# On-Line Meet Entry for the Swim England South East Championships 2025 On-line Entry Portal Instructions

We continue to work with the London Region and other organisations to develop and improve the entry process for our events. Therefore, you may see some images that refer to other organisations.

The inputting of your entries electronically has advantages for both your club and the event management team:

- It allows you to be certain that times you submit will be correctly entered into the event.
- It allows you to get immediate feedback on probable rejections allowing time to resolve before the closing date.
- It speeds up the generation of the list of accepted and rejected swimmers.

We have put together the following instructions which we hope you will find helpful. This document does not cover the steps you need to take in your club management system to select valid entries.

All necessary information will be made available through links on the competition web page:

https://www.southeastswimming.org/swimming/short-course-championships-2025/

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## 1 Importing the Meet Information

- 1. Download the file containing meet events for this event from the competition web page. Click on the **Meet Entry Files** link.
- 2. Import this file into your Team Management system.
- 3. The file contains the Consideration Times for the events (which may also be downloaded from the competition web page).
- 4. The portal will check entries against the Base (Consideration) Times. If you meet the Base (Consideration) Qualifying Time, your entry will have a green smiley face but **this does not guarantee acceptance into the event**.

# 2 Exporting your Meet Entries

- 1. You need to follow your team management systems instructions to create a meet entry file. We accept files in SD3 or HY3 formats.
- 2. Save your meet entry file to your desktop and log onto the Entry Portal <a href="https://meetentries.co.uk/">https://meetentries.co.uk/</a>

# 3 Team Management System Guidance

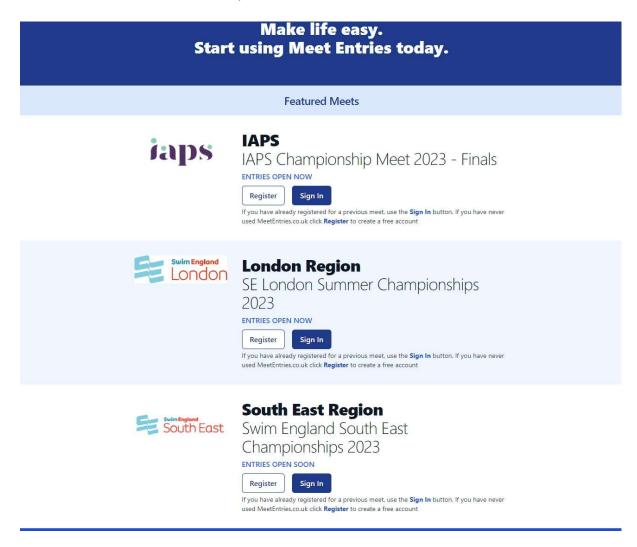
The Swim England South East competition delivery team does not have expertise in all club management systems and is unable to provide support if you encounter problems. However, we have collected guidance for some of the more popular systems in use.

We would welcome improved guidance from clubs with experience of these and other systems and have collected information from most clubs about the systems they use. That has enabled the creation of some self-help groups.

- 1. You should consult your team management systems help documents for the appropriate entry process.
- 2. The first question is do I have a qualifying time. On the meet file in your team management system, you need to ensure you have selected **enforce qualifying times** so that you only select times that meet the qualification requirements. The second question is, "do I have a qualifying time that appears on Rankings at the right license level and has been swum since the date specified in the Meet Events file. For this competition, achieved on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024.
  - a. **Team Unify.** Set the entry criteria to **convert all times to SCM** instead of "multicut course SLY". This converts all LC times to SC using the *US conversion* standards which may result in a rejection even if the original LC time is inside the LC qualifying time. However, this should ensure all properly qualifying entries are accepted by the portal. When you create your meet entry file for upload, check the box: **Export entry times as unconverted** before you create your extended SD3 file. Additional guidance for users of Team Unify is provided in Appendix A.
  - b. **Swim Manager.** Set the meet to the course being swum, which is Short Course (SC) for these Championships, and allow conversions. This works the same way as Team Unify but uses the *Swim England conversion factors*. The entry file automatically includes swum times by default.
  - c. **HyTek Team Manager**. We do not think this has the same facility as Team Unify so you may need some manual effort to enter a custom SC time, if SLY multicourse is selected, and the swimmer has a faster converted LC time than their SC PB. The conversion factors built into HyTek software are not the same as the Swim England factors built into the Entry Portal, so you must check the handling of converted SC times carefully.

# 4 Registering and Signing in to the Online Entry Portal

- 1. Access the portal using this URL <a href="https://meetentries.co.uk/">https://meetentries.co.uk/</a>
- 2. You will see the home screen page. This competition will appear in the list (you may need to scroll down to find it).



- 3. When you access the entry system for the first time you will need to register. Select the **Register** button under the competition description and follow the instructions.
- 4. Return to this screen and **Sign In** with your registered user name and password.

## 5 Uploading your Entry File

Sign in to the On-Line Entry Portal. You will be presented with a list of all the featured meets using the portal.

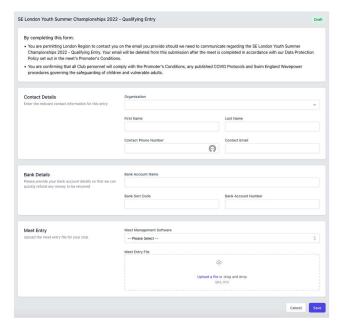
- 1. Select the one you wish to enter.
- 2. On the home entry screen for the meet that you have selected, you will have three options as shown:



- View More Details allows clubs to view entries already submitted. We will come back to this option later. New Club Entry is the option you should use for all entries other than para-swimmer entries. Para-swimmers only should be entered using the New Individual Entry option.
- 4. In both cases you need to select the button and complete all the fields in the entry form.

# 6 Submitting a Club Entry

1. When you select the **New Club Entry** button, you will see the following screen.



- 2. The **Contact Details** allow you to change who will own this entry as far as the meet communications is concerned.
- 3. **Bank Details** are those of your club to help us process any refunds. We do not collect entry fees at the time of entry; this is done by a single invoice to your club after the whole competition has been completed (see the competition conditions for more details).
- 4. **Meet Entry** is where you select your Team Management Software and the type of file it exports.
- 5. Select **Upload a File** and browse to the meet entry file you saved from your team management software

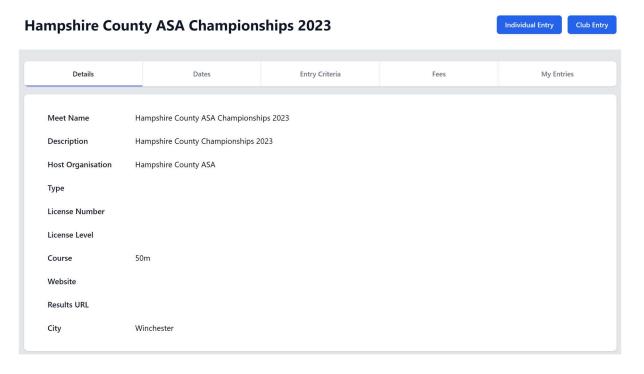
- 6. Select Save.
- 7. We will check the entries against the consideration times and against Rankings. You will receive an email confirming the details of your entry, the total cost and an excel file showing the results of those checks. Please note that the total cost is not the amount that you will be invoiced, because no account has been taken of subsequent rejections.

Please note: The portal uses the British Swimming rankings functionality to check times. This is done as a background task and until this is completed, the display of valid entries may be incorrect.

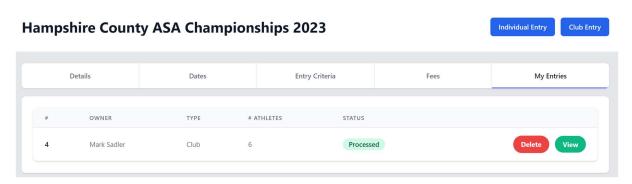
8. If you have any exceptions, you can make the corrections in your team management system and upload a new file. Please note that whenever you upload a new file, all previous entries will be deleted from the system (except for disability entries).

## 7 Checking your Entries and Uploading a New File

- 1. Return to the home entry page for the meet you wish to check and select the button View More Details
- 2. You will see the following screen:



3. Select My Entries and you will see the following screen:



- 4. This will list all the entry files that you have in the meet. **Please note that whenever you upload a new file, all previous entries will be deleted from the system.** We check for duplicate entries approximately once per day, retaining only the latest entry. Until that is done, the display of valid entries may be incorrect. You can ensure that the display is correct by deleting the previous entry before submitting a replacement.
- 5. If you select **View**, you will be provided with options to list the athletes, the individual entries or the relay entries from your club in this meet.
- 6. Your list of individual entries will show two columns of faces that will be either green, amber or red. The first column shows whether the time appears on Rankings (Valid) for the course entered and the second shows whether the time meets the Consideration Times. If any of these are red, you should go back to your team management system and correct the errors; uploading a new corrected file.
- 7. The entry portal will also send you an email containing a list of swimmers and swims and their status.

#### 8 Para-swimmer Entries

- It will be necessary for entries for the **Para-swimmer competition** to be submitted individually but these form part of the club entry. These entries must be submitted using the individual entry functionality; the entry must be submitted by the club entry coordinator. Any individual entries for swimmers without a para-swimming classification will be rejected.
- 2. They must also enter their classification codes. This will ensure the correct QTs are used for validation.
- 3. If a Para-swimmer is entering an event that is not available to Para-swimmers, their entry time will be checked against the meet consideration times rather than the Para qualifying times.

