

# Swim England South East – Long Course Championships

## Swimmer Numbers and Qualifying Times

The table of swimmer numbers, consideration times and automatic qualifying times covers both the Age Groups and Youth Championships.

The table currently includes both LC and SC times (established using the Swim England conversion algorithms.)

In these descriptions, an **event** is a unit of competition for which medals are awarded. (e.g. Female 14 years 100m Freestyle)

An event group is the **group of events** that are swum together. (e.g. Male/Open 15 & Over 100m Freestyle)

### Age Group Championships (14 & Under)

For each event, there is an automatic qualifying time (Auto), a consideration time (Cons), and a target number of swims (#Ag).

- All swimmers who achieve the automatic qualifying time will be accepted, even if that exceeds the target number of swims.
- Any additional spaces up to the target number of swims will be filled by swimmers who have achieved the consideration time, fastest first.

### Youth Championships (15 & Over)

For each event group, there is a consideration time (Cons) and a target total number of swims. The same consideration time applies to all ages within an event group in the Youth Championships.

For each event, there is an automatic qualifying time (Auto) and a minimum number of swims (15Min, 16+Min):

- All swimmers who achieve the automatic qualifying time will be accepted.
- For any event where the minimum number of swims has not been reached, additional swims will be accepted up to that minimum number, by accepting swims that have achieved the event group consideration time, fastest first.
- If the target total number of swims for the event group has not been reached, additional swims will be accepted up to that total number from other swimmers who have achieved the event group consideration time, fastest first regardless of age.

This approach:

- Ensures that each event has a critical mass of swimmers, even if that means accepting swimmers who are slower than those rejected in younger age groups.
- Provides an objective way of accepting the maximum number of swims in each event group when some age groups are under-subscribed.