



BELPER MARLIN SWIMMING CLUB
ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
RULES 2025

Promoter - Charlotte Boot

The Championships

The Club Championships will be swum under Swim England Regulations and Technical rules. Licensed to Level 4 (subject to approval).

General Details

- a. The dates for the Club Championships will be set at the latest, at the beginning of April in the calendar year by the Competition Secretary in conjunction with the committee.
- b. These dates may only be altered in extenuating circumstances with the agreement of the committee.
- c. Entries will be via Swim Club Manager; all eligible club members will be sent the relevant entry information via email and entrants must complete the appropriate entry form online before the closing date for entries of Sunday 2nd November. Late entries will be strictly at the discretion of the Promoter. Withdrawals must be made by emailing fixtures@belpermarlin.co.uk 48 hours before the event. A flat fee will be charged of £15 per swimmer regardless of how many events they choose to swim in.
- d. All results will be decided by the Heat Declared Winner (HDW) system, there will be no finals, and the heats will be spearheaded on times where times are known.
- e. Any member who competes in another Club's Championships in the year of the competition may not enter the Belper Marlin Club Championships, with the exception of full time pathway swimmers with Derby Excel, who may compete in the Derby Excel internal club championships.
- f. Only full members in subscription to Belper Marlin on the 15th of October in the year of the competition and paying monthly fees to Belper Marlin or Derby Excel Swim Squad may compete.
- g. The program of events and presentations will be decided by the promoter Charlotte Boot promoter@belpermarlin.co.uk. Questions not covered in the following rules should be addressed to the promoter.

- h. Any other matters not covered in these rules will be at the discretion of the promoters.
- i. All swimmers who are competing must report to the competitor stewards in good time prior to their event.
- j. The pool is 6 lanes, has anti-turbulence lane ropes and full automatic timing equipment with manual timing which may be used when required.
- k. All starts will be at the deep end of the pool, either in the water or from the starting blocks if the swimmer has attained the standard of the competitive start award.
- l. Please note that as a condition of entry, you accept that swimmers' details (name, age, club and swim times) will be published on the Belper Marlin club website and results will be published on the Swim England results website.
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Ages

For all the Club Championships events the age will be that as at the 31st of December in the year of the competition.

Championship Events

Championship events are the only events eligible for awards in each age group. Awards will be made for the top 3 female and open/male in each age category for each stroke. Trophies will be awarded for the overall Female and Open/Male Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Disabilities and Masters Categories.

Junior Male/Open and Female – 8 yrs & under and 9 yrs

Distance & Stroke 8 yrs and under and 9 yrs

Butterfly (25m)
Backstroke (25m)
Breaststroke (25m)
Freestyle (25m)
4 x 25m Individual Medley.

Intermediate Open/Male and Female – 10 yrs, 11 yrs, 12 yrs & 13 yrs

Distance/Stroke 10 yrs and 11 yrs

Butterfly (50m)
Backstroke (50m)
Breaststroke (50m)

Freestyle (50m)
4 x 25m Individual Medley.

Distance & Stroke 12 yrs and 13 yrs

Butterfly (100m)
Backstroke (100m)
Breaststroke (100m)
Freestyle (100m)
4 x 50m Individual Medley

Senior Open/Male and Female – 14 yrs, 15 yrs, 16 yrs and over (Open)

Please see notes below regarding Masters who wish to compete in the Open Age category

Distance/Stroke 14 yrs, 15 yrs, 16 yrs & Over (Open)

Butterfly (100m)
Backstroke (100m)
Breaststroke (100m)
Freestyle (100m)
4 x 50m Individual Medley

Disability Events

Butterfly (50m)
Backstroke (50m)
Breaststroke (50m)
Freestyle (50m)
4 x 25m Individual Medley.

Disability swimmers may elect to swim in either disability championship events or able-bodied championship events but **NOT** both.

Disability swimmers may enter the distance events but will be classed as an open age category swimmer.

Masters, Open/Male and Female 18 yrs & Over

Awards will not be made for individual events, ONLY for the overall champion. These members compete for the Masters, Open/Male & Female Perpetual Championship Trophies.

Distance & Stroke

Butterfly (50m)
Backstroke (50m)

Breaststroke (50m)
Freestyle (50m)
4 x 25m Individual Medley.

In the Masters events, age differential charts will be used to decide the winner.

Note: - Masters of either sex may elect to swim in the Open age category but having done so may not swim Masters Events as well.

Trophies, Age Groups & Strokes

The trophies, age groups, strokes & distances for the championships will be as follows;

Overall Champions Awards for Junior, Intermediate and Senior Trophies:

The method for deciding the overall champions in the Junior, intermediate and Senior Categories, as well as in each age group category, will be a simple six points for a win - five for second - four for third - three for fourth - two for fifth & one point for sixth place in each event, added together so that the swimmer gaining most points becomes the overall champion.

This formula will be used irrespective of the number of entrants in any of the events.

In the event of swimmers finishing with equal points the following will be used to decide the winner, in this order:

1. The number of first places gained in the championship events, if this doesn't determine the winner, then the number of second places, third places etc.
2. Then the number of Club Championship records broken in championship events,
3. Then the number of Club Championship records broken in the Open distance events
4. Then the number of Club records broken in the year (Jan – Date of final gala)
5. If this method still does not find a winner, then the Perpetual Trophy for that age group will be held for equal months by all the swimmers involved.

