

### City of Peterborough L3 Development Series

Saturday 14th March, Saturday 13th June, Saturday 11th July 2026

Under Swim England (SE) Regulations, Technical Rules and to SE Open Meet Licensing Criteria

#### Level 3

14/03/2026 Licence number: 3ER260016

13/06/2026 Licence number: TBC 11/07/2026 Licence number: TBC

6 Lane Short Course Meet | Electronic Timing | Racing Blocks Real Time Results shared at the pool and on Whatsapp Community Free Parking

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**Entries:** All entries to be submitted electronically. Please follow the information which can be found in a downloadable zip file available from City of Peterborough Swimming Club website.

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Closing Date: Midday on 20th February 2026.

Entry fee: £60.00 for the Series

Age Groups (ages at midnight on 11th July 2026):

Female: 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs Male/Open: 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs

#### **Events:**

50m: all strokes

200m Freestyle for Age Groups 10yr+ / 100m Freestyle for Age Group 9yr 200m IM for Age Groups 10yr+ / 100m IM for Age Group 9yr

**Awards:** Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male/open and female in each age category at the end of the series.

### **Meet Objective:**

- 1. The Series comprises of three time-trials for 9-13 years olds with a point based award system.
- 2. The aim if the Series is to provide developing swimmers the ideal environment to gain valuable experience of Open Meet's on a small scale.
- 3. The series will also give the coaching staff an opportunity to assess the progress of their swimmers.

#### For further details:

Meet Promoter: Anna Bertou, on behalf of City of Peterborough Swimming Club

Contact details: Galas@copsclub.co.uk



#### **Schedule of Events**

Session 1 – Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2026						
Warm up: 17:30 Start:18:05						
101	Mixed	50	Free	All Age Groups		
102	Mixed	50	Breast	All Age Groups		
103	Mixed	100	IM	9yrs		
104	Mixed	200	IM	10yrs & over		

	Session 2 – Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2026						
	Warm up: 17:30 Start:18:05						
201	Mixed	50	Back	All Age Groups			
202	Mixed	50	Fly	All Age Groups			
203	Mixed	100	Free	9yrs			
204	Mixed	200	Free	10yrs & over			

Session 3 – Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2026							
	Warm up: 17:30 Start:18:05						
301	Mixed	50	Free	All Age Groups			
302	Mixed	50	Breast	All Age Groups			
303	Mixed	50	Back	All Age Groups			
304	Mixed	50	Fly	All Age Groups			



### **Qualifying Times**

- Swimmers with more than 3 regional qualifying times by the beginning of the series, may not compete.
- Swimmers with NT for these events will be accepted.
- Swimmers must be slower than the qualifying time at the point of entry hand in.

### **Qualifying times – Female**

Event		9	10	11	12	13
50m Freestyle	Slower	00:32.50	00:32.50	00:32.50	00:32.50	00:30.69
50m Breaststroke	Slower	00:43.25	00:43.25	00:43.25	00:43.25	00:40.30
50m Fly	Slower	00:36.75	00:36.75	00:36.75	00:36.75	00:34.10
50m Backstroke	Slower	00:37.75	00:37.75	00:37.75	00:37.75	00:35.50
100m Freestyle	Slower	01:12.00				
100m Individual Medley	Slower	01:12.00				
200m Freestyle	Slower		02:37.50	02:37.50	02:37.50	02:26.50
200m Individual Medley	Slower		02:58.00	02:58.00	02:58.00	02:48.00

### **Qualifying times – Male/Open**

Event		9	10	11	12	13
50m Freestyle	Slower	00:32.50	00:32.50	00:32.50	00:32.50	00:30.05
50m Breaststroke	Slower	00:43.25	00:43.25	00:43.25	00:43.25	00:40.10
50m Fly	Slower	00:36.75	00:36.75	00:36.75	00:36.75	00:34.00
50m Backstroke	Slower	00:37.75	00:37.75	00:37.75	00:37.75	00:35.16
100m Freestyle	Slower	01:12.00				
100m Individual Medley	Slower	01:12.00				
200m Freestyle	Slower		02:37.50	02:37.50	02:37.50	02:25.75
200m Individual Medley	Slower		02:58.00	02:58.00	02:58.00	02:44.81



### **Competition Rules and Information**

The competition will be held under Swim England Laws & Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of Racing.

Competitors must be Club Compete members of an affiliated club, eligible to compete and registered in accordance with Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules and may enter in the name of one club only. Entries will only be accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim England, SASA or WASA or competitors from a country affiliated to World Aquatics.

#### **Length of Pool**

The pool is 25 metres long with six lanes. Anti-turbulence lane ropes will be used. Electronic time keeping will be used.

#### **Entry Procedure**

#### Club entries:

All entries to be submitted electronically. Please follow the information which can be found in a downloadable zip file available from City of Peterborough Swimming Club website (<a href="https://www.copsclub.co.uk">www.copsclub.co.uk</a>).

Swimmers must enter all 3 rounds regardless of actual attendance, and all races are mandatory unless advised otherwise by the coach.

Once fully subscribed, any further entries received will be rejected.

Once accepted, entries will be posted on the City of Peterborough Swimming Club website. It will be the responsibility of the club / individual representative to check entries, inform all swimmers of their entries and notify the meet secretary immediately of any errors.

Once entry times have been accepted, no changes will be made unless with agreement of COPS Gala Secretary.

#### Individual entries:

Individual entries should be submitted to <u>Galas@copsclub.co.uk</u>. Please note, individual entries will incur an additional £1 fee. For all queries, please contact the Gala Secretary via email.

COPS swimmers must enter through the Team Unify system to ensure club approval.

Please note that Aquatics GB Rankings may reject Meet results containing database errors. The errors are often in the accuracy of the entrant's name, the official club name and date of birth. As recommended by the Rankings Department, all entries will be validated using the online entry tools available at www.swimmingresults.org. It is therefore recommended that Clubs should use these tools to validate their entries prior to submission. Entries that are found to contain errors may be rejected.



#### Swimmers with additional needs

Swimmers with classifications (S Categories) and those who require additional provisions to access the event (including personal support assistants) are requested to notify the Meet Promoter in advance of the meet. They will be accepted at the Promoter's discretion and will be exempt from the Qualification Time requirements, but their times must show in the SE Rankings.

#### **Transgender Policy**

The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category you confirm that your birth sex is female. The Male/Open category is for birth sex males, Trans or Non-Binary swimmers and any swimmer not eligible for the female category.

Entries will be made using Female/ Male competition categories, as these are the recognised categories at this time. You will notice a transition into the use of Female and Open/Male as the new competition categories following the launch of the Swim England Transgender and Non-binary Competition Policy on 1 September 2023.

#### Refunds

Entry is for the Series; there will be no discount or refunds for non-attendance of any of the rounds.

There will be no refund of entry fees to swimmers who withdraw from the event after the initial closing date unless the withdrawal is for medical reasons and a doctors certificate or medical evidence is supplied.

Refunds will be made where a swimmer is rejected from the meet due to it being oversubscribed.

All refunds will be made via the clubs who submitted the entries.

Competitors that do not intend to compete in an event must notify of their withdrawal from the event by the commencement of the warm-up for each session.

#### Seeding

Events will be seeded based on the submitted entry and achieved prelim times.

#### Warm up / Warm down

Warm up protocol: Strictly no diving during any warm-up session, except in the designated sprint lanes. Odd numbered lanes will swim clockwise and even numbered lanes anti-clockwise. All swimmers must leave the water by the side of the pool and not over the timing pads. Coaches will be expected to oversee warm ups.

Warm Down: A warm down facility will not be provided at this meet.

#### **Starts**

At the referees discretion we reserve the right to use over the top starts.

We hope you have an enjoyable meet and please let us know of anything you think could help us to improve the meet in the future



#### Marshalling

Competitors must report to marshalling when their event or heat is called. Any competitor not reporting on time for their event may be excluded. In the event a swimmer is excluded from competing, a refund will not be issued.

#### Awards

Medals will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male/open and female in each age category at the end of the series.

#### **Officials**

Visiting clubs are requested to support the meet by providing suitably qualified officials.

Any meet that does not have the number of officials required by the licensing board run the risk of it being downgraded. Names and contact details for officials should be provided by the person responsible for submitting the entries and forwarded to <a href="mailto:Galas@copsclub.co.uk">Galas@copsclub.co.uk</a> and <a href="mailto:Officials@copsclub.co.uk">Officials@copsclub.co.uk</a>.

Travel expenses for officials can be claimed in line with the conditions laid out by SE East Region policy (dated November 2023), found <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Meet Results**

Results sheets will be posted on poolside and within the spectators area on the day and will be available to download from COPS website after the events.

Results will also be passed to Swim England for their reference and inclusion in Rankings throughout the Series.

#### **Spectators**

There will be a charge of £6 per session to enter the spectator area for each gala. Payments can be made by CARD ONLY.

#### Car parking

There is free onsite parking at the Manor Leisure.

#### **Health and Safety**

All meet participants must observe the safety precautions that will be communicated at the start of every session.

Please be aware, members of the public are able to use the changing rooms and toilet facilities at the venue during the meet.

Swimmers must have on footwear and be fully clothed when on the balcony.

To maintain a high level of health and safety swimmers and spectators must not block stairwells, emergency exits and walkways.

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NO GLASS ITEMS ALLOWED POOLSIDE.

Teams will have a dedicated area by poolside, clubs are reminded to be mindful of officials and their working area. Due to limited space poolside we kindly request that swimmers only bring small bags poolside and use the lockers provided. Chairs should not be brought on to poolside.

