

Sandwell Aquatics Club Trident Open Meet

03 & 04 October 2026

Address : **Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Londonderry Lane B67 7EW**

SE Licence Nr. : **3WM261257**

This meet is to be licensed by Swim England at level 3 for entry into County & Regional Championships. It will be run under Swim England Regulations & Technical Rules & conditions of this competition (as set out below), for swimmers who are members of a club affiliated to SE, SASA or WASA. SA Club are affiliated to SE, West Midlands Region

Promotor's Terms & Conditions

1. All entrants must be registered members of **SE, SASA or WASA** (at club compete level) and amateurs as defined by **Swim England Laws**. In accordance with the licensed meet transgender policy entrants will be Female & Male/Open. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with **Swim England's** Transgender & Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the "**Female**" category, the swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
2. Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form or via Sports System entry file. **The Sports System entry file will be available to download from the 24th August 2026. Entry fee £9.00 per event.** The opening date for entries is at **9 am, on 31st August 2026 - Entries submitted before that date and time will not be processed.** The closing date is **MIDNIGHT Sunday 20th September 2026, unless full earlier.** Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis with **Sandwell Aquatics Club & local clubs whose main pool is within a 16 mile radius** members being given priority. **Sandwell Aquatics Club** reserves the right to refuse an entry, or to close entries before this date should it be proved necessary. Accepted entries will be emailed to the competition secretary of each club & should be checked for accuracy. No details will be sent by post. The promotor reserves the right to refuse entries at their discretion. Any entry not accepted will be refunded in full. All entries must be submitted within a time. It is the responsibility of all competing clubs to ensure that entry times are accurate.
3. The events will take place **03 & 04 October 2026**. All entries to be slower than the Upper Cut-off time list shown, entries submitted with a faster time will be rejected. For Upper cut-off times please see a separate table. Warm up will commence at 09.00 racing commencing at 1.05hrs later, all as agreed with centre management.
4. Electronic club entries: For clubs with 5 or more swimmers entering please use the Sports System entry file available via request by emailing openmeets@sandwellaquatics.org. Individual entries are also accepted but must be made via the entry form Electronic entries are only accepted once payment has been received in full. All entrants are still bound by these terms & conditions even though an entry form is not signed. Electronic club entries. Payment for entries is made via BACS to **Sandwell Aquatics Club** Cooperative Bank Sort Code 08-92-99 Account Nr. 67274510. Ref: SAC324 & your club/swimmer name (SAC324 Sandwell Fred Jones). Please send completed electronic entries to openmeets@sandwellaquatics.org

Please do not send entry fees until notified that entries have been accepted, processing refunds can be extremely complicated & time consuming therefore we wish these to be kept to a minimum.
5. **Sandwell Aquatics Club** reserves the right to refuse any entry. Incorrect entries will not be accepted. Entries are accepted on the understanding that the competitor accepts the promotor's conditions. The promotor reserves the right to further restrict entries for good gala management.
6. Entries to this meet will be held on a computer & consent, as required by GDPR Regulations, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of

entry. Personal data will be available for inspection during the meet on written application to the promotor.

7. Each club will be required to advise any withdrawals by the Sunday 27th September 2026. All withdrawals are to be sent to openmeets@sandwellaquatics.org.
8. **Age as at end of year (31st December 2026).** All swimmers must be SE Club Compete members.
9. The competition pool will be 25m in length with 10 (or 8 if insufficient officials are available) lanes. Anti-turbulence ropes, electronic timing & placing will be used. A secondary strobe light will be available as will adjustable backstroke ledges. All times will be recorded using AOE and submitted on this basis to **Swim England**.
10. No refunds will be made to competitors who withdraw after advice of acceptance, except where the competitor can show that they have been chosen for National, Regional or County team at an event which partially or wholly clashes with this event & that the selection occurred after their entry was submitted for this meet. Refunds can be applied for in cases of serious medical conditions, note evidence may be required of this.
11. Heats will have "over the top" starts except for backstroke which may be 'side by side'. Pool depth will be a constant 2m.
12. It is the responsibility of team managers & coaches to ensure that their swimmers report to the marshalling stewards in time for the start of their race.
13. The order of events may be changed at the discretion of the promotor or referee. 14.

Entries will be seeded into heats from submitted times, with the slowest heat first.

15. All entries will be heat declared winners. There will be prizes for top Female (Junior (13 & under) and Senior (14 & over), top Male/Open (Junior (13 & under) and Senior (14 & over) & for top visiting club. Competitors placed 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each event, in each age group, will receive awards. Points will be awarded as 8 points for 1st down to 1 point for 8th place (no points will be awarded for a disqualification). In the event of a tie, the result will be decided by counting back of the number of first, second or third places (as necessary) to decide a winner.
16. The promotor reserves the right to amend these conditions with the licencing officers' approval. 17.

