



Telford Aqua & Newport Christmas Cracker Open meet 2026

Saturday 5th December Wolverhampton Swimming Baths

Level 3 Licensed (License No: XXX)

**Both Telford Aqua SC & Newport SC are affiliated to Swim England - West Midlands Region
(Under SWIM ENGLAND Regulations and SWIM ENGLAND Technical Rules)**

Meet information

We are excited to invite you to Telford Aqua & Newport Christmas Cracker Open meet 2026! This is the second edition of this meet, with last year being our first ever!

Venue: Wolverhampton Central Baths, Bath Avenue, Wolverhampton, WV1 4EG

Date: Saturday 5th December 2026

Anti-wave lane ropes – 8 lane 25m pool – All events HDW

Colorado Electronic Timing with wedge blocks, backstroke ledges, electronic starter with strobe

Entry fee: £7.50 per event

Ages: As at day of competition (Saturday 5th December 2026), minimum age 9 years old

Age Groups: Female & Open/Male – 9/10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & Over

Entries: Entries are on a first come, first served basis. Send entries (including Club Summary and poolside pass applications) to: tascgala@outlook.com

Medals: awarded to the top 3 in each age group and category (Female & Open/Male).

Top Open/Male & Female: Trophy awarded to the top Open/Male & Female in each age category.

Sports Systems Entry file available from www.telfordaquaco.uk or tascgala@outlook.com

CLOSING DATE: Midnight Sunday 8th November 2026, or when full

Further Details please visit: www.telfordaquaco.uk

Meet Promoter: Adam Tatton, Telford Aqua SC, tascchair@outlook.com

Meet Secretary: Leanne Wells, Telford Aqua SC, tascgala@outlook.com

Lead Referee: Megan Frost, Newport SC

Lead Starter: David Henderson, Telford Aqua SC



Programme of Events

Warm up: 0805 – 0850, Start: 0855, Expected finish: 1100

NO.	Event
101	Female 100m Backstroke
102	Open/Male 100m Backstroke
103	Female 50m Butterfly
104	Open/Male 50m Butterfly
105	Female 200m Individual Medley
106	Open/Male 200m Individual Medley
107	Female 100m Freestyle
108	Open/Male 100m Freestyle

Session 2:

Warm up: 1130-1215, Start: 1220, Expected finish: 1430

NO.	Event
201	Open/Male 50m Freestyle
202	Female 50m Freestyle
203	Open/Male 200m Backstroke
204	Female 200m Backstroke
205	Open/Male 50m Breaststroke
206	Female 50m Breaststroke
207	Open/Male 100m Butterfly
208	Female 100m Butterfly

Session 3:

Warm up: 1500-1545, Start: 1550, Expected finish: 1800

NO.	Event
301	Female 100m Breaststroke
302	Open/Male 100m Breaststroke
303	Female 50m Backstroke
304	Open/Male 50m Backstroke
305	Female 200m Freestyle
306	Open/Male 200m Freestyle
307	Female 100m Individual Medley
308	Open/Male 100m Individual Medley



Rules & Conditions

1 Entries

1.1 Short Course entry times (long course conversions accepted) should be made via Sports Systems Entry Manager file (or individual entry form for independent entries) backed up with Club Entry Summary form, Coach Pass order form and entry fees by the closing date. All payments to be made via BACS, use ref: TNCC26/'club name' to the following account and make note of date and reference on your entry.

Telford Aqua Swimming Club: Sort Code 60-21-57, Account 62005006

1.1.1 Entries not made via Sport Systems entry manager file and instead via completed individual entry form will be charged an additional £1 per event.

1.2 This is a Level 3 Licensed Meet and as such is subject to upper cut-off times which runs from period 5th December 2025. Entries without times, a coaches/estimated time must be given upon request of the promoter/secretary.

1.3 The competition will be held under SWIM ENGLAND laws and regulations and SWIM ENGLAND Technical Rules of Racing designated by the SWIM ENGLAND for entry into County and Regional Competitions and Championships.

1.4 All entrants must be 'Club Compete' members of a Swim England affiliated Club and Amateurs as defined by SWIM ENGLAND law. Swim England registration numbers must be included with all entries.

1.5 Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis for each event as defined in the programme. Age groups are 9/10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and over. Ages at day of competition, 5th December 2026, minimum age 9yrs.

1.6 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.

1.7 It is the responsibility of all swimmers/parents and coaches to enter correct times as a random check will be done on the rankings database to check validity.

1.8 The entry fee is £7.50 per event. Coach passes £10 each.

1.9 Incorrect, incomplete or unpaid entries will not be processed.

1.10 No other form of entry will be accepted, and no entries will be accepted after the advertised closing date of Midnight Sunday 8th November 2026.

1.11 Following the closing date, all received entries will be reviewed and following this review if the event is oversubscribed, entries may be rejected. The promoter reserves the right to return entries based on first come, first served basis. The latest received entries will be rejected first.



1.12 All accepted entries will be sent to clubs for checking, any problems must be reported to the meet secretary as soon as possible.

1.13 Should the event be under-subscribed following the closing date; the Promoter reserves the right to cancel the event and refund all monies paid within 28 days. Any cancellation will be notified by email to club representatives, or individuals in the case of independent entries, by Sunday 15th November 2026.

1.14 The promoter reserves the right to refuse or restrict entries as required to meet the SWIM ENGLAND conditions.

1.15 No refunds will be made to competitors who withdraw after advice of acceptance, unless for medical reasons on production of a doctor's note. Competitors selected to represent their Nation, Region, County or Pathway development for attendance during the meet can apply for refunds.

1.16 Withdrawals must be made by the latest midnight Wednesday 2nd December 2026, to the meet secretary and promoter.

2 Competition

2.1 There will be no time trials. Withdrawals made on the day will result in empty lanes.

2.2 If the event is not over-subscribed, entries confirmed after the start list has been produced will only be accepted at the discretion of the Meet promoter and will be subject to availability of empty lanes in the slowest heats.

2.3 Start lists for each event will be sent directly to the stewards in the marshalling area for distribution to the coaches / Team Managers.

2.4 Competitors must report to marshalling when called and must remain in the marshalling area until called to compete. For the first event at the start of each session, competitors should report to the marshals at the end of the warmup.

2.5 Entries will be seeded into heats based on submitted entry times. Slowest heats will be swum first. All heats will be spearheaded.

2.6 Starts may be over the top expect for backstroke.

2.7 All events will have heat-declared winners and awards will be made to the top three placed Male/Open and Female in each of the designated age groups. Awards not collected on the day will not be posted after the end of the meet.

2.8 There will be overall top swimmers in each of the specified age groups for both female and open/male categories. These will be calculated on a points-based system (e.g. 8 points for 1st, 7 points for 2nd etc.), points scored for top 8 in each age group & category for each event. In the event of a tie, whoever has achieved most 1st places will be declared the winner. Awards not collected on the day will not be posted after the end of the meet.

2.9 Timing Hy-Tek/Omega electronic placing and timing will be used. It should be noted that timing pads are only situated at the finishing end of the pool. The operation of the electronic timing will be in accordance with Rule SW 503.6.



2.10 Electronic starting equipment will be used with strobe and speaker built into the unit, providing swimmers with a fair and audible horn start and a highly visible strobe light that automatically flashes as the horn sounds. A secondary strobe light will be provided and used.

2.11 Please note that the scoreboard is only an indication of placing/times, and the final results will be at the referee's discretion.

2.12 We are hoping that Spectator seating will be available with no restrictions.

2.13 Spectator tickets will be £4 per person per session, or £10 for the day (all 3 sessions). Cash-only payment on the day.

2.14 There will be no printed programmes available at the event. Confirmed entry lists will be available on the website as soon as possible after the meet closing date.

2.15 The lead referee is Megan Frost, Newport SC.

2.16 The lead starter is David Henderson, Telford Aqua SC.

3 Poolside Passes

3.1 Only competitors, officials and those in possession of a valid poolside pass will be permitted on poolside. All coaches / chaperones must have relevant accreditation and be registered on the Child Protection database.

3.2 Poolside passes can only be purchased in advance, subject to meeting the requirements laid out in 3.1.

3.3 Poolside passes will be £10. This will include lunch and refreshments.

3.4 Poolside passes are transferable (e.g. a pass can be paid for by a club and used by a different coach or team manager in each session) but details including the name, role, DBS number & SE number of all coaches & team managers attending the meet must be included within the poolside pass document. If a pass is lost or forgotten, a replacement pass will be issued at a cost of £10 via the Promoter.

3.5 Passes for coaches, team managers and chaperones must be worn at all times while on and around poolside, including in the spectator area unless attending as a spectator.

3.6 There may be restrictions on numbers of Coaches/Chaperones/Team Managers depending on Covid-19 restrictions at the time of the Meet. Clubs will be informed of this prior to the meet if possible. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure their swimmers are supervised and correctly safeguarded in terms of numbers of coaches/Team managers/chaperones.

3.7 Clubs will be required to submit a list of those coaches/chaperones/team managers to the Promoter 1 week before the competition along with current DBS certificate numbers and SE numbers.

4 Other Meet Conditions

4.1 During warm-up, swimmers must be supervised by their coach or team manager, with the coach or team manager being at the end of the lanes in use.



4.2 warm-up protocol will be issued with each coach's information pack and coaches are required to ensure that their swimmers adhere to the warm-up procedure as outlined in the protocol or they may be requested to leave the pool.

4.3 There will be no warm-down facilities available at this venue.

4.4 No fins or training equipment to be used during warm up.

4.5 All competitors are required to observe all safety announcements and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times.

4.6 All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at the Leisure Centre. No member of Telford Aqua SC or Newport SC, its officers or the promotor of this meet will be liable for any loss, damage or injury incurred during this event.

4.5 Video and Photography: No photography or videoing will be permitted at this meet UNLESS for the purpose of GCSE filming to which a request form must be submitted to the promoter which will be shared with a referee prior to the meet and the video must be reviewed by a referee.

4.6 Mobile phones are not to be used in changing rooms or toilet facilities, and clubs are encouraged to remind swimmers to keep phones in their bags or with spectators if possible. The promoter and event will take a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to any incident of phone use within changing room or toilet facilities which includes disqualification from the event and possible Police involvement.

4.7 Entries will be held on a computer solely for the purpose of this competition and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018 and in line with GDPR 2018, to the holding of personal information on computer is deemed to have been given by the submission of meet entry. These details may be made public before, during or after the meet. Personal Data will be available for inspection during the Meet on application to the Promoter.

4.8 All clubs entering the meet will be asked if they can provide officials, over the duration of the Open Meet. Providing officials is not a condition of entry and no swimmers will be rejected based on their club being unable to supply officials.

4.9 The Promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any competitor or spectator. (For example, for abusive or unacceptable behaviour)

4.10 Any complaints should be made in the first instance to the Promoter using any of the information below.

4.11 Promoter:

Adam Tatton, Telford Aqua Swimming Club,

taschair@outlook.com



Entry Form

Full Name: _____ Gender: Open Male / Female

Age: _____ DoB: _____ Swim England No: _____ Club: _____

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No of Events: _____ x £7.50 = £_____ One entry form per swimmer * Ages as
Saturday 5th December 2026, (minimum age 9yrs)

Closing Date for entries: Midnight Sunday 8th November 2026 * Entry fees £7.50 per event

I confirm that all information and entry times are accurate.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return form to: tascgala@outlook.com if individual entry



Qualifying Times

Times must be slower than specified from 5th December 2025. Conversions accepted.

Age Groups: 9/10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & Over, Age calculated as of 5th December 2026