Perpetual Trophies

All perpetual trophies are the property of Belper Marlin Swimming Club and must be returned immediately to the Trophy Steward of the Club should the swimmer leave the Club for any reason whatsoever. No perpetual trophies shall be taken away from the Club without signing the Trophy declaration book held by the Trophy Steward of the Club. All perpetual trophies shall be returned to the trophy steward at least two weeks prior to the Club Championships.

Swim England's Transgender and Non-binary Competition Policy has been updated to ensure there are entry level competitive opportunities for transgender people to participate in

the majority of our disciplines within their gender identity.

- Female – 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.
- Open/Male – athletes with a birth sex of Male, Trans or Non-binary competitors and any competitor not eligible for the Female Category.

Further information can be found at [Swim England Transgender and Non-binary Competition policy \(swimming.org\)](https://www.swimming.org/policy).

Distance Events NOT Counting Towards the Overall Championships

All swimmers aged 9 yrs and over and any category can enter the distance events:

200m Butterfly,
200m Backstroke,
200m Breaststroke,
200m Freestyle
400m Freestyle

Swimmers must be capable of completing the event without disqualification. If a swimmer has not previously achieved a time in these events, they must check their capability with the coaching team, and entries may be accepted or rejected accordingly by the fixtures team.

Awards will be made to the fastest first three swimmers per event.

Gaining a Licensed Time in Non-Championship Events & Non-Distance Events

9 yrs -11 yrs who wish to gain a licensed time for the 100m Events may do so but will not be eligible for an award and must get the approval of a member of the senior coaching team.

9 years may also do the same for 50m events to gain a licensed time.

12 yrs and Over swimmers may enter the 4 x 25m IM (but not 50m events), however will not be eligible for an award.

Masters and Disability swimmers may enter 100m events but will not be eligible for an award.

Gala Schedule

Session 1 : Friday 14th November – w/up and start time TBC

Event		Stroke	Age Group	Additional Time Trial Entries
1	Female	400m Freestyle	9 to Open	
2	Open/Male	400m Freestyle	9 to Open	

Session 2 : Saturday 15th November – w/up and start time TBC

Event		Stroke	Age Group	Additional Time Trial Entries
3	Female	200m Backstroke	9 to Open	
4	Open/Male	200m Backstroke	9 to Open	
5	Female	50m Breaststroke	10 to 11 and Masters	9 years
6	Open/Male	50m Breaststroke	10 to 11 and Masters	9 years
7	Female	25m Butterfly	9 and under	
8	Open/Male	25m Butterfly	9 and under	
9	Female	100m Breaststroke	12 to Open	9 to 11 and Masters
10	Open/Male	100m Breaststroke	12 to Open	9 to 11 and Masters
11	Female	100m Individual Medley	8/u to 11u and Masters	12 to Open
12	Open/Male	100m Individual Medley	8/u to 11u and Masters	12 to Open

Session 3 : Sunday 16th November - w/up and start time TBC

Event		Stroke	Age Group	Additional Time Trial Entries
13	Female	200m Breaststroke	9 to Open	
14	Open/Male	200m Breaststroke	9 to Open	
15	Female	25m Freestyle	9 and under	

Event		Stroke	Age Group	Additional Time Trial Entries
16	Open/Male	25m Freestyle	9 and under	
17	Female	50m Butterfly	10 to 11 and Masters	9 yrs
18	Open/Male	50m Butterfly	10 to 11 and Masters	9 yrs
19	Female	100m Butterfly	12 to Open	9 to 11 and Masters
20	Open/Male	100m Butterfly	12 to Open	9 to 11 and Masters

Session 4 : Friday 21st November – w/up and start time TBC

Event		Stroke	Age Group	Additional Time Trial Entries
21	Female	200m Butterfly	9 to Open	
22	Open/Male	200m Butterfly	9 to Open	

Session 5 : Saturday 22nd November w/up and start time TBC

Event		Stroke	Age Group	Additional Time Trial Entries
23	Female	100m Freestyle	12 to Open	9 to 11 and Masters
24	Open/Male	100m Freestyle	12 to Open	9 to 11 and Masters
25	Female	25m Backstroke	9 and under	
26	Open/Male	25m Backstroke	9 and under	
27	Female	50m Backstroke	10 to 11 and Masters	9 yrs
28	Open/Male	50m Backstroke	10 to 11 and Masters	9 yrs
29	Female	200m Freestyle	9 to Open	
30	Open/Male	200m Freestyle	9 to Open	

Session 6 : Sunday 23rd November – timing tbc

Event		Stroke	Age Group	Additional Time Trial Entries
31	Female	100m Backstroke	12 to Open	9 to 11 and Masters
32	Open/Male	100m Backstroke	12 to Open	9 to 11 and Masters
33	Female	50m Freestyle	10 to 11 and Masters	9 yrs
34	Open/Male	50m Freestyle	10 to 11 and Masters	9 yrs
35	Female	25m Breaststroke	9 and under	
36	Open/Male	25m Breaststroke	9 and under	

Event		Stroke	Age Group	Additional Time Trial Entries
37	Female	200m Individual Medley	12 to Open	9 to 11 and Masters
38	Open/Male	200m Individual Medley	12 to Open	9 to 11 and Masters

Session 7 : Friday 28th November time w/up and start time TBC

Event		Stroke	Age Group	Additional Time Trial Entries
39	Female	400m Individual Medley	9 to Open	
40	Open/Male	400m Individual Medley	9 to Open	