Anything not covered by the promoters' conditions will be determined at the promotor's discretion

18. Warm-up times will be advised prior to the event once all entries have been received & checked. The pool will be cleared at least 5 minutes prior to the start of each session. Coaches are responsible for overseeing their swimmers during warm-ups. Swimmers, coaches & lane marshals should always follow the warm-up supervisor's directions; failure to do so could result in exclusion from further involvement in the meet. Any swimmer who fails to follow the instructions of the warm-up supervisor will be held responsible for any accidents that may result from their actions. All swimmers/coaches should be aware of the 'warm up guidelines' which will be published on the Sandwell Aquatics website prior to the meet. A warm-up/down pool may be available during the day; this will be confirmed closer to the meet date.
19. Supervision (Club entries). It is the direct responsibility of each club to provide adequate supervision of their swimmers at all times. Swimmers should be supervised at all times by designated DBS/SE registered adults who hold appropriate qualifications. For club entries, in line with **Swim England** Open Meet Licencing Guidelines, a ratio of 1:10 should be considered as a minimum requirement for swimmers aged 16 years & under. Clubs should provide a minimum of one adult for each gender of their swimmers.
20. In accordance with **Wavepower** guidelines mobile phones are not to be used in changing rooms and should be carried in bags or pockets, should swimmers require a quiet area to make calls to parent/guardian then they should ask their coach or the changing room supervisor (where available) who will indicate an area to

be used.

21. All those responsible for the supervision of a club's swimmers should be :

a). Club members & **Swim England** Members (Club support)

b). Have a current **SE** DBS check

c). Have attended a **SE** Safeguarding Children workshop. This information must be provided by the club & is required to issue poolside passes. Please complete the form provided with entries. When coaches/supervisors need a break (for refreshment etc.), they should ensure that one of the other DBS checked personnel is left to supervise swimmers in their absence, or that swimmers are supervised by their parents.

22. Supervision (Individual entries): The parents/guardians of swimmers who enter the meet on an individual basis (i.e. their entry has not been organised by a club) are responsible for the supervision of their children, either directly or indirectly via a nominated adult.

23. In case of fire or other emergency: **Sandwell Aquatic Centre** procedure will be announced at the beginning of each session and we request that all supervising adults, poolside or in the spectator gallery, pay careful attention to the location of their nearest fire exit & the procedure to follow to ensure the safe evacuation of everyone in case of emergency.

24. Coaches & supervisors' passes will be issued at a cost of £15.00 per day or £25.00 for both days. Passes must be purchased when submitting entries (passes will include refreshments, snacks & lunch). There will be no entry to the poolside without a pass & passes must be worn at all times. Parents will not be permitted poolside, instead swimmers can leave poolside to be with parents but must be dry & be wearing appropriate clothing & footwear.

25. **No photography/video will be permitted** other than by the appointed sports photographers for this event. This event by its very nature, is in the public arena & when entering for the event the participant & their parents acknowledge this fact, which may result in recording & publication of their image. All photographers have been DBS checked & operate within a strict Child Protection Policy & Code of Ethics. Any photographs/film required for coursework reasons must be entered on the appropriate form & be viewed as acceptable by a referee.

26. Spectators are welcome at the event however the promotor reserves the right to refuse entry when the maximum capacity for the spectator gallery has been met. Spectators are required to keep aisles clear of bags & to sit on seats provided. No chairs, except wheelchairs, are permitted on the walkways of the spectator gallery. This area must also be kept clear of bags. There will be a daily spectator admission charge (cost to be advised), there may also be a daily raffle at a separate charge.

27. Car Parking – There is a reasonable quantity of parking at the **Sandwell Aquatic Centre**, please do not park on the roads around the facility as we wish to avoid causing upset to the local residents. Car Park passes will be issued by the centre to Coaches, Team Managers, Officials & Volunteers, all other vehicles will be requested to park at an alternative nearby site.

28. Poolside bags – Swimmers are limited to 1 drawstring bag poolside for health & safety reasons, all large bags should be placed in the lockers provided (£1 refundable).

29. Possessions – Neither the promotor nor **Sandwell Aquatics Club** take any responsibility for loss or damage to personal possessions during the event. Swimmers, coaches, responsible adults & spectators are advised to keep their possessions with them at all times or to make use of the lockers provided.

30. Clubs with 10 or more swimmers are requested to please supply a minimum of 2 qualified officials for each session of the meet to help the meet to run efficiently. It is requested that the names, **Swim England** licence number & qualification of officials be provided at least 3 weeks prior to the event. As this event is being licenced as level 3 all officials will need to be minimum J1 qualified. Mentoring for officials will

be provided upon request, on a first come first served basis, subject to operational requirements, officials being mentored do not count as part of the minimum 2 officials per club unless qualified to at least J1. Clubs please complete the Swim Meet form link for each official who will be attending, this form will be emailed out on acceptance of entries. Officials are requested to wear white t-shirts & black trousers/skirts, no shorts please. Break(s) will be inserted into the programme & will be used as may be required &/or comfort officials may be utilised.

31. Any matters concerning the meet not covered in these terms & conditions will be dealt with according to the laws of the sport & at the discretion of the promotor. All participants must comply with the safety regulations in operation at Sandwell Aquatics Centre, the promoters' terms & conditions & SE safety regulations.
32. Lead Referee: **Sue Beatrup**,
33. Lead Starter : **Jason Fawke**
34. The Promotor for this meet is **Keith Jones** for & on behalf of **Sandwell Aquatics Club**. A full risk assessment will be done jointly between the pool operator & **Sandwell Aquatics Club** following **Swim England** Guidelines. Updates regarding this meet can be found on sandwellaquatics.org