#### 9 After the Meet Closing Date

- 1. Immediately after the initial closing date, a spreadsheet showing all validated swims submitted to the entry portal will be published. As soon as this information has been published the entry portal will be reopened to allow submission of corrected entries. After the initial closing date, the number of swims in a club entry must not be more than 10% higher that the last entry before the initial closing date (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October).
- 2. Immediately after the final closing date (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October) valid entries will be imported into HyTek Meet Manager, and Long Course submitted times converted to Short Course using the Swim England (ASA) conversion algorithms. Acceptance/rejection and seeding will be actioned after the entries have been imported into HyTek Meet Manager from the entry portal.
- 3. A list of accepted/rejected entries will be published as soon as possible after the final closing date.

- 4. After the whole competition is complete, we will issue invoice all clubs including:
  - Entry fees for accepted swims
  - Fines for swimmers who do not withdraw and are no-shows at the start of their race (including finals)
  - "Refunds" for swimmers who are unable to swim because of significant illness or injury

#### APPENDIX A – USING TEAM UNIFY – ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

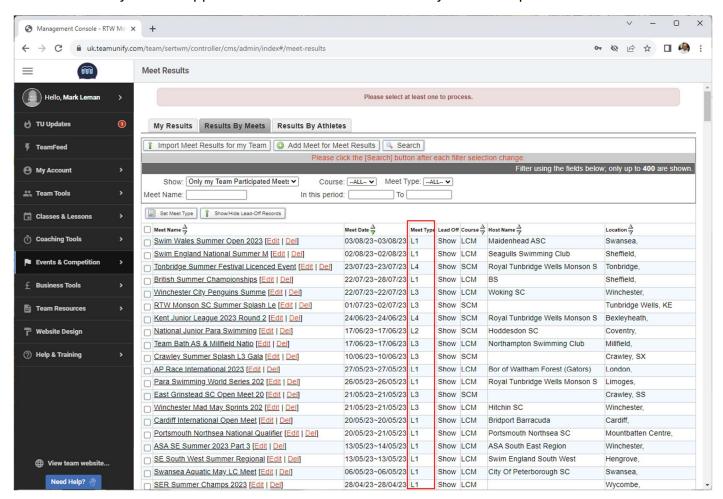
The following additional guidance for users of Team Unify was submitted by RTW Monson.

Team Unify does not natively have the concept of gala 'level' built in (it was designed for swimming in the USA)

Originally, they did not tell clubs how to get round this, but clubs I have spoken to who started using it more recently have been told this:

Make sure you have set up 'Meet types' for L1,2,3,4 and Unlicenced galas.

And make sure you have applied these to all the event results you have imported:



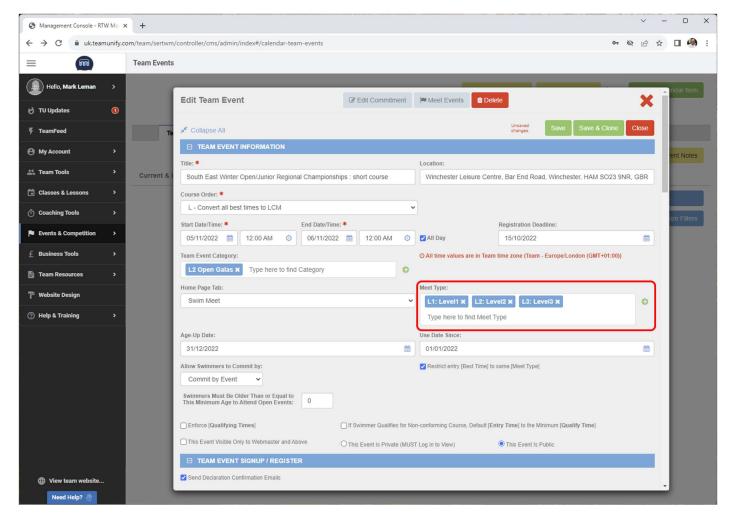
Then when setting up the meet, make sure you have set the meet type, click in the box and a drop down appears to select the levels you have defined)

(note the small green arrow where you can add new meet types if you don't have any defined)

Tick the 'Restrict entry [best time] to same[meet type]' box.

And check 'Use Date since' matches the galas requirements for entry times.

You almost certainly also want the 'enforce [Qualifying times]' box ticked too.



Team Unify should then work and only include times that match the correct level and date range and use them.

However, there is a fly in the ointment:

When getting results in .SD3 format (which is again a US format), Team unify expects to have your 'Local Swim Committee' (LSC) code (a concept we don't have in British Swimming, although it is similar to our region) in results as part of your team ID.

Depending on where the results came from, they may put ZZ or SE in the LSC field.

e.g. Monson's swim England ID of "RTWS" is either "ZZRTWS" or "SERTWS" in the .sd3 file.

Team Unify expects a region code, but common sources of results files like Club rankings puts ZZ in the LSC code field.

If you have a mixture or results with SE and ZZ, Team Unify will ignore some of the times!

I have explained this to Team Unify but I don't think it's been fixed.

| SE Region    |   | TU LSC code |
|--------------|---|-------------|
|              |   | ZZ          |
| East         | T | EA          |
| East Midland | Α | EM          |
| London       | L | LD          |
| North East   | Е | NE          |
| North West   | N | NW          |
| Scotland     | Χ | SS          |

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