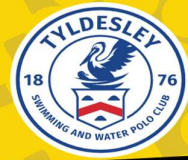




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## LEVEL 3 OPEN MEET

### Wigan and Tyldesley Season Starter Sprint Meet 2026 General Information

**Venue:** Wigan Life Centre, College Avenue, Wigan WN1 1NJ

**1. Date:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Two sessions with the AM session - Warm Up and Start Time TBC  
PM session Warm Up and Start Time TBC.

**2. Facilities:** Pool is 8 lanes (2 ½ m wide) 25m Pool using Electronic Timing and SportSystems software. The pool has anti wave lane ropes and a strobe is available upon request. The Spectator balcony has seating for 250, with an additional comfort area overlooking the pool.

**3. The Meet**

The event is licensed by Swim England at License Level 3 for entry into County and Regional Competitions and will be a Short Course Meet.

The competition will be held under Swim England Laws & Technical Rules.

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

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

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

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 club website.

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

9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/Over	50m Free, Back, Breast, Fly
9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/Over	100m Free, Back, Breast, Fly, Ind Medley
9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/Over	200m Ind Medley

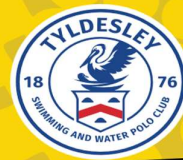
The age groups are 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs/over. **Ages of swimmers are as at Midnight on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026.**

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

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.



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### 5. Clarifying Female category birth sex

The new Policy requires athletes who want to compete in the Female category to confirm their birth sex. Promoters are being encouraged to add to their conditions a statement to confirm that by entering the meet the athlete is confirming that if they are entering the Female category, that they confirm they were born with a birth sex of female. The following is an example of such a statement;

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.

### 6. Entry: Cost per event is £6.00 (electronic only)

Entries should be made via your club using the Sportsystems Entry File. The entry file can be downloaded from the Wigan SC website. ([www.wiganswimmingclub.org.uk](http://www.wiganswimmingclub.org.uk))

An individual entry form can also be found on the Wigan SC 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 [meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk](mailto:meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk) 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 13th July 2026 any entries sent before this time will not be accepted.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:-

6.00 pm Tuesday 1st September 2026 or WHEN FULL if earlier than this date.

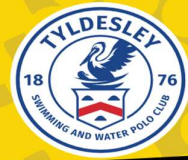
A list of accepted entries will be published as soon after the meet is closed as possible on [www.wiganswimmingclub.org.uk](http://www.wiganswimmingclub.org.uk).

All entrants must be registered with Swim England at Club Compete (Cat 2) for that club.

The promoter reserves the right to return entries if events are oversubscribed 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



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form. This will enable more accurate seeding for the swimmer. The promoter reserves the right to reject any such times if events are oversubscribed.

Entries from registered Disability Swimmers are welcome.

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. In the event of any rejections full refunds for rejected events will be paid back via the club.

- 7. Coach Passes** – First two 2 passes for Coaches or Team Managers will be charged at £10.00 each, any extra passes will be free. Clubs providing an Official (qualified or in training) will receive free Coach passes.

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. Passes may be purchased and they will be valid only for the day and date specified. 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. The payment for the Pass will entitle the holder to a Programme for the day plus a Heat Start List for the Sessions on that day.

BACS is the preferred method of payment, as a reference please state the club name for the collective entries. Wigan Swimming Club details are:

**Name - Wigan Swimming Club**

**Sort Code - 40-46-32**

**Account Number – 32042517**

**Reference – Your Club Name**

- 8. Awards:** No formal presentations will be made however medals will be available for collection during each session.

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

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

- 9. SPECTATORS** – The promoters reserve the right to allow spectators and will follow the current Pool Operator and Swim England Guidelines.

Full day entry for spectators is £8, half day £5, if attending only morning session, spectator is to pay £8 and £3 will be refunded on return on wristband.

- 10. Contact** – [meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk](mailto:meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk)