

BELPER MARLIN SWIMMING CLUB

ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES 2024

Promoters- Charlotte Boot and Sophie Axford

The Championships

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

General Details

1. The dates for the Club Championships will be set at the beginning of April in the calendar year by the Competition Secretary in conjunction with the committee.
2. These dates may only be altered in extenuating circumstances with the agreement of the committee.
3. 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 entriesof Sunday 3rd November. Late entries will be strictly at the discretion of the Promoters. Withdrawals must be made by emailing [fixtures@belpermalin.co.uk](mailto:fixtures@belpermalin.co.uk) before 9pm on the previous day.
4. 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. In the event of a tie on times for any of the places the swimmers shall be given the opportunity to swim off to decide the final result.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The program of events and presentations will be decided by the promoters, Sophie Axford [chair@belpermarlin.co.uk](mailto:chair@belpermarlin.co.uk) and Charlotte Boot [charliechalk81@hotmail.com](mailto:charliechalk81@hotmail.com). Questions not covered in the following rules should be addressed to the promoters.
8. Any other matters not covered in these rules will be at the discretion of the promoters.
9. All swimmers who are competing must report to the competitor stewards in good time prior to their event.
10. The pool is 6 lanes, has anti-turbulence lane ropes and full automatic timing equipment
11. 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.
12. 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 British Swimming results website.

Ages

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

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 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 resolve 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/swimengland/swim-england-transgender-non-binary-competition-policy/).

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

These members also compete for the Junior Open/Male and Female Perpetual Championship Trophies known as the **Belper Swimming Cup** for the Open/Male and the **Watson Cup** for the Female.

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

These members also compete for the Intermediate Open/Male and Female Perpetual Championship Trophies known as the **James Swain Cup** for the Open/Male and the **Rhona Swain Cup** for the Female.

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 & Open

These members also compete for the Senior Open/Male & Female Perpetual Championship Trophies known as the **George Herbert Strutt Cup** for the Open/Male and the **Stephen Drew Memorial Trophy** for the Female.

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 25 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.

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 provide an estimated entry time and have proved to the Club Championship promoters that they are capable of completing the event without disqualification and have attained the competitive start award standard. ***Entries will not be accepted without an estimated entry time***.

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 15th 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 16th 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 17th 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 |  |
| 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 22nd 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 23rd 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 24th 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 |  |
| 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 29th 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 |  |