



BOROUGH OF BARNSELEY SWIMMING CLUB

Affiliated to Swim England North East Region

Welcomes you to our

30th Annual Christmas Sprint

Long Course A & B Graded Gala

To be held under Swim England Laws and Technical Rules at the

Ponds Forge International Pool, Sheffield

Licence – Level 3 - TBC

Saturday 5th December 2026

General information and meet rules:

1. The competition will be held under Swim England Laws and Technical Rules.
2. The pool is 50m in length x 10 lanes with Omega Quantum electronic timing, scoreboard and secondary strobe will be available; anti-wave ropes will be used.
3. All entrants must be a member of an affiliated club and an amateur as defined by Swim England.
4. All events will be swum as A & B grade based on results swum on the day.
5. Age groups are 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15/16yrs, 17yrs & over. Competition ages will be as at 5th December 2026.
6. All events will have two categories – Girls and Boys/Open. The Girls category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the Girls category you confirm that your birth sex is female.
7. All events will be heat declared winners, for A & B Grade. Heats will seeded according to submitted times.
8. There are no additional tolerance times. Competitors who break cut-off times for B Grade will automatically be classed as A Grade. Competitors who break cut-off times for A Grade will not be eligible for the awards for placings 1-6 but will receive a speeding medal.

9. Awards will be presented to the first 6 swimmers in each age group, and in each grade (with the exception of the Age 9yrs category which will not be graded)
10. All clubs entering the meet should also provide officials if possible.
11. All entries will be via SPORTSY entry manager and will be dealt with on a first come first serve basis. The entry file will be sent out to clubs at least 2 weeks before the opening date for the gala which will be Friday 4th September 2026. The closing date for entries will be Wednesday 11th November or earlier if the gala reaches capacity. Draft programs will be sent out after the closing date of checking.
12. Any entry errors must be reported to the meet organiser as soon as possible, prior to the meet, to allow time to amend the programme and start lists on the day.
13. Withdrawals will be accepted by e-mail until Friday 4th December at 5pm. Withdrawals after this time and on the day should be notified to the Omega Suite.
14. Late entries will not be accepted, unless on a lane-fill basis and will be at the organisers discretion.
15. Competitors must report to marshalling area 1 event before the event they are competing in, at which time they will be allocated to their correct lane. Any competitor not reporting to marshalling on time may be excluded from the event.
16. The referee's decision is final.
17. Presentations will not be made. Competitors who have won an award must report to the medals table when called by the announcer.
18. Coaches and Team Managers will be admitted to poolside on production of a poolside pass which will be made available at the start of the day. These must be purchased in advance, costing £8.00 each
19. Start sheets will be distributed to Coaches and Team Managers prior to commencement of each session, they will also be available to view on our website before the start of each session.
20. Swimmers are reminded that the use of mobile phones in any changing area is strictly forbidden and may lead to your removal from the Gala.
21. No outdoor shoes must be worn on poolside; footwear must be worn outside the pool area.
22. No glass containers are permitted on the poolside.

23. All attendees are advised not to leave clothes or equipment lying around as neither the promoters or Ponds Forge Management can accept liability for any loss or damage. Any lost property should be taken to the announcers table.

24. Spectators will be allowed at the meet, but must not enter onto the poolside or in to any seating area that has been designated for swimmers. Spectator tickets will be available to purchase online and the link will be sent out to clubs with the final gala information 2 weeks before the event.

25. The promoters reserve the right to refuse admission to any competitor or spectator.

26. When entering this event, you agree that we may collect and publish personal information as part of the entry to and results of the event. We may pass such information to the Governing Body or Affiliated organisations for the purpose of membership and qualification checking. Following the event your personal information will be used for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events (British Rankings). The published results may include (but not limited to) Name, Club Membership, Race, Times, Age, Category

27. In the unlikely event that the Gala has to be cancelled only a refund of events and poolside passes will be made.

Cancellation refunds will be made as a single BACS payment to the club who placed the entry