



East Invicta Amateur Swimming Association

Affiliated to ASA South East Region - Kent County A.S.A.
and R.L.S.S. (Kent Branch)

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Development Gala Saturday & Sunday 16th/17th May 2026

License 3SE

COMPETITION RULES AND MEET INFORMATION

1. General Information

- a) The meet will be held under Swim England Laws and Technical Rules at Dover Leisure Centre and is licensed by Swim England for entry into County Championships. Age Groups: -
9 years old, 10/11 years old, 12/13 years old, 14/15 years old, 16-18 years old
- b) Entry is open to members of clubs that are affiliated to the East Invicta Swimming Association (These are: Ashford School, Canterbury, Deal Tri, Herne Bay, Thanet, Dover, Folkestone, Hythe Aqua, Ashford, Faversham, Kings School, White Cliffs Dover). Swimmers from other clubs may not enter.
- c) 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 their birth sex is female.
- d) Age of swimmer will be as on the May 17th, 2026.
- e) The pool is 25 metres long with 8 lanes, anti-wave lane ropes and electronic timing in operation with continuous digital scoreboard display.
- f) All swimmers will be assumed to be taking part unless their club coaches withdraw them prior to the start of warm up. Coaches must withdraw any swimmers who are not present or who no longer wish to take part at the relevant desk **not later than the beginning of warm up for each session** for events in that session only.
- g) Swimmers do not require an entry time to enter this competition. Swimmers that have swum faster than the upper limit times since September 1st in the year prior to competition, may not enter the event concerned.
- h) All events will be HDW, swum as combined age groups and seeded slowest to fastest irrespective of age. The last three heats will be spearheaded.
- i) "Over the top" starts will be used in the heats at the discretion of the referee.
- j) Coaches' passes will not be issued. Clubs are expected to provide sufficient poolside staff to manage their swimmers on poolside and comply with Swim England Team manager, Coach and Chaperone Policy, (SE1048 -16/05/23) which can be found by following this link:
<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/swim-england-releases-supervision-ratios-policy/>
They must wear club branded kit, so they are clearly identifiable. A declaration of coach and helper names is required to be submitted with the entries.
- k) Times will not be amended if swimmers achieve faster times after entries have been submitted.
- l) The promoter may have to restrict entries to ensure the competition runs within the timetable guidelines set out by Swim England. In this event the fastest swimmers will be rejected. As far as practicable this will be in even proportions across all age groups.
- m) Clubs should enter electronically using the data file provided and this should be sent by e-mail to:
lynngates@live.co.uk
- n) Electronic entries, coach declaration and summary of entries **must be received by Thursday 30th April**.
- o) Entry Fee: £4.50 per event.
- p) Payment should be made by BACS to:
Nat West Bank sort code: 60-01-21 Account number: 48362409

2. Programme

There will be no printed programme listing swimmers' names, a PDF version will be available on the website and can be downloaded if you wish to have a hard copy. Start lists will be supplied to all clubs once withdrawals have been processed, generally this is about 30 minutes after the start of the warmup. These will also be a link to Live Results, where start lists can also be viewed as well as the results.

3. Awards

Awards will be made to the fastest 6 in each age group in accordance with SWIM ENGLAND rules.

4. Results

These will be posted on the wall at the shallow end of the pool and the balcony. They will also be available on the web site as soon as practicable after the event. There may be live results running during the gala via a link on the East Invicta website.

5. Photography

SWIM ENGLAND no longer require persons wishing to film during the event to register their names, however anyone wishing to carry out video, zoom or close-range photography is still required to do so in accordance with SWIM ENGLAND Guidelines which can be found in Wavepower. These conditions also apply to swimmers on poolside. It is a condition of entry to this competition that all competitors consent to photography, subject to these guidelines.

6. Mobile Phones

Swim England have issued strict instructions that prohibit the use of mobile phones in changing rooms. This is for the protection of our athletes from improper use.

- Swimmers are not permitted to take any electronic devices into the changing village unless they are in their bags.
- Coaches and volunteers must keep their phones in their bags / pockets when they are walking through the changing village.
- There will be marshals patrolling the changing areas - anyone found not following the rules may be reported to the National Safeguarding Team and asked to leave the centre immediately.
- It is a criminal offence to take pictures under or over cubicle doors so there will be no alternative than to call the police if an incident occurs.

7. Data Protection

Swim meet entries and results will be managed on a computer; they will appear on the East Invicta Website and published in the SWIM ENGLAND rankings database. By submitting entries, consent is thereby given, as required under the Data Protection Act 1984, to the holding of personal information on a computer. To comply with EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) May 2018, this computer is password protected. The information supplied will be used to seed the entries into age groups and will not be used for any other purpose.

By submitting their entry swimmers, and their parents, accept these conditions in full. Clubs will be advised by e-mail as soon as practicable after the closing date of accepted swimmers. A full list of accepted entries will also be posted on the East Invicta Website. If refunds are required these will be made by BACS to the club from which the entry was received.

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