

17th Presidents Gala Open Meet
25- 27th September 2026
Competition Conditions and Programme of Events



General Conditions

1. The meet is licensed at level 3 and will be operated in accordance with FINA Law and Swim England Technical Rules. Licence number.....
2. Please be aware in line with Swim England Policy any reference to 'Boys' or 'Male' in the gala or related documentation will follow the meaning of 'Open/Male' in regard to the transgender policy Please note: The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' or 'Girls' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
3. The primary purpose of the meet is to provide a competition of a full range of events (50-1500m). It will include a "skins" event for 12/ under Open and 12/under Girls which will be taken from the fastest swimmers in the 100 I.M. There will be a 13/over Skins for Open and 13/over Skins for Girls taken from the fastest 200 I.M event. The skins may be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the promoter.
4. The closing date for entries is Monday 17 August 2026, or once the gala is deemed to be full on a 1st come 1st served basis. Workington ASC reserves the right to refuse entries due to time constraints and the health and safety of the swimmers. In the event of the Gala being oversubscribed, the following criteria will be considered with the aim of ensuring that all available 8 lanes are filled. Should rejections be required they will initially be from the following events i.e. 800m, 1500m, 400 IM, 400 Free and 200 Butterfly. Other rejections may be necessary at the discretion of the Gala Director.
5. To keep clubs apprised, the Workington ASC Website will be updated to show which clubs have submitted entries and when they were submitted.
6. Age on the day will be as of midnight 27 September 2026
7. An entry fee of £6.50 event, £11 for 800m & 1500m applies and must be received with the entries. Entries not submitted by sport system entry file are £8.50 or £13 for distance swims.
8. Late poolside or improved entries will not be accepted
9. Entries will be accepted from swimmers registered with Swim England, or equivalent national associations. Those swimmers with NO TIME will be required to submit a Coaches advised times for seeding purposes (see paragraph.18)
10. Time Only swims will be accepted at the discretion of the Gala Director.
11. The competition will include the following age groups for each sex: 9,10,11,12,13, 14, 15/over.
12. All events are classed as 'Heat Declared Winner' and seeded by entry time
13. Events will be available for Open and Girls for all strokes - 50m all strokes, 100m all strokes, 200m all strokes, 400m Free, 800m free, 1500m free, 100m I.M. 200 IM & 400m I.M. As outlined in para 3 the 100 IM and 200 IM will provide entry into the Skins Competition.
14. Age groups will be separated for results and awards purposes
15. Results will be published in time order

16. Over the top starts will be in operation during the meet and swimmers must arrive for their individual events swim ready and not cause a delay at the start.
17. Awards will be made to the first 3 swimmers in each age group in each event
18. There are consideration times (upper limit) for this meet. Submitted times MUST be equal to or slower than the upper limit time. The requirement of having achieved a consideration time relies significantly on the integrity of the coaches, swimmers and parents to submit correct truthful information. Random checks will be made against the current Swim England database.
19. Any matters not covered by these conditions or information will be at the discretion of the meet organiser
20. Coaches Passes –The cost per pass will be £10 for the weekend without lunch, or £25 per pass if lunch is required
21. Coaches passes and lanyards must be worn and be visible at all times. Passes will be issued using the online accreditation, instructions are to be emailed to clubs nearer to the event.
22. Swimmers must be supervised on poolside with a qualified coach or team manager who holds a current valid DBS check.
23. Coaches are required to provide supervision of their swimmers when using the cool down pool.
24. Live video feed is expected to be provided throughout this meet. This will not be used to appeal or protest race results.
25. No other filming will be permitted, unless for the purposes of prebooked GCSE filming. Instructions on how to prebook will be emailed to clubs nearer to the event.
26. Strobe lighting will be available throughout the meet on the starter machine.
27. Only swimmers who are competing in an event in a given session will be allowed onto poolside during that session.
28. No parents, or spectators, will be allowed on poolside unless providing a support role to the gala director, or by prior approval for filming for GCSE purposes, an online application form will be available closer to the meet being held.
29. Spectators will be charged £5 per session or £8 for the full day. Spectators for Friday's distance events will not be charged

Meet Procedures

1. The secondary card system will NOT be in operation
2. Entries may be made by sending the appropriate Sportsystems entry via an email
3. Entries on paper (in support of the email entries) must also be included with the appropriate entry fee within 3 days of submitted entries
4. There will be no refund of entry fees if the entries have been accepted, unless supported by a Doctors letter
5. Swimmers who withdraw from an event may be re-instated without penalty if the gala has not been deemed full or passed the closing date.
6. Swimmers must present themselves to the Competitors Stewards one event prior to their event
7. It is the swimmer's responsibility to be at the start in time for their race
8. Failure to accurately withdraw using the online form, by the latest 30 minutes prior to end of warm up, or should a swimmer fail to report for their race will result in swimmers being charged a £10 fine per race.

Programme of Events – see attached

Contact details for queries gala-WASC@outlook.com and information via the WEBSITE www.workingtonasc.com

Social Distancing and items out of our control

This competition is being planned on the assumption that some social distancing rules may be introduced for “high risk” indoor activities, such as swimming competitions.

If there are no restrictions in place, the number of swimmers that can be accepted will be adjusted accordingly.

Because of the uncertainty about the level of restrictions that will be in place at the end of Sept, there is a possibility that this event may not proceed as planned, and the event may be cancelled or changed at short notice.

****Therefore, we recommend that nobody commits to non-refundable travel or accommodation arrangements****

The club will not be held responsible for any costs incurred due to the event being cancelled.

Data protection

Entries to the meet will be held on computer and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of an entry.

You agree that we may publish your Personal Information as part of the results of the competition. Your information will only be shared in relation to your participation in the event, e.g. the list of entrants, results and event reports and may be shared on the website, social media pages or in emails sent by the organiser. We may pass such information to the governing body or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of insurance, licences or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Information may include but not be limited to name, club affiliation, race times, age category and para swimming classification(s).