



2025 GLOUCESTER COUNTY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS - EVENT BRIEFING

Introduction

Welcome to the 2025 Gloucester County Swimming Championships.

You must read the information provided in this guide carefully as it includes some very important information which you must understand before the event. It covers everything you need to know about attending the event and the processes and procedures which must be followed.

We will be using part of the balcony and poolside to house the clubs and swimmers. All clubs and swimmers should be able to see the pool and racing and have sufficient space to be seated.

We are delighted to be able to host spectators and a bespoke event merchandise stall.

We wish you the very best of luck with your remaining days of training and of course hope the racing goes well.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by email at gcasachampionshipentries@gmail.com.

General

There will be spectators at the event sharing the balcony space with some of the clubs and swimmers. Spectator entry will be charged at £5 per session or £15.00 for a weekend pass, and card payment for entry is preferred.

Spectator seating is limited to four blocks of balcony seating with 2 blocks allocated to clubs and swimmers. This to enable acceptance of as many swimmer entries as possible. To ensure seating availability for all spectators, it is recommended that only one spectator attends per swimmer.

Swimmers and any swimmer support staff must follow the one-way flow systems in place around the venue for marshalling and pool exit.

The Event Schedule is available on the [County website](#).

Clubs are responsible for ensuring their staff and swimmers are fit and healthy. All adults and swimmers must not attend if they have any symptoms of illness.

Swimmers and club staff should proceed to their allocated club areas.

Clubs should consider the safeguarding requirements for swimmers entering and leaving the venue.

Club Areas

All clubs are allocated a club area with sufficient seating for their participants and club staff. Club areas will be the same for all sessions. Club areas have been arranged based on the best use of space for the most highly populated session.

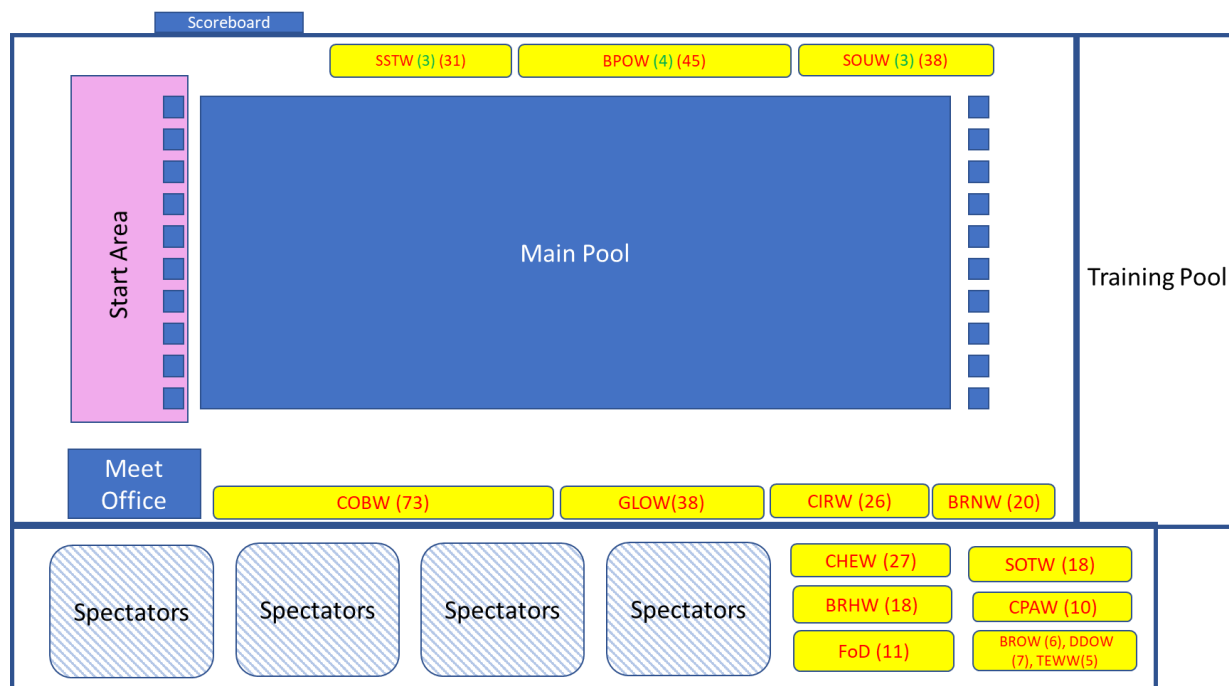


Fig 1 - Club Area Allocations

Club staff, Coaches, and Competitors must stay in their respective club areas for the duration of the sessions.

Personal items, such as water bottles, training and officiating equipment, medicines, should be for personal use only, not shared, and clearly labelled where possible.

Warmups

The warmups for each session are the same and this year will be run based on age group and gender. The warm up timetables will be issued to all clubs.

To keep the poolside area clear and as safe as possible, no additional personal equipment should be brought for the warmup eg drinks bottles, kickboards, fins, paddles, snorkels etc.

Swimmers should use a personal draw string bag or similar to house their clothing and kit on the poolside whilst warming up or competing.

Changing Rooms and Pool Transit Routes

The changing area will be open for swimmers to change but will be controlled so there is no congregation of swimmers.

The cubicles marked on the diagram below that are adjacent to the one-way system are not considered part of the changing area and should not be used for changing.

Once changed swimmers should proceed or return to their club areas.

In accordance with Swim England Wavepower safeguarding requirements, **Mobile phones must not be used in the changing area under any circumstances.** Swimmers found using mobile phones in the changing area may be ejected from the meet.

