will proceed without the competitor.
18. Strictly no diving in or climbing over pads is permitted during warm up in the competition pool.
19. If cancellation of the event is necessary, then entry fees and poolside passes paid will be refunded.
20. 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.
21. A draft programme will be posted on the web site. All rejected swim refunds will be returned to the relevant clubs as soon as possible.
22. Wigan BEST Swimming Club accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to competitors personal belongings, how so ever caused, unless such damage is caused by the negligence of the Wigan BEST Swimming Club.
23. Wigan BEST Swimming Club and the Meet Organisers are not responsible for individual swimmers on poolside. All swimmers on poolside should be accompanied by a person with a coaches pass and who has had a DBS check.
24. "Over the top" starts will be used in the heats at the discretion of the promoter.
25. Backstroke ledges will be available.
26. No swimmers are allowed up to the balcony.
27. Swimmers must wear footwear when leaving the pool area.
28. The promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any competitor or spectator.
29. Any point not covered by these rules will be at the discretion of the Meet organisers
30. A photographer will be capturing the event throughout the weekend, details as to how these pictures can be purchased will be shared in due course.
31. If any parent/guardian would like to request that no photo's are taken of their swimmer please email wiganbestvicechair@gmail.com



POOLSIDE PASSES

In compliance with the new Swim England policy concerning the supervision ratio, Wigan BEST is committed to alleviating the financial burden on participating clubs. Therefore, there will be a flat fee of £30.00 per club, regardless of the number of coaches and/or team managers present poolside.

All team staff must be DBS checked and have undertaken a relevant safeguarding course (e.g., Swim England Safeguarding course) to gain a coaches/team manager pass and access to the poolside.

Any parent of a swimmer attending without their club wishing to chaperone their child must also be DBS checked to gain a pass. Coaches and team staff **MUST** wear the wristbands provided.

Wigan BEST will **NOT** be responsible for any unaccompanied swimmers on the poolside. The responsibility falls on the club entering the swimmer.

We advise all clubs and swimmers to follow the Swim England Wave Power Team manager, Coach and Chaperone policy.

SPECTATORS

Spectator entrance will cost £5.00 per session.

WARM UP TIMES

Details of warmups will be posted on the website before the meet.

The small pool will be available for continuous warm up and cool down, however, in the event of misuse of this facility, Wigan Life Centre reserve the right to close it at any time, without warning.