



# LYG Swimming COMPETITIVE 2024

## Entry Information & Rules

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### Event Overview

**Date:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Venue:** London Aquatics Centre, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, E20 2AQ.

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### Entry Information

**Squad Entry Deadline:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

#### Squad Nomination Size:

Junior Open/Male: Minimum - 1 & Maximum - 12, plus 2 named reserves.

Junior Female: Minimum - 1 & Maximum - 12, plus 2 named reserves.

Senior Open/Male: Minimum - 1 & Maximum - 12, plus 2 named reserves.

Senior Female: Minimum - 1 & Maximum - 12, plus 2 named reserves.

Para entrants are not included in this maximum number.

**Squad on the Day:** Minimum - 1 & Maximum - 12 per gender per competition.

#### Competitions:

Junior (Open/Male & Female), including Para.

Senior (Open/Male & Female), including Para.

The London Youth Games Swimming competitions will follow [the Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy](#). The Female category is for birth sex females. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Participants can only enter in one category of swimming event, either Participation or Competitive. Swimmers are not permitted to enter both events.

- Must be within the age categories below.
- **Must have a Swim England membership.**
- Para entrants must have been allocated [Athlete Classification Status](#) by British Swimming.

#### Age Categories:

Event	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Equivalent Year Group
Junior (inc. Junior Para)	01/09/2009	31/08/2012	7-9
Senior (inc. Senior Para)	01/09/2006	31/08/2009	10-12



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**Reserves:** Each borough is permitted to declare two named reserves per team when making their entries (e.g. two per Senior Female, two per Senior Open/Male). Only the named reserves can be used to directly replace withdrawn swimmers. This must be declared to an LYG member of staff at registration. No other swimmers may be used as substitutes.

## Full Rules & Regulations

**SWI 1** The London Youth Games Swimming competition will be held under Swim England Laws and Regulations and the [Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming](#).

**SWI 1.1** This competition will be licensed by Swim England, and times recorded will be passed to Rankings (Licence number pending).

**SWI 1.2** Any non-technical rules not covered will be decided by the LYG Sports Lead and the Competition Director.

**SWI 1.3** It will be at the discretion of the event referee and LYG personnel as to the application of these rules, and any subsequent decision made as a result will be final.

**SWI 1.4** The London Youth Games Swimming competition will follow the [Swim England Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy](#).

## SWI 2 Age Categories

**SWI 2.1** The following age groups and respective maximum and minimum date of births will apply to the London Youth Games Swimming Competition:

Event	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Equivalent Year Group
Junior (inc. Junior Para)	01/09/2009	31/08/2012	7-9
Senior (inc. Senior Para)	01/09/2006	31/08/2009	10-12

**SWI 2.2** Competitors are not permitted to enter this competition if they are ineligible. No exceptions will be made.

**SWI 2.3** It is the responsibility of competitors/parents/team managers/local authority staff to ensure all competitors details are entered correctly at the time of submission, and that they are eligible to compete for their borough under the [London Youth Games Games Rules](#), and in accordance with the age groups outlined for the competition.

**SWI 2.3.1** In the instance a competitor is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the competition entirely, and the borough will receive a points penalty as per the Games Rules.



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**SWI 3 Eligibility Criteria:** Swimmers entering into the Competitive Swimming event are not eligible to participate in the Participation event.

### SWI 3.1 Junior Eligibility

- Must be within the age categories above.
- **Must have a Swim England membership.**

### SWI 3.2 Senior Eligibility

- Must be within the age categories above.
- **Must have a Swim England membership.**

### SWI 3.3 Para Eligibility

- Must be within the age categories above.
- Must have valid [Athlete Classification Status](#) by British Swimming.
- **Must be a registered Swim England member.**

**SWI 3.4** Swimmers supplying an invalid SE Membership Number may not have their times passed to rankings and may be disqualified.

