

## Swim Wales Super Series 2020 - FAQ's

More information can found here: <https://swimwales.org/pages/super-series-1>

### What is the Super Series?

The Super Series is a virtual competition open to all registered Welsh Club members; races can be completed in existing club training and require minimum numbers on the deck to run.

### How is the competition set up?

The competition will be held across 3 stages, each stage is 1 week long and will finish with a Super Final. At the end of each stage (week) a leader board will be published for all participating clubs and swimmers across Wales. Swimmers will have 3 opportunities across the stages to submit times and climb the leader board. The Top 8 swimmers at the end of stage 3 in each age band and event will be invited to compete in the Super Final.

### How inclusive is the competition, can Masters and Para Swimmers enter?

The Super Series is open for Welsh Club Members and Welsh National Performance swimmer based at non Welsh clubs.

The Super Series is fully inclusive for ALL of our swimmers. Masters age bands start at 18-24, 25-29 and continue in 5 year increments as necessary. Please be aware that races numbered 201-230 are Masters events.

Para events will be swum multiclass and multi-event, using the British Para Points calculator to score swimmers in the following age groups; Junior 14 & under Open 15 & over. Please be aware that races numbered 301-330 are Para Swimming events.

Swimmers with a disability wishing to take part in the Super Series who do not currently have a British Para Swimming or World Para Swimming classification, please contact Matt Kendrick, National Para Pathway Manager: [matt.kendrick@swimming.org](mailto:matt.kendrick@swimming.org)

### I am a member of a Swim Wales affiliated club, but it is not a swimming club, can I still take part?

Yes, times can be submitted by any of our Swim Wales members, to discuss how this might work for your club, clubs encouraged to contact our team to discuss:

[swimwales-events@swimming.org](mailto:swimwales-events@swimming.org)

### How to submit my times?

Times are submitted using HyTek (Swim Manager, Team Manager or TMLite (free to download and use)), with handy 'How to Use TMLite' and 'How to Submit Super Series Times' guides are available online.

### How do I register my club to take part?

Clubs can register to take part in the Super Series 2020 online:

<https://swimwales.org/pages/super-series-1>

### **Who needs to attend the race?**

To make your time 'Super Series legal' a Technical Official (Swim Wales Member) qualified J2 or above must be present. The presiding Technical Official present may be accompanied by a stopwatch operator, both must be current Swim Wales Members.

### **Is there a fee to take part?**

The fee to partake in the Super Series 2020 will be waived and all costs for phase 1 (autumn 2021) will be covered by Swim Wales.

### **How are the races structured?**

Clubs have autonomy to decide the structure of races, within the remits of the outlines race conditions. For example, swims might be held mixed gender, mixed event, a different distance in each lane! The club can decide how best to conduct races to most efficiently use their allotted time and pool space.

### **My usual club training is not running at the moment, can I still take part?**

The Super Series has been launched to accommodate our swimmers, creating a competitive environment whilst accommodating local challenges. Here are a few options available to you:

- Times can be achieved in Stage 1, 2 and 3, swimmers can compete in all or any of the stages to register a time on the leader board – so when you're ready, Super Series waiting for you
- Ask surrounding clubs if they can accommodate your swimmer at their session
- Can you access local public pool time? You can still achieve your race here! Contact your club to ensure suitable officiating support is available to validate your achievement
- Continue your dry land training, when you're able to compete you'll notice the difference if you stop!

We understand that this can be challenging, but we encourage our swimmers and clubs to support each other.

### **If I am currently training/complete my Super Series time with a different club do I need a temporary form?**

Yes, please follow the below temporary membership conditions:

- Both clubs must be affiliated to Swim Wales.
- The individual is a registered member of Swim Wales (checks must be made at <https://swimmingresults.org/membershipcheck/>).
- The club in which the individual is temporarily training at must retain their full details and ensure all forms are completed and policies and protocols of the club are provided to the athlete.
- For individuals seeking temporary membership in a Welsh county, the temporary membership form needs to be sent to [aquaticdevelopment@swimming.org](mailto:aquaticdevelopment@swimming.org) and a copy must be retained by the temporary club.

- For individuals seeking temporary membership in an English county, the temporary membership form needs to be sent to [aquaticdevelopment@swimming.org](mailto:aquaticdevelopment@swimming.org) and [renewals@swimming.org](mailto:renewals@swimming.org) and a copy must be retained by the temporary club.
- The temporary membership form can be located on our memberships tab at the top of the Swim Wales website.

### **Does this grant me special dispensation to move between borders/lockdown areas?**

No, taking part in the Super Series does not grant individuals special dispensation to travel between borders/lockdown areas. We encourage members, who are unable to partake due to current restrictions to discuss alternative options with their club e.g. is there another local club you can training/race with?

### **Do the times qualify for Records and Rankings?**

As Super Series race times will be achieved in unlicensed races times are not eligible for Records or Rankings at this time.

### **How can I arrange for an official to support our races?**

Registered clubs will be contacted by the Swim Wales Technical Officials Panel to support the appointment of officials. If a club is unable to provide a supporting official internally, the panel will aim to arrange suitable cover for the races to take place.

### **Can I get disqualified?**

Disqualifications for infractions of the technical rules should only be made if the infraction committed provides the swimmer with an unfair advantage. If a swimmer is slowed by their infraction, advice may be given by a coach to help the swimmer improve.

In the event of a valid time not being available for a swimmer, the swimmer may be asked to re-swim.

### **Can I use dive blocks?**

We encourage clubs to discuss use of equipment, such as diving blocks, with their facility, to ensure safe and appropriate use

### **Will the legal aspects of the stroke/turn/finish be abided by everyone entering?**

By partaking in the Super Series, swimmers are reminded to abide by the Code of Conduct of their membership and compete with integrity; the submission of fraudulent times is a disservice to the time, commitment and efforts of our members. Additionally, your Technical Official is in place to support the race and ensure 'legal' strokes are performed.

### **What do I do if I suspect a swimmer is submitting fraudulent times?**

In the event of suspected fraudulent submission of times, Swim Wales members are encouraged to contact their club chair or coach to discuss, a decision can then be made to submit a query or whistle blowing application (anonymous). Further information will be published online.

**Should my swimmer wear a racing suit to complete their time?**

Swimmers may choose to wear a racing suit, this may help to create a more realistic racing environment. Please discuss the use of facilities such as changing cubicles, with your operator to ensure safe use.

If your query has not been answered, please email the team for further support:

[Swimwales-events@swimming.org](mailto:Swimwales-events@swimming.org)