To ensure safety of all centre users we must keep the stairs and non-pool areas as dry as possible. Swimmers located on the balcony must transit to/from the pool in a dry state. They must wear a T-shirt and shoes and have a towel. There will be marshals in the stair area making sure the stairs stay dry.

Swimmers must bring a drawstring bag or similar sufficient to contain all their clothing and equipment whilst racing or during warm up.

Prior to their races, all swimmers must report to marshalling reception which will be in the pool foyer area. Swimmers will be directed for their races through a one-way system, through the training pool area and down the non-balcony side of the pool.

Clubs must carefully control the flow of swimmers to the marshalling reception to avoid overcrowding and congestion, taking direction from the Announcer.

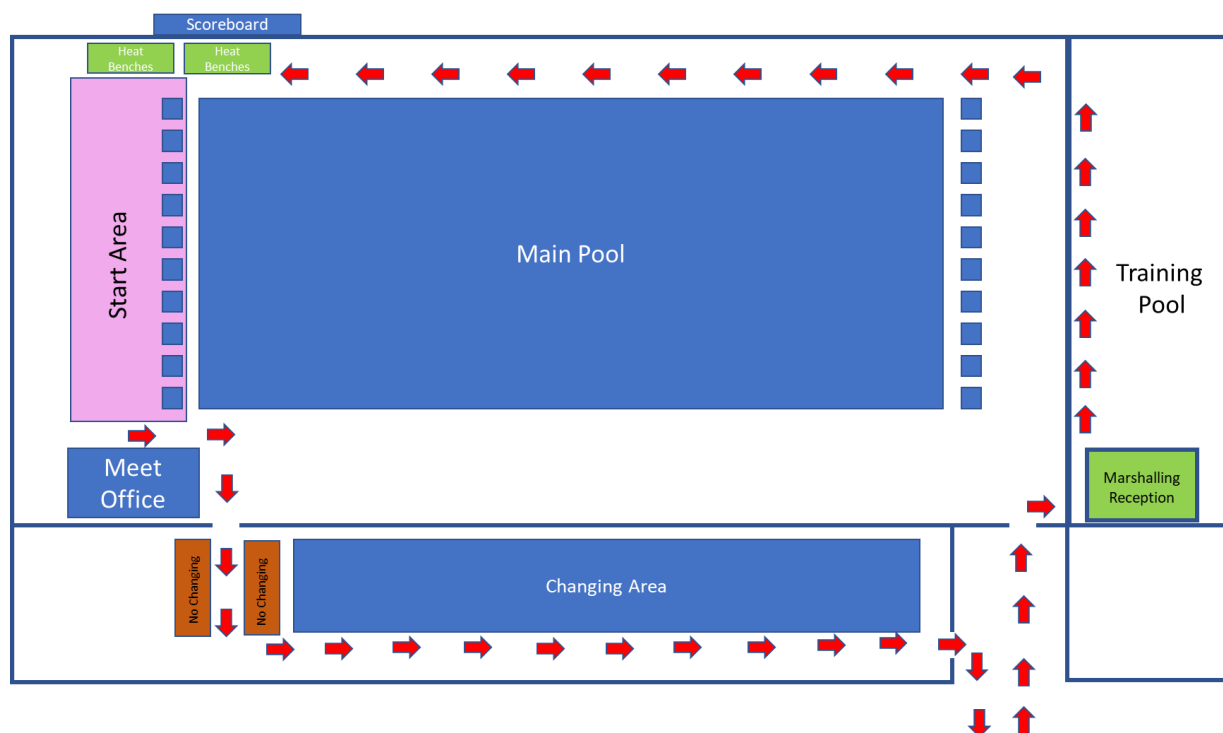


Fig 2 – Pool Transit Route

Races

When called, competitors will proceed to their race station, prepare for their race and leave their belongings in the box provided behind their allocated lane. Ideally in a drawstring bag or similar.

To speed up the completion of heats, heat races will use 'over the top' starts where possible.

At the end of a race, swimmers will exit the pool, collect their belongings, and leave the pool area via the one-way pool exit system through the changing area.

Swimmers whose clubs are situated on the scoreboard side of the pool must still exit the poolside through the changing room area, following the one-way system before returning to their club areas.

Swim Down

The training pool will be available as a swim down facility. Swimmers wishing to swim down must complete their swimdown and exit the facility as soon as possible to free the pool for use by swimmers finishing races. Swimmers must not loiter at the end of the pool and continue to move through their swimdown. The swimdown pool will be marshalled and controlled by the attending clubs. If the swimdown facility is abused by swimmers, or swimmers fail to take instructions from the marshals then it may be shut down for the remainder of the event.

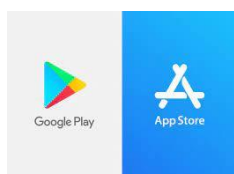
Finals Preparation

Swimmers who have qualified for finals can access the pool in the break period between the completion of heats and the finals as indicated on the schedule.

For age group 50m and 100m events there will be a 16 and over A and B final. With the top 10 placed swimmers in the A final and swimmers placed 11-20 in the B Final.

Results and Awards

Paper results will not be available to view at the venue. Live results will be available via the Meet Mobile application. Which is in the Google Play and Apple App store for a small annual fee.



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.active.aps.meetmobile&gl=GB>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/meet-mobile-swim/id422154977>

The meet staff will endeavour to keep the results as live and up to date as possible throughout the sessions.

There will be some presentations of awards for County Champions and Championship finals.

All other awards can be collected from the medals table by the meet office at the start end of pool.

End of the Sessions

It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure their swimmers leave the venue safely at the end of sessions.

Event Merchandise

Event merchandise in the form of customisable hoodies, polo tops, t-shirts and hats are provided by Fine Designs. There will be a Fine Designs stand at the venue for all sessions.