



Swim England North West & North East Regions
& Salford Community Leisure Invite you to the

2018 Open Water Festival

Helly Hansen Water Sports Centre, Salford Quays, Salford
SATURDAY 16th JUNE 2018 from 08.00 – 2.00

FESTIVAL EVENT FOR ALL

Wet Suits Allowed - Minimum Age for entry 12 years
1500 CHALLENGE (3 laps)
AGES AS OF 31ST DEC 2018 SENIOR (19/Over), JUNIOR (15 – 18 YEARS), NOVICE (12-14 YEARS)

NW / NE Open Water Championships 12-13 Years – 2 km;
14/15 Years – 3km; 16 & over – 5km Ages as of 31ST Dec 2018

NW / NE Masters Open Water Championships

1.5km OR 3km
The age groups for Masters are: 18-24 (years old), 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44; 45-49, 50-54, 55-59,
60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94 Ages as of 31ST Dec 2018

ALL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS INCORPORATE LANCASHIRE, CHESHIRE, NORTHUMBERLAND
& DURHAM and YORKSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLEASE NOTE

- Insurance Is Provided By SCLL For the Festival 1500 events, Swim England Membership Insurance Will Cover Swimmers From Swim England Clubs
- In Order To Compete In The Age & Youth Championships You Must Be A Member Of A Swim England Registered Club
- Entries open on April 1st and close on June 4th 2018
- Please Read And Copy These Conditions For Future Reference
- Swimmers Not Attending The Briefing Will Not Be Allowed To Swim
- Swimmers Can Enter Their Estimated Pool Times As This May Decide Heats If Needed
- Promoters Reserve The Right To Limit Entries Due To Safety Considerations
- WET SUITS for FESTIVAL events are available for hire from Salford Water Sports Centre [Limited Numbers] Please contact 0161 8777252 for details & further information

Swim England North West & North East Region Open Water Championships – Conditions 2018

1. A competitor must be a registered member, or equivalent, of the club in whose name he or she is entered, at the date of making the initial entry. Swimmers may enter in the name of one club only.
2. Foreign competitors will be accepted if they are from one of the countries affiliated to FINA.
3. Age Groups and Distances are: Girls & Boys: 12-13yrs – 2km; 14/15yrs – 3km; 16 & over - 5km.
4. Masters Swimmers may enter one event only – 1.5 km or 3 km. Age categories are - 18-24 (years old), 25–29, 30–34, 35–39, 40-44; 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94
5. Ages as at: 31st December 2018
6. Entry Fee: £15.00
7. Medals will be awarded to the first 3 male and female swimmers in each of the following age groups:- 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17/18, 19+. NW & NE Medals for Masters Swimmers will also be awarded for each of the categories listed in condition 4 [above]. Swimmers outside the NW and NE Regions can enter but will not be awarded medals.
8. A cut off time limit of 30 minutes after the first swimmer in each competition has finished may operate at the referee's discretion.
9. Registration: Swimmers MUST sign in at the registration desk at the appropriate time which will be published in the briefing information after entries close.
10. Any swimmer representative (coach/chaperone) not attending the briefing will result in the swimmer NOT being allowed to swim.
11. Competitor Number: Competitors must have their number displayed on their swim cap [provided], back and upper arms, also THE WRIST BAND PROVIDED MUST BE WORN. If wetsuits are being worn [see 14] then numbering will take place as per the referee's instructions.
12. Swim Gear: No swimmer shall be permitted to use or wear any device, which may be an aid to their speed, endurance or buoyancy. Goggles, cap, nose clip and earplugs may be used. Only one costume is allowed. Costumes must comply with FINA Open Water rules.
13. Grease: Swimmers shall be allowed to use grease or other substances providing these are not deemed as excessive, in the opinion of the Referee.
14. Water Temperature & Swimwear
In accordance with FINA Technical Rules of Open Water Swimming, rule BL 8:
 - (a) Water Temperature 20 degrees or above: Swimming costumes must comply with FINA requirements (FINA rule BL 8.4)
 - (b) Water Temperature 18-19.9 degrees: Competitors may choose to wear a Wetsuit or a swimming costume. Both must comply with FINA requirements (FINA rule BL 8.5).
 - (c) Water Temperature 16-17.9 degrees: Competitors must wear a FINA approved Wetsuit (FINA rule BL 8.5).
15. Safety and Conditions:
 - (a) Water temperature will be monitored in the run up to the Championships.
 - (b) On the day of the Championships, prior to the start of the competition, the course will be inspected and water temperature measured to ensure all of the safety requirements are met and the conditions are suitable for staging the Championships.
 - (c) Reasonable modifications may be made to the course or the manner in which the Championships is conducted based on the conditions at the time.
16. Cancellations:

