



Swim Wales Winters 2021

Incorporating commonwealth qualifying opportunity

17th to 19th of December 2021

#SWWin21



Our Vision

A world leading National Governing Body delivering excellence, **inspiring** our nation to **enjoy, participate, learn** and **compete** in Welsh aquatics.

Ein Gweledigaeth

Corff Llywodraethu blaenllaw sy'n cynnig rhagoriaeth, gan **ysbrydoli** cenedl i **fwynhau, cymryd rhan, dysgu** a **chystadlu** mewn campau dŵr yng Nghymru

Meet Summary

The Swim Wales Winters is a competitive open event aimed at top ranked swimmers. For 2021, this event will be swam long course to provide a Commonwealth Games nomination opportunity in line with the Swim Wales Commonwealth Games Nomination policy.

License number: 1WL210960

Venue: Wales National Pool, Swansea, SA2 8QG.

Please use the following web link for all information relating to the venue including car parking fees, on site facilities and general venue information: <https://www.walesnationalpoolswansea.co.uk/>

Entry Conditions:

1. Entries will be considered from swimmers who hold a valid membership with Swim Wales, Swim England, Scottish Swimming or competitors from one of the affiliated FINA countries.
2. Entries will not be taken on a first come first served basis for this event. All entries submitted will be considered and a confirmed entry list will be published after close of entry.
3. In the event of over subscription scratches will be made at the discretion of event management.
4. Entries are not confirmed until published by Swim Wales, we therefore advise attendees not to book travel or overnight arrangements until entries are confirmed.
5. All competitors must have better or equaled the published qualification times in a designated or license meet (Swim Wales, Swim England, Scottish Swimming and British Swimming).
6. Consideration times:
 - a. The most current time available on rankings will be used for entry.
 - b. Times will be considered from level 1, 2 and 3 licensed competitions.
 - c. Times will be taken at the point of entry from rankings and will not be updated, amended or refunded (unless medical) after entry is submitted.
 - d. We do not accept; converted, split or relay times.
 - e. Long course and short course times will be accepted for this meet; long course times will be taken as a priority, followed by short course converted if unavailable.
 - f. Consideration times will be accepted from the 1st of July 2019
 - g. Para-swimming consideration times are available on the event webpage
7. It is the swimmers responsibility to check the draft entry list and inform event management (swimwales-events@swimming.org) of discrepancies or errors. This must be raised within 48 hours of the information being published.

8. Entries are submitted for consideration via an online entry system. Payment for entries will be taken at the point of entry online via PayPal using direct/credit card.
9. Overseas and para-swimmer entries are submitted via a manual entry application process, please email swimwales-events@swimming.org for more information.
10. Entries will open 22nd October and close 23rd November 1pm.
11. Event entry costs £10 per entry.
12. Age of competitors will be taken as 31st December 2021, minimum age 12

Meet conditions:

1. Age groups for this event are as follows:
12/13 14/15 Senior 16+
2. Heats will be swum as (a) Senior Heats (16 years +) and (b) Junior Heats (12 to 15 years). Heats will be seeded by time regardless of age.
3. The 400m Individual Medley, 400m Freestyle, 800m Freestyle and 1500m Freestyle events will be swum as Heat declared winner (HDW)
 - a. The Fastest Senior heat of each HDW event will run in the finals session
4. Finals will be swum as follows for male and female:
 - a. 4 finals will take place for each event (apart from HDW events, see above) in order as follows:
 - i. 12/13 years final
 - ii. 14/15 years final
 - iii. Senior B final – 16+ years
 1. A senior B final will only be scheduled for events with 16 or more entrants
 - iv. Senior A final – 16+ years
5. Medals
 - a. Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place in the following age groups for heat declared events (HDW): 12/13, 14/15, Seniors (16+)
 - b. For all events with finals, medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in the 12/13, 14/15, Seniors (16+) age groups
 - c. Medals for the Senior (16+) age group will be determined by the top three swims by time from the Senior A final only.
6. Refunds
 - a. Refunds for entry fees only will be processed on the receipt of a completed medical withdrawal application accompanied with a valid doctor's note (signed by an appropriate consultant/doctor on headed paper).
 - b. Applications for medical withdrawals must be received before 9am on the 16th of December to qualify for refund.

