



# LYG Swimming PARTICIPATION 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:

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

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.

#### Competitions:

Open/Male including Para

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 be able to competently swim 50m unaided.
- **Must NOT have a COMPETE membership of Swim England.**
- Para entrants must comply with at least one of the following categories of the LYG Impairment Grid:

G1.	Wheelchair User
G2.	Ambulant
G3A.	Sensory-Hearing Impairment
G3B.	Sensory-Visual Impairment
G4.	Severe Learning Disability
G5.	Mild Learning Disability



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A more detailed breakdown of these categories can be found here: <https://www.londonyouthgames.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/PG-Swimming-Impairment-Groupings-Guide-2024.pdf>

### Age Categories

Event	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Equivalent Year Group
Participation	01/09/2009	31/08/2012	7-9

**Reserves:** Each borough is permitted to declare two named reserves per team when making their entries (e.g. two Female, two 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 Only the named reserves can be used to directly replace withdrawn swimmers.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 event is not licenced, and therefore times will not be recorded on Swim England rankings.

**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
Participation	01/09/2009	31/08/2012	7-9

**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.



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**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.

### SWI 3 Eligibility Criteria:

#### SWI 3.1 Participation Eligibility:

- Must be within the age categories above.
- Must be able to competently swim 50m unaided.
- **Must NOT have a COMPETE membership of Swim England.**

#### SWI 3.2 Para Eligibility:

- Must be able to competently swim 50m unaided.
- Must comply with at least one of the following categories of the LYG Impairment Grid:

<b>G1.</b>	<b>Wheelchair User</b>
<b>G2.</b>	<b>Ambulant</b>
<b>G3A.</b>	<b>Sensory-Hearing Impairment</b>
<b>G3B.</b>	<b>Sensory-Visual Impairment</b>
<b>G4.</b>	<b>Severe Learning Disability</b>
<b>G5.</b>	<b>Mild Learning Disability</b>

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

- 12x Female plus 2 reserves
- 12x Open/Male plus 2 reserves
- Female para unlimited
- Open/Male para unlimited

**SWI 4.1** Swimmers can only 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

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

- Name
- DOB
- Event
- LYG Impairment Category



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**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 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 and a female competition running simultaneously.

### SWI 5.1 Competition Structure

- Open/Male, including Para
- Female, including Para

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

**SWI 7 Competition Rules** Swimmers may only compete in a maximum of **one individual event and two relays**. Events and race distances are as follows (per category per gender, including para).

Individual Events:	Team Events:
50 metres Butterfly	4x50 metres Freestyle Relay
50 metres Backstroke	
50 metres Breaststroke	4x50 metres Medley Relay
50 metres Freestyle	
Para 50m Freestyle	

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

**SWI 7.2** 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 7.3** 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 7.3.1** Such applications must be made 45 minutes prior to the start of each session.

**SWI 7.5** Para races will be dependent on entries.

**SWI 8 Scoring** The results will be determined on the heat declared winner principle.

**SWI 8.1** The Participation and Para events will not contribute to overall Jubilee scoring.



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**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** There will be no overall borough scoring or medals.