#### **Poolside Access Passes**

Coach and Team Manager's packs are available, at £5 per person; they include start sheets, and poolside refreshments.

Only swimmers, Coaches and Team Managers with passes will be allowed on poolside (for swimmers this is only for the session in which they are competing).

Poolside coaches and Team Managers need to be registered with Swim England (or equivalent national swimming organisation), have completed appropriate safeguarding training and hold a valid DBS check, as per SE Team Manager, Coach and Chaperone Policy. Team Managers must also hold a relevant team managing qualification.

If parents of swimmers attending the meet as individuals (not with a club) wish to be poolside they must pay for a coach's pass for the day. They must also have a valid Swim England membership number, have completed appropriate safeguarding training and hold a valid DBS check, as per SE Team Manager, Coach and Chaperone Policy.

Chaperone passes are available if required, please contact galas@copsclubs.co.uk for more information.

#### **Data Protection**

Entries will be held on a computer solely for the purposes of this competition. Consent, as required by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. This data will be held at least 1 year. Data and results will be shared with Aquatics GB for rankings and the competitors own swimming clubs.

#### Filming and Photography

Anyone who wishes to take images are requested to focus on their own children as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in images, particularly if those images are being shared with family and friends or through social media platforms. Whilst it is acknowledged that parents/carers wish to celebrate the achievements of their own children when taking part in aquatic events, it should be recognised and respected that other parents/carers may not wish for their child's image to be taken and shared in this way. Any photos taken should fall within the Swim England Safeguarding Policy quidelines. No flash photography is permitted.

The use of any mobile device in the changing area is strictly forbidden, as per SE Wavepower.



Swimmers should ensure their mobile phones are put away at all times in the changing rooms to avoid any misunderstanding. Filming or photographing of yourself or anyone else for any purpose (other than coaching as above) is prohibited both poolside and in the changing rooms.

Any swimmer or coach found to be breaking these rules may be asked to leave the building and will take no further part in the competition. The club also reserves the right to take further action against anybody breaking this rule.

The safety of children and young people for this event is of paramount importance. If you have any safeguarding concerns at the event, please contact the meet coordinator.

#### **Appeals**

Any appeals must be submitted in accordance with Swim England procedures and will be handled by the Meet Promoter and Referees.

#### General

Freedom Leisure shall not be held responsible for loss or damages to spectators or swimmers property.

The promotors reserve the right to refuse admission to any competitor, participant, coach or spectator.

Any matter not covered by these conditions will be determined by the Promoter and Referee, subject to Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules of Racing.

In extenuating circumstances and due to situations out of the clubs control during the competition the promoter reserves the right to make changes to the running of the meet.



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### **Club Summary Entry Form**

Please return this completed form with your electronic entry file and summary report to: galas@copsclub.co.uk

Closing date for full entry submission: 12:00 Midday on 20th February 2026.

Club Name:			
Contact Name:			
Email Address:			
Telephone No:			
Entry Details:			
		Number	Cost
Individual entries	@ £60.00 for the series		£
Coaches Pass	@£5.00 per session		£
		TOTAL	£

Once entries have been accepted, invoices will be issued with payment details.



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INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM FOR VISITING CLUBS								
FORENAME:	SURNAME:							
CLUB:		AGE (@ 11/07/2026):						
GENDER:	MALE/OPEN or FEMALE	DATE OF BIRTH:						
EMAIL ADDRESS:		DISABILITY CLASSIFICA	ATION:					
TELEPHONE NO:		SE MEMBERSHIP NO						
EVENT	COST P	COST PER EVENT			IF CONVERTED STATE SHORT COURSE TIME:			
50M FREESTYLE								
200M FREESTYLE								
50M BACKSTROKE								
50M BREASTSTROKE	£60 for the Series							
50M BUTTERFLY								
100M IM								
200M IM								
		1	otal: £	:				

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**Coach / Team Manager Form** 

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Club:	14/03/26	13/06/26	11/07/26
	@ £5 each	@ £5 each	@ £5 each
Full name			
Position (i.e. Coach)			
Tel number			
Email address			
DBS certificate			
number			
Full name			
Position (i.e. Coach)			
Tel number			
Email address			
DBS certificate			
number			
Full name			
Position (i.e. Coach)			
Tel number			
Email address			
DBS certificate			
number			
Full name			
Position (i.e. Coach)			
Tel number			
Email address			
DBS certificate			
number			
Total:			
Total.			

The above-named person(s) is (are) authorised to	to hold a pass for this club:
Signed	Club Representative Coach/Team
Manager Passes will not be available on the day	and there will be no access to poolside without a

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There will also be refreshments provided during all sessions including, soft drinks (water, squash etc) and sweets.

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Alternatively, please go to the COPS website events page at the following: <a href="http://www.copsclub.co.uk">http://www.copsclub.co.uk</a> where you will be able to access the Job Sign Up section of this event to register your availability to assist.