**SWI 4 Squad Size** Boroughs are permitted to enter the following into the competition:

- 12x Junior Female plus 2 reserves
- 12x Junior Open/Male plus 2 reserves
- 12x Senior Female plus 2 reserves
- 12x Senior Open/Male plus 2 reserves
- Junior Para unlimited
- Senior Para unlimited

**SWI 4.1** Swimmers can compete in a maximum of **one individual event and two relays.**

**SWI 4.2** The following information **MUST** be supplied for each swimmer during squad submission;

- Name
- DOB
- Event
- Swim England Registration Number
- Swim Time and course (SCM or LCM)

**SWI 4.3** The following information **MUST** be supplied for each para swimmer during squad submission;

- Name
- DOB
- Event
- Classification/LYG Impairment Category
- Swim Time and course (SCM or LCM)

**SWI 4.4** Boroughs will be asked to declare their relay participants upon entry submission. Relay only swimmers declared on entry may be used to backfill in individual events where a



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swimmer has withdrawn. These are in addition to the two named reserve swimmers a team may have declared on entry.

**SWI 5 Competition Format** This event will consist of an open/male competition, including MC races, and a female competition, including MC races.

### SWI 5.1 Competition Structure

- Junior Open/Male inc. Para
- Junior Female inc. Para
- Senior Open/Male inc. Para
- Senior Female inc. Para

**SWI 6 Kit & Equipment** Competitors must wear a swimming costume, goggles and provide their own towel. Swimming caps are encouraged.

**SWI 7 General Competition Rules** Swimmers can compete in a maximum of **one individual race and two relays**. Events and are as follows (per category per gender).

Individual Events:	Team Events:
50 metres Butterfly	4x50 metres Freestyle Relay
50 metres Backstroke	
50 metres Breaststroke	4x50 metres Medley Relay
50 metres Freestyle	
Multi-Classification 50m Freestyle	

**SWI 7.1** All events are Heat Declared Winner (HDW)

**SWI 7.2** A junior swimmer is not eligible to compete in a senior event and senior swimmer is not eligible to compete in a junior event. Any breach of this rule will result in disqualification of the borough from the competition.

**SWI 7.3** For swimmers to use a shallow racing dive from the starting blocks, Team Managers must be satisfied that they have achieved the standard of Swim England Preliminary Competitive Start Award. If they have not achieved this award, they must start from the side of the pool or in the water.

**SWI 7.4** At the discretion of London Youth Games, teams will be able to join up on the day where a borough does not have all 4 relay participants attending the event to allow participation. This will be non-scoring.

**SWI 7.4.1** Such applications must be made 45 minutes prior to the start of each session.



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**SWI 8 Scoring** Overall borough results will be split by gender. The results will be determined on the heat declared winner principle.

**SWI 8.1** The Multi Classification events will be non-scoring.

**SWI 8.2** In all scoring races individuals and teams will receive points based on their finishing position ie 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive 33 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 32 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 31 points and so on. The overall winner will be the borough with the highest number of points accumulated across all scoring races.

**SWI 8.2.1** In the case a borough does not have a swimmer or receives a DQ they will receive 0 points.

**SWI 8.3 Incomplete Competition** If the competition is cancelled or suspended, the following steps will be used to calculate a final result;

- Results from all completed events are combined and used to identify the overall winner.
- Event types: individual (50m free, 50m back, 50m fly, 50m breast), relay (4x50m medley, 4x50m free).
- Minimum requirements: to determine a completed event all heats must take place. To determine a result for the competition 1 event must be completed.
- Tied team: will not be separated once scores from events are combined, except if the top 3 teams have the same number of points, then the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> place event finishers will be the deciding factor, then 2<sup>nd</sup> place event finishers and so on.
- Borough entry: if a borough has entered the competition but not an event that is used in the scoring calculation, they will be placed in last position.

**SWI 9 Officials** Each team must provide at least one J1 or higher qualified Official. Officials may be used in any capacity and must be available all day. Please provide your official's details by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** here – <https://form.jotform.com/240953240126348>

Please contact [becca@londonyouthgames.org](mailto:becca@londonyouthgames.org) ASAP if you are unable to provide an official.

**SWI 9.1** It is not permissible for one official to officiate for more than one borough.

**SWI 10 Medals & Trophies** Medals and trophies will be awarded as follows:

**SWI 10.1** Medals shall be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed competitors/relay teams for each event (individual & relays).

**SWI 10.1.1** Medals will be awarded to Para Swimmers in the MC events based on Para Points.

**SWI 10.2** Overall Borough Team medals shall be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed squad per gender.

**SWI 10.3 Overall Winning** Borough trophy shall be awarded to the overall winning Borough squad, per gender.