Open/Male							All Times are Short course	Female						
9/10	11	12	13	14	15	16+		16+	15	14	13	12	11	9/10
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01.18.00	01.11.10	01.11.10	01.06.80	01.00.90	00.58.70	00.55.00	100m Freestyle	00.59.60	01.02.80	01.04.20	01.06.80	01.11.10	01.11.10	01.18.00
02.52.00	02.34.70	02.34.70	02.23.50	02.14.00	02.10.10	02.00.40	200m Freestyle	02.09.40	02.16.10	02.19.50	02.23.60	02.36.90	02.36.90	02.52.00
00.41.50	00.37.50	00.37.50	00.35.00	00.33.10	00.31.70	00.28.90	50m Backstroke	00.32.00	00.33.90	00.34.20	00.35.00	00.37.50	00.37.50	00.41.50
01.29.00	01.22.70	01.22.70	01.18.20	01.11.50	01.08.90	01.03.00	100m Backstroke	01.08.50	01.11.20	01.13.40	01.18.20	01.22.70	01.22.70	01.29.00
03.05.00	02.55.80	02.55.80	02.43.80	02.34.40	02.26.20	02.17.80	200m Backstroke	02.31.10	02.33.20	02.36.00	02.43.80	02.56.20	02.56.20	03.05.00
00.49.00	00.42.20	00.42.20	00.40.00	00.36.50	00.34.60	00.31.10	50m Breaststroke	00.35.30	00.37.10	00.38.00	00.40.00	00.42.70	00.42.70	00.49.00
01.50.00	01.33.10	01.33.10	01.28.10	01.21.40	01.17.10	01.11.10	100m Breaststroke	01.17.60	01.21.90	01.23.80	01.28.10	01.33.10	01.33.10	01.50.00
00.40.00	00.35.90	00.35.90	00.34.10	00.31.50	00.29.40	00.26.30	50m Butterfly	00.30.00	00.31.10	00.32.10	00.33.90	00.35.90	00.35.90	00.40.00
01.35.00	01.24.90	01.24.90	01.18.00	01.11.00	01.07.90	01.00.00	100m Butterfly	01.07.40	01.10.80	01.13.40	01.18.00	01.24.90	01.24.90	01.35.00
01.35.00	01.22.60	01.22.60	01.17.10	01.10.50	01.07.90	00.58.00	100m Individual Medley	01.10.90	01.11.90	01.15.00	01.17.10	01.25.90	01.25.90	01.35.00
03.10.00	02.54.60	02.54.60	02.45.10	02.31.50	02.24.90	02.16.00	200m Individual Medley	02.29.90	02.33.90	02.39.60	02.45.10	02.55.90	02.55.90	03.10.00



Poolside Pass Application

Club Name: _____

Please provide details of individuals (Coaches, Team Managers, Chaperones) requiring a poolside pass below:

Name	Role	DBS certificate no.	Swim England no.

Total number of Poolside Passes required: _____ @ £10 each = £_____

I certify that all above named persons are verified as having undergone a DBS check.

Signed _____ Date _____

Position at Club _____



Club Summary

Club Name: _____

Contact name: _____

Address: _____

Tel (day): _____ (eve): _____

Email: _____

Preferred method of entry is via Sports Systems electronic file using the format prescribed by the Promoter. Please contact tascgala@outlook.com for the necessary files or obtain from the website. www.telfordaquaswimming.co.uk

Entries not made via Sports Systems electronic file will be subject to an additional £1 charge per event.

Number of open/male entries _____ @ £7.50 per event = £_____

Number of female entries _____ @ £7.50 per event = £_____

Coach Passes _____ @ £10 each = £_____

(Lunch provided)

Total Due: =£_____

(Please make payment via BACS to Telford Aqua Swimming Club – with ref: TNCC26-‘Club Name’

Telford Aqua Swimming Club: Sort Code 60-21-57, Account 62005006



Application to film

We have a duty of care to ensure that any filming over at our Open Meet takes place within Swim England guidelines and does not compromise the wellbeing of others attending the event. Any individual wishing to be filmed during our Open Meet must gain permission from the lead referee at our Open Meet. We would ask that you kindly complete this form & return to the meet organizer or lead referee prior to or at our Open Meet.

Swimmers Name:	
Swimmers DOB:	
Swimmers Club:	
Swimmers Signature:	
Reason for filming:	
Name of person who will be responsible for filming: <i>(where possible we would ask that the same person completes the filming of all events)</i>	
Role of person who will be responsible for filming: <i>(Coach, team manager, another swimmer etc.)</i>	
Signature of person responsible for filming: I understand that when filming I must only film the above-named swimmer. After filming I will present the video to the lead referee for approval and sign off.	



I would like to be filmed during the following events: -

Session	Event No.	Event Name	Heat No. to filmed.	Lane No. to be filmed	Filming checked & signed off by Lead Referee (Lead Referee Signature)

Please ensure that ALL your filming is checked & signed off by the Lead Referee