



Winchester City Swimming Club

Winchester Summer Scorchers 2026

Level 3 LC Meet - Licence no.

18th and 19th July 2026

Winchester Sports & Leisure Park

Promoters Conditions

This is a **licensed Level 3 Competition** promoted by Winchester City Penguins Swimming Club, which is affiliated to the Swim England South East Region. The competition is held under Swim England Laws and Technical Rules of Racing.

The aims of the meet are to provide a fun end-of-season long course racing experience across an almost-complete programme. Swimmers can gain early County Qualifying times and Long Course racing experience.

Facilities

- 50m 8 lane pool with anti-wave ropes. 2m depth at both ends for starts
- Backstroke ledges, starting strobe, electronic Quantum timing
- Swimmers requiring the strobe are requested to declare this with their entry
- 20m warm down pool available after each session has started. No diving is allowed in this pool. At busy times numbers in this pool may be limited.

Entries

- **Ages are as at 19th July 2026**
- **Entries open Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 10am**
- **Entries close Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 9pm**
- **First come first served (see also below - priority to clubs travelling over 100 miles)**
- **Entry fee £9.50 per event**
- **All entries – Club and Individual - must be submitted by Hytek file plus summary form before acceptance**
- **Age groups 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/over (11/over for 400 medley)**

All swimmers must be aged 9 years or over at 19th July 2026 and be registered with Swim England as competitive swimmers with Club Compete Membership.

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.

Qualifying times

Upper limit and lower limit long course qualifying times apply. Entry times must be equal to or within these limits and have been achieved at a Licensed Meet since **1st April 2025**. Short course time conversions may be used. Random checks on entry times will be made. If swimmers are found to have entered the meet with any false times, they will be disqualified from all events that they have entered and their entry fees will be forfeited.



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Entries from swimmers with a Disability Classification will be accepted if they have a time for their events on rankings within the Qualifying period.

Entry acceptance process

- The opening date for entries is **10am on Tuesday 9th June** and the closing date is **Tuesday 16th June at 9pm**. Entries will close ahead of the closing date if the meet is full.
- Entries will be accepted on a **“first come first served” basis**. Entries are treated as having been submitted at the time the Hytek file email is received in the Winchester Meets e-mail inbox (as determined by the supplier of our email service – gmail), and not the time they were sent by the sender.
- Please note that some events and sessions may become fully subscribed sooner than others. Acceptance into all events applied for cannot therefore be guaranteed. There will be a maximum of 7 heats of 400m freestyle for each gender.
- **The club summary form MUST be completed and submitted within an hour of the Hytek file being emailed**. If this is not done, the submission time of the entry email will be taken as the time of completing the entry form.
- The promoter reserves the right to give preference to accepting entries from Clubs travelling over 100 miles due to their having to pre-book accommodation and/or flights, and may accept entries from such clubs (and from Winchester City SC) before entries open to other clubs. **These clubs should register their intent to enter – by email - by Sunday 31st May 2026. If they do not do this, their entry will be treated as first come first serve as per all other clubs.**

Late entries / time trials

If the meet is under-subscribed late entries will be accepted and we may also accept time trials. (Time trial entries will not be eligible for awards). Priority for time trials will be given to swimmers already entered in the Meet.

Entry submissions

The entry file and Hytek summary entry report should be emailed to winchestermeets@wcpssc.org.uk. **Please ensure the summary of entries is sent with the file.**

The club summary must be completed **online** via the form on our website immediately following submission of the Hytek entry file (within an hour, as above).

Notification of acceptance of entries will be made electronically to each club. Payment must then be made within 5 working days.

Payment details are:

Account name: Winchester City Penguins Swimming Club

Sort Code: 40-46-39

Account: 51082736

Payment reference: Club name/Scorcher



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The programme

Swimmers / clubs are responsible for checking their entry confirmation and any errors found must be notified no later than three days after entry confirmation is published. After this time, it may not be possible to make any amendments, unless the error has been made by Winchester City SC.

Swimmers will be distributed in heats from the submitted entry times. Improved times will not be accepted after the entries have been received. There will be no finals and all events will be swum on a heat declared winner (HDW) basis.

Disability Swimming

The conditions for this Meet shall apply to the Disability Swimmers, noting the following:

- As above, swimmers need a time on rankings from 1st January 2025 to enter an event.
- Swimmers with S1 to S15 classifications will be accepted.
- Personal care attendants will be permitted for swimmers if needed. Chaperone passes for these should be requested on entry, there is no charge for these.
- The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the programme. Swimmers will be integrated on a time-banded basis in all events.
- Disability Swimmers will be included in the Multi-Disability results and placed within those results according to the number of British Disability Points gained.
- Medals shall be awarded on a multi-disability basis to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event.

Awards

Awards will be made in the following age groups: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/over.

Medals will be awarded for the top 3 in each event and age category.

Awards for classified swimmers will be awarded on a multi-disability basis.

Poolside passes

All Clubs must ensure swimmers are accompanied on poolside at all times by a Coach or Team Manager registered with Swim England and with current safeguarding and DBS checks.

Swimmers must also be supervised in dryland areas (eg squash courts).

All Clubs must ensure they have adequate supervisory cover for swimmers, in line with SE guidelines. More details of this are [here](#). This means they must provide enough coaches / team managers to keep within recommended supervision ratios for the number of swimmers attending.

Small clubs can combine to meet supervision ratios if they prefer.

Poolside passes are £35 per whole / part of the Meet to include heat sheets, lunch, tea and poolside refreshments. (If clubs are only attending Friday night, the cost for a pass is £10).

We request clubs to advise us of any allergies for those using Poolside passes.

Important: We cannot guarantee a nut-free environment.

Any under 18y individual entrants will need to join WCPSC, or another Club, by pre-arrangement, whilst on poolside, or be accompanied by their own team manager.



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Changing Village

The changing village at Winchester SLP is mixed gender.

Changing cubicles are **ONLY** for changing in. Swimmers must not sit / base themselves anywhere in the changing village. Those found doing so will be asked to rejoin their club. Persistent offenders risk being removed from the Meet.

Swimmers must **NOT** leave bags / kit in the changing cubicles. They should put all their belongings in a locker or in the squash courts. Bags left unattended in changing cubicles will be removed.

Winchester City SC will provide some intermittent supervision of the changing village but we expect clubs to know when their swimmers are in the changing village, and to ensure their swimmers know the behaviour expected of them.

The use of mobile devices in the changing village is strictly prohibited.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals should be made using the online form available via our website. This form will be used both prior to and during the Meet. Withdrawals enable us to avoid empty lanes, potentially offer time trials, and give swimmers the best possible racing experience with full heats.

Refunds

Refunds will be available for withdrawals due to injury or illness made up to **1pm on Saturday 18th July 2026**. These refunds – **minus a £10 admin charge** - will be provided on receipt of proof of injury or illness through a doctor's/medical certificate or similar.

Officials

Clubs submitting entries are requested to assist in the running of the meet by supplying some licensed officials.

There will be a sign-up link for officials on the Clubs event page.

Officials are requested to advise us of any allergies ahead of the Meet please.

Dress code: officials should wear white tops and black skirts or trousers please.

The expenses policy will be as follows:

- **For officials who have swimmers attending the meet:** Meals and refreshments will be provided and parking expenses will be reimbursed or a parking pass provided.
- **For fully qualified officials attending without a swimmer who is competing at the competition:** Meals and refreshments will be provided and parking expenses will be reimbursed or a parking pass provided. In addition, mileage @45p per mile can be claimed up to a maximum reimbursement of £40 per day.
- **Specifically invited Referees** (arranged to meet licensing requirements): Referees specifically invited by the club to ensure licensing requirements are met will be offered the same expenses as above but may also be offered further travel and accommodation expenses with prior agreement.



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Cameras, Phones & Live Stream

Anyone wishing to use a camera, mobile phone camera, or video camera, should adhere to the updated guidance in Swim England Wavepower - Section 3 - on the use of images and restrict to their own child and their own private use with no posting on social media or similar platforms.

You are reminded that flash photography is not permitted at the start of any heat.

Swimmers and parents / guardians should be aware that the Meet will be live-streamed on YouTube.

The use of Mobile Phones in the changing rooms is prohibited at all times.

Spectators

There is a maximum number of spectators allowed in the gallery – due to health and safety regulations - and hence entry may be restricted to comply with this.

Spectators will not be permitted to bring their own chairs and must keep all aisles and fire exits clear at all times. Wet swimmers are NOT permitted in the gallery.

Tickets will be sold online via “Order Whizz”. Once tickets are sold out, no more will be available.

Tickets will be £5.00 per session.

Please note: We cannot guarantee there will be enough space for all potential spectators, and we strongly advise spectators to purchase tickets ahead. Tickets will be refunded for swimmers with refunded withdrawals as above.

Data Protection

Meet entries shall be managed on a computer. Your consent to the holding of personal information for the purposes of the Meet shall be treated as being given by the submission of your entries, as shall your consent for such details to be published during and after the Meet.

Health and Safety

No outdoor shoes to be worn on the poolside. **No large bags are allowed poolside.** Swimmers are asked to ensure they wear appropriate footwear and clothing when on the balcony or reception area.

Individual entrants under the age of 16 years must have a responsible adult on the premises at all times. Individual entrants should request supervision from WCPSC if needed - but please note we cannot guarantee this - it must be requested and agreed ahead of the meet, as soon as entries are confirmed.

Conduct

Swimmers, team managers and coaches are expected to behave appropriately at all times. This includes treating other Clubs with respect; treating WCPSC volunteers with respect; treating all WSLP staff with respect; and avoiding damage to or littering of the premises.

It is expected that coaches / team managers will take responsibility for their swimmer's behaviour, and ensure swimmers understand what is expected of them.

Any instances of poor behaviour will be taken very seriously and will not be tolerated. Those responsible will be removed from the Meet and asked to leave the premises.



Amendments and Event cancellation

The promoter reserves the right to amend these conditions with the approval of the Swim England South East Licensing Panel.

If part / all of the Meet has to be cancelled then affected Entry Fees and Poolside Passes will be refunded. The Promoter, Club and Pool do not accept any responsibility for any travel or accommodation expenses incurred.

**The decision of the referee on all aspects of the Open Meet is final.
Matters other than those under the control of the referee, not covered by these
conditions, shall be decided upon and resolved by the promoters.
By submitting an entry, participants have deemed to agree to such decisions.**

The Meet Promoters are Alison Oakley and Liz Hatfield
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