



HERTFORDSHIRE AQUATICS SWIMMING CLUB

(Affiliated to Swim England East Region)

AUTUMN OPEN MEET

**Held under Swim England Regulations
and to the Swim England Open Meet Licencing Criteria**

Saturday 7th Sunday 8th November 2026

(Saturday morning & afternoon, Sunday morning & afternoon)

Haberdasher Aske's School,

Butterfly Lane, Elstree, Herts. WD6 3AF

Licence no. 3ER261328

MEET RULES AND INFORMATION

- 1.** Hertfordshire Aquatics Club is affiliated to Swim England East Region.
- 2.** This Competition is licensed by Swim England for entry into Regional and County Competitions and will be held under Swim England Regulations.
- 3.** Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered as Category Club Compete members of Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales or competitors from one of the countries affiliated to World Aquatics.
- 4.** The pool is 25m long, 8 lanes, with anti-wave barriers, electronic timing system and a secondary strobe.
- 5.** Age groups for male/open and female are single banded age groups as follows: 10, 11 ,12 ,13, 14, 15 and 16yrs & over.
- 6.** '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.'
- 7.** There will be medals for the top three in each age group in each event.
- 8.** Age as at 31st December 2026
- 9.** Heats will be swum seeded in two groups, 10-13 and 14 and over on submitted times.
- 10.** Over the top starts will be used at the Referees' discretion.
- 11.** Once an entry has been accepted a competitor shall swim or give notice of withdrawal. Notice of withdrawals shall be made using Swim-Meet and must be received by the start of warm up of the session in which the event being withdrawn from is being swum at the latest.
- 12.** No other form of withdrawal will be accepted.
- 13.** All swimmers should be supervised by their coaches/team managers during warm up and whilst on poolside. Team managers are responsible for the behaviour of their swimmers at all times.
- 14.** No responsibility can be accepted for any loss or damage to clothing or other articles.
- 15.** Only swimmers, officials and team managers/coaches accredited with deck passes and Hertfordshire Aquatics event volunteers will be allowed on poolside.

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- 16.** Use of any photographic equipment in and around the changing rooms is strictly forbidden. Anyone seen taking photographs in this area may be asked to leave the event immediately.
- 17.** In accordance with Swim England's Safeguarding Policies and Procedures any parents or carers of swimmers under the age of 18 who wish to take photographic or video images are requested to focus on their own child as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in those images, particularly if those images are being shared with family and friends through social media platforms.
- 18.** Entries will be made using Female/ Open competition categories.
- 19.** Valid entries will be accepted in order of receipt, that is, first come first served. Upper qualifying times have been set. There will be no lower qualifying times, estimated entry times will be accepted.
- 20.** The 400m IM and 400m Freestyle may be limited to a maximum of 4 heats in total across both genders.
- 21.** The entry fee is £9.00 per individual event for entries THROUGH your club.
- 22.** Individual entries NOT THROUGH a club will be charged £12.00 per individual event.
- 23.** Complete entries for each club are requested together with a single payment.
- 24.** Closing date for entries is **MIDNIGHT Friday 23rd October 2026.**
- 25.** All club entries with over 8 swimmers must be via Active HyTek software to hascmeets@gmail.com.
- 26.** No entries will be accepted after the closing date or during the meet unless due to promoter's error or omission.
- 27.** Payment by bank transfer to: Hertfordshire Aquatics Club. Account No 43125915 Sort Code: 23-05-80. Please use your club name as a reference.
- 28.** Confirmation of entries will be sent to clubs and posted on our website – www.hertsaquatics.org.uk
- 29.** Results will be posted on Meet Mobile during sessions and uploaded to our website as soon as possible after each session.
- 30.** Results will be uploaded to the national rankings database.
- 31.** Deck passes are available for poolside access at £5 per day.
NO FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN SESSIONS.
- 32.** Maximum number of passes per club will be issued in line with the SE Team Manager/Coach/Chaperone Policy.
- 33.** The Data Protection Act 2018 requires us to provide you with certain information and to obtain your consent before processing data about you. Processing includes: obtaining, recording, holding, disclosing, destruction or retaining information. We require certain personal data for the purposes of making entries to the competition, managing the meet and the submission of results to Rankings. The information provided by you will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Consent to process such personal data is deemed to have been given by submission of the entry. Where the personal data of



competitors, officials, coaches/tea managers has been passed to us by a third party such as a club rather than by the individuals themselves, we rely on the third party to ensure consent has been obtained.

- 34.** This event may be broadcast live. Any person entering the event will be deemed to have given consent for images to be broadcast.
- 35.** The Promoter and Referee(s), subject to Swim England Regulations, will determine any matter not covered by these conditions.
- 36.** The Promoter of this event is Bryan Thompson who can be contacted at hascmeets@gmail.com