- (a) If the conditions are deemed to be unsuitable and not safe then a decision may be made to cancel or stop the Championships.
 - (b) Full refunds of entry fees to the Championships will be offered to all competitors.
 - (c) No refunds will be offered for any other expenses incurred in relation to the Championships.
17. All the above conditions will apply to the incorporated County Championships of Lancashire, Cheshire and Northumberland & Durham.
 18. Competitors placed first, second and third in a Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales Regional Open Water Championships, being a member of a club in that Region, who does not achieve entry by means of a pool based swim, may also enter the Open Water National Age Group Championships as the distances swum are equivalent to those being swum at the Open Water National Age Group Championships for all age groups.
 19. Any matters not provided for in these conditions shall be decided by Swim England NW Swimming Management Group or the event Referee.

Swim England North West & North East Region Open Water Festival 1500m CHALLENGE - Conditions

1. The competition is open to all swimmers in the UK who are unattached to Swim England clubs as well as those who are members of Swim England clubs. Entrants should be able to self certify themselves fit and competent enough to complete the challenge. Please seek advice from your GP if you are unsure.
2. The minimum age for competing is 12 years as of 31st Dec 2018.
3. Participants must attend the briefing – Final Briefing Times will be published on line and sent to personal emails one week before the date of the competition.
4. The Festival event is freestyle and swum over 1500m.
5. Wet suits are allowed in the Festival event – This is your choice.
6. Depending on entry numbers the event may be staggered in heat waves. Swim England NW / NE reserve the right to limit entries dependent upon demand.
7. Competitors must have their number clearly visible on their cap and body in accordance with the referee's instruction – the numbers are normally written in black ink markers on the cap and on each competitor's back and upper arms. All competitors MUST, in the interest of safety, wear the swim hat provided.
8. A cut off time limit of 30 minutes after the first swimmer has finished may operate at the referee's discretion.
9. Awards - Challenge 1500m – NW Medals will be awarded to the first 3 Male & Female in the following categories - Senior [19/Over], Junior [15-18], Novice [12-14]
10. Water Temperature & Swimwear – If the water temperature is below 20 Degrees then it is compulsory for a wet suit to be worn.
11. Any matters not provided for in these conditions shall be decided by Swim England NW Swimming Management Group or the event Referee.

BRIEFINGS

Briefings start from 8.15 and will be confirmed as soon as possible after the closing date for entries. The Briefing times will be published on the Swim England NW website and will be emailed to all entrants.

Guidance from British Swimming on the use of Wetsuits

The following guidance has been issued by the British Swimming Officials Group relative to the suitability of Wetsuits in Open Water Competition:

"This rule change has been brought about to increase safety for competitors in water between 16° - 18° (compulsory) and 18° - 20° (optional). In accordance with other swimsuit rules British Swimming will conform to the intention of the rule. We do not provide interpretation of FINA rules – only FINA as the governing body can interpret their own rules.

However, to provide guidance, the discussion to date has been around what would constitute coverage of the shoulder. An informed view is that to ensure complete coverage of the shoulder the wetsuit must include a sleeve, as a minimum polo or 'T' shirt length covering the full shoulder and upper arm in order to maintain shoulder cover during swimming, full arm to wrist has been suggested although elbows do not feature in the rule, whereas coverage of knees as a mid-limb joint in respect of leg length of a wetsuit is.

It is expected that officials will apply common sense when dealing with references to neck, wrists and ankles. As in all Open Water events held in the home counties of England Scotland and Wales the Chief Referee will have responsibility for the overall management of the rules."

Location

Address: Watersport Centre, 15 The Quays, Salford M50 3SQ

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<http://www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/about-us/venue-hire/watersports>

Hotels nearby

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