



# AP RACE LONDON INTERNATIONAL 2024

25-27 May 2024 // London Aquatics Centre

VERSION UPDATE: INCORRECT WORLD AQUATICS JUNIOR AGE GROUPS UPDATED [BORN 2006-2010]

## EVENT CONDITIONS

### 1. General Conditions

a) AP Race Events Ltd and its appointed officials reserve full powers over the AP Race London International 2024 including but not limited to cancelling, postponing or changing the venue and/or format due to reasons beyond its reasonable control.

b) The event conditions may be revised in response to Government and Public Health England guidelines related to COVID-19 and sporting competitions, and any other operational limitations. In addition to a change in conditions, limits may need to be placed on entry numbers which could result in some swimmers achieving a qualifying time not being admitted to the meet. In the event of entries being limited and some entries being subsequently declined, entry fees will be refunded in full.

c) The Competition shall be held under World Aquatics Rules and any additional conditions (printed in the respective Meet Information).

d) Entries can be accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim England, Scottish Swimming, or Swim Wales since 25th May 2023 or competitors who are a member of a club within a Federation that is affiliated to World Aquatics. Swimmers may also compete under their Federation name. Where required to do so, competitors shall present their passport for age verification by the end of the Team Leader Meeting on the day before the competition begins.

e) A competitor must be a registered member, or equivalent, of the club in whose name he/she is entered, at the date of entry. For clubs in England, Scotland and Wales, this club must be offered by the online entry system.

f) Junior competitors.

a. Junior Age Groups defined by World Aquatics in relation to AQUA World Junior Championships (WJC);  
i. competitors born 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 or 2010

g) Finals - All eligible competitors for the Super Final, B-Final and Junior Final will be seeded into these respective finals (see section 4).

### 2. The Events

Individual events:

I. 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle

II. 50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly

III. 200m, 400m Individual Medley

### 3. Entries

a) Entries will be via an online entry system. All competitors will be required to complete the online entry documentation in full and pay the required fee in order for their entry to be processed. Full instructions will be included in the Entry Pack.

b) Entries shall open on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and close at 23:59 on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Accepted entries will be published on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024. Entries may be made after this date if there is space in the programme and at the discretion of the Event Director.

c) Only times achieved in a 50m pool are accepted for entry, no converted times will be accepted.

d) Entry times for all individual events from Swim England, Scottish Swimming and Swim Wales entrants must be recorded in the British Swimming Rankings from swimming competitions designated or licensed for entry into national competitions since 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

e) Split Times of a relay race are not acceptable for entry. The only exception is the first leg of relay, if the time is recorded on the British Rankings or recognised as an individual time by an athlete's federation.



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f) A competitor may only compete in the name of one club or federation at the competition.

g) Entries will be capped at a pre-determined number per event to ensure the meet runs to time. Within these entries, a minimum number of spaces will be guaranteed for the Junior age group to protect and preserve Junior racing. The summary of these conditions is as the following:

- 50m events = Fastest 120 entries accepted – minimum 30 junior entries
- 100m = Fastest 110 entries accepted – minimum 30 junior entries
- 200m = Fastest 90 entries accepted – minimum 25 junior entries
- 400m = Fastest 50 entries accepted – minimum 15 junior entries
- 800m = Fastest 40 entries accepted – minimum 10 junior entries
- 1500m = Fastest 20 entries accepted – minimum 5 junior entries

i) Para-swimming entries will be accepted and all classes of swimmers will swim together in inclusive events and not separate events. Para entries will be subject to the same criteria of entry and rejections as able-bodied athletes.

j) Refunds will not be given for swimmers withdrawing from the meet after the closing date or for entry errors or omissions attributable to the individual of their club. Withdrawals for medical reasons must be accompanied by appropriate certification to qualify for a refund to be determined by the Event Director.

k) Entries and results will be managed via computer and available via the internet. By submitting entries, consent is thereby given, to the holding of personal information on a computer. Personal data, including submitted and recorded times will be available during the meet.

l) Competition Management reserve the right to accept entries after the closing date on a first-come-first-served basis should there be spaces in events (numbers detailed in 3g).

#### 4. Meet Procedure

a) All events shall have Heats and Finals except for the 800m freestyle and 1500m freestyle which will be heat declared winner.

b) Heats – should entries exceed that of a single session, there will be two heats sessions (a morning session and an afternoon session).

a. The fastest 4 heats of each 50m, 100m, 200m & 400m events will be scheduled in the morning heats session. Remaining heats will be swum in the slower heats session.

b. The fastest heat of the 800m and 1500m freestyle will swum in the evening session (as per 4a). The slower heats will be swum in the slower heats session.

Heats will be seeded by submitted times and cyclically seeded.

Changes to the above can be made by the Event Director for the purpose of efficient running of the competition.

c) There will be:

a. A Super Final (of Open Age)

b. A B Final (of Open Age)

c. A Junior Final (AQUA World Junior age group, see 1f)

d) The fastest 20 competitors from the heats irrespective of age shall be allocated places in the Super Final and B Final.

e) The next fastest 10 age-eligible competitors shall be allocated places in the Junior Final. A competitor in the Junior Final may also be a reserve for the Super Final and will be moved to the Super Final as necessary.

f) Should any spaces be available in the Junior Final once all eligible athletes have either accepted or rejected their status within the final, athletes born 2009 or after will be offered the opportunity to swim.



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g) Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedures.

## 5. Withdrawal from Heats

a) Withdrawals must be made by the end of the Team Leader Meeting for day one swims, and by 12 noon on the day before for subsequent days.

## 6. Withdrawal from Finals

a) Finalists not wishing to swim shall notify the Sport Information Desk of their intention to withdraw no later than 30 minutes after the publishing of ranked finalists. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.

## 7. Call Room

a) Competitors must report to the Competition Stewards in the Call Room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is an athlete's responsibility to report in good time for their event. Upon entry, the athlete must ensure that they report to a Steward and be registered as being present in the Call Room.

b) All competitors are required to report to the Call Room in sufficient time and be available to parade for their event. They must enter the Call Room 'race ready' and should remain in its confines until introduced to the pool deck for their race.

c) Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the call room area during the finals at any time, unless agreed prior by the Event Director.

## 8. Awards & Prize Money

a) The winner of the Super Final will be receive an award in the post-race interview.

b) Prize Money will be awarded after the last event of the meet to those achieving the highest AQUA points (men and women combined) to the sum of:

1<sup>st</sup> – 10,000 GBP

2<sup>nd</sup> – 5,000 GBP

3<sup>rd</sup> – 2,500 GBP

4<sup>th</sup> – 1,500 GBP

5<sup>th</sup> – 1,000 GBP

In the event of a tie in AQUA points, the prize money of the two positions in question will be added together and divided by the amount of individuals tied. For example, a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place would mean 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize money (4,000 + 2,500 GBP) is added together and shared - 3250 GBP each.

c) Prize Money will be issued directly to the athlete via electronic bank transfer, or as agreed between AP Race Events and the athlete.

## 9. Officials

a) Technical Officials shall be selected from lists approved by British Swimming.

## 10. Doping Control

a) Competitors taking part in the Event may be subject to random doping control.

b) Competitors are required to bring with them either a passport or other form of national identity incorporating their photograph.

## 11. Team Leader Meeting

a) It is a requirement for a representative from all clubs and federations with competitors entered to attend the Team Leader Meeting. This will take place at 18:00 on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024; the location to be identified in the Confirmation Pack.

## 12. Image Rights

Entrants agree that their images may be recorded, stored, used and published for the sole use of promotion of the meet over AP Race Events social media channels and any approved rights-holding third party media body, of which AP Race Events Ltd gives agreement. This also extends to official photography within the venue.

## 13. Other

Any point not covered by these rules will be at the discretion of the Event Director and/or AQUA Referee, depending on the matter.