- c. Refunds will not be processed for withdrawals on non-medical grounds.
 - d. Email swimwales-events@swimming.org to receive a medical withdrawal form.
7. Marshalling
- a. Heats
 - i. Swimmers must report to poolside marshalling located adjacent to the changing village entrance.
 - ii. Swimmers should follow the directions given by the marshal. It is the swimmers responsibility to report in good time.
 - iii. Marshals in are place to guide swimmers only, and are not responsible for ensuring swimmers swim.
 - b. Call room
 - i. Call room marshalling for finals is located in the middle of the changing village.
 - ii. It is the swimmer responsibility to report to the call room.
 - iii. Swimmers must report to the call room and wait for their race to be called.
 - iv. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification.
 - v. Swimmers who fail to report to the call room or fail to withdraw will be fined £50 as per meet conditions.
 - vi. Swimmers are recommended to attend the call room 6 races (8 races for 50m events) before their race.
 - vii. Coaches/Chaperones are not permitted into the call room.
8. Poolside passes
- a. Cost £20 per application
 - b. Applications must be submitted and paid in full by the 13th of December.
 - c. Applicants must have a valid DBS and membership number.
 - d. Late submission (applications submitted between 13th and 16th of December) will result in an additional £5 administration charge.
 - e. Passes include use of the refreshment room on level 3, full event access, event accreditation, seeded programme and finals sheets.
 - f. Poolside passes are intended for use for the named individual only; misuse may result in removal of the pass.
9. Tickets and Spectators
- a. Attendance of spectators onsite will be confirmed prior to commencement of the competition.
 - b. Spectators may be restricted due to site capacity and safety mitigations of the site.

2021 Swim Wales Winter Open Championships (LC): Event Schedule		
Friday 17th December	Saturday 18th December	Sunday 19th December
Session 1 – Senior heats (16 years +)	Session 5 – Senior heats (16 years +)	Session 9 – Senior heats (16 years +)
M 200m IM F 200m Freestyle M 50m Breaststroke F 50m Breaststroke M 200m Backstroke F 200m Backstroke M 100m Butterfly F 100m Butterfly M 50m Freestyle F 400m IM (HDW) – fastest heat in finals session M 400m Freestyle (HDW) – fastest heat in finals session	F 200m IM M 200m Freestyle F 50m Freestyle M 100m Breaststroke F 100m Breaststroke M 100m Backstroke F 100m Backstroke M 50m Butterfly F 50m Butterfly M 400m IM (HDW) – fastest heat in finals session F 800m Freestyle (HDW) – fastest heat in finals session	M 100m Freestyle F 100m Freestyle M 200m Butterfly F 200m Butterfly M 50m Backstroke F 50m Backstroke M 200m Breaststroke F 200m Breaststroke M 1500m Freestyle (HDW) – fastest heat in finals session F 400m Freestyle (HDW) – fastest heat in finals session
Session 2 – Junior heats (12-15 years)	Session 6 – Junior heats (12-15 years)	Session 10 – Junior heats (12-15 years)
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Session 3 – Junior heats (12-15 years)	Session 7 – Junior heats (12-15 years)	Session 11 – Junior heats (12-15 years)
M 100m Butterfly F 100m Butterfly M 50m Freestyle F 400m IM (HDW) M 400m Freestyle (HDW)	F 100m Backstroke M 50m Butterfly F 50m Butterfly M 400m IM (HDW) F 800m Freestyle (HDW)	M 200m Breaststroke F 200m Breaststroke M 1500m Freestyle (HDW) F 400m Freestyle (HDW)
Session 4 – Finals*	Session 8 – Finals*	Session 12 – Finals*
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Para Swimming

This Swim Wales Winter Championships is inclusive of Para Swimmers. In addition to meeting the general entry criteria, para swimmers must have an authorised World Para Swimming, British Swimming, INAS-FID or British Blind Sport classification, which is held on the Home Nation Membership or WPS Swimming Classification database at the time of entry. Para swimmers must equal or better the para entry times and para swimmers will be fully integrated into the event based on entry time.

Multi-class multi event medals

Para swimmers can qualify for finals and win medals based on out right performance. Additionally, there will be a para swimming leader board published at the end of each day showing all para swimmer results based on British Para Swimming points. At the end of the meet, medals will be awarded to the para swimmers with the highest British Para Swimming points total in each age group on a multi class, multi event basis.

Swim Wales Film and Photography Policy

Please be advised that photographs and videos may be taken at this event. Swim Wales are aware of the wide range of devices including mobile telephones which have photographic and filming capabilities. This enables the capture of both static and moving images. Used responsibly, such devices are perfectly safe, but sharing images widely may betray a confidence or identity of a child/children which may present a risk of harm to the child/children concerned. The use of such equipment is difficult to control but we can all be vigilant. If you have any concerns or safeguarding queries, please bring them to the immediate attention of the event management team situated at the enquiries desk. Swim Wales may use photographs taken at this event as promotional material and used across public forums including their website and social media accounts, and possibly the local press and television. Should you wish to refuse photographic permission please contact the event management team on site. The full swim Wales photography guidance policy can be found at the enquiries desk or on the Swim Wales website.

General Information

Car Park:

The car park has 250 spaces, with additional spaces in an overflow located at the bottom of the slope. However please be aware, despite our best efforts – the car park is busy and fills quickly. To avoid disappointment,

please arrive early. Where possible please arrange to car share or drop offs to help ease congestion. Alternatively there are 3 nearby pay and display car parks we recommend:

- Foreshore Car Park: 4 Mumbles Rd, Sketty, Swansea SA3 5AU – 0.6 miles 12 minute walk
- Recreation Ground Car Park: Mumbles Rd, Brynmill, Swansea SA2 0AU – 0.9 mile 19 minute walk
- Blackpill Area Car Park: 266 Derwen Fawr Rd, Sketty, Swansea SA3 5AT – 0.8 mile 15 minute walk

The car park will be managed by security staff, please treat them with respect. Disrespectful or inappropriate behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated and you may be asked to leave the competition.

Tickets:

Attendance of spectator's onsite will be confirmed prior to commencement of the competition. Spectators may be restricted due to site capacity and safety mitigations of the site.

Merchandise:

Attendance of the Swim Wales shop and payment methods will be confirmed prior to commencement of the competition.

Café:

Access to the café and facilities will be confirmed prior to commencement of the competition.

Seating:

The pool has 1200 seats for spectators, coaches and swimmers. A limited number of seats have been reserved at the top of each section for access users (disabled, wheelchairs etc.) please refrain from using these seats unless required, you may be asked to move.

We ask swimmers to remain on the bottom 7 rows of chairs to avoid making the stairs and upper balcony wet and slippery. We ask parents remain on the higher seating (7 rows and above).

Changing village:

The changing village is for swimmers only, parents are not permitted in the changing area and will be asked to leave. Swimmers are politely asked not to change poolside and use the facilities available. Cameras and phones are strictly prohibited in the changing area.

Streaming and social media:

The event is being live stream with our streaming partner, Buffon Media. The link for streaming will be available on Facebook. The stream will start at the beginning of each session over the event. Please be aware that you and your swimmers are being watched by over 50,000 people worldwide.

Please behave in a manner that has a positive reflection on you and your club.

Health and Safety:

We hope you enjoy the competition, here are some tips to ensure you have a fun and safe experience.

- Event days are long and can be tiring, please drink plenty of water, eat sensibly and rest when possible to ensure you are fit and ready for the sessions.
- If you feel unwell at any stage please seek medical support from the WNPS lifeguards
- When using the pool stairs please ensure you hold the rail, the steps can become wet and slippery during the competition.
- If you see something that could cause an accident, please alert the WNPS staff/lifeguards or an event team member immediately so that it can be dealt with.
- The lift is for individuals who have difficulties using stairs; please ensure the lift is used appropriately and safely. Children are not permitted to use the lift unaccompanied.

Social Media:

Swim Wales would like to share your experience with us on social media, tweet and tag us in your photos and results using #SWWin21 @SwimWales Photos may be used in Swim Wales communications including newsletters, website and social media.

By attending Swim Wales Meets, individuals are agreeing to adhere to the Swim Wales Media policy. This ensures that the use of social media whilst attending the meet is appropriate and safe. Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their member, swimmers and supporters. Inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with accordingly.

Behaviour and Attitude:

Swim Wales has a zero tolerance policy on negative behaviour at meets. Disrespectful and poor attitude resulting in unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated. All those on site including swimmers, parents, coaches and clubs are expected to behave in an appropriate manner, respectful of officials, volunteers, staff and others. Swim Wales holds the right to ask those behaving inappropriately to leave the event and/or meet if deemed necessary. Refund will not be issued for dismissal from an event. The right to remove swimmers and/or clubs from the meet is held by the meet manager and senior team of officials. We ask that you remind your swimmers of the above policy and remain vigilant throughout the meet. Please report any inappropriate behaviour to a member of staff on site.

Jewellery:

For safety and security reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not permitted while in the water during warm-ups / swim-downs and / or competition.

This includes watches, necklaces, chains, bangles, wrist bands, ear-rings (except studs), and rings (except wedding bands). Swim Wales will not be responsible for any jewellery brought to events and will not be liable if such jewellery is lost or damaged.

Officials and Volunteers:

Swim Wales invites officials and volunteers to support this meet and submit an application for consideration. Official's applications can be found on the event webpage, positions are open to those qualified from Time-keeper to Referee. Volunteer roles include marshalling, announcing, call room duties, front of house and many more. Application forms can be found online. For more information please contact swimwales-events@swimming.org All of our volunteers and officials are provided with event kit, refreshments, meals and expenses claims. The Swim Wales volunteer expenses policy can be found on the website.

Equality:

Swim Wales promotes inclusion and diversity, and welcomes participation from everyone. If you have any particular requirements in respect of participating, officiating or volunteering then please mention this, in confidence if required, to our National Events Manager

Swim Wales is an equal opportunities employer and aims to provide a discrimination-free working environment. We are committed to an action plan and policy in line with the Equality Act 2010, which ensures that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment because of a protected characteristic.

The full equality policy can be viewed here:

<http://www.swimwales.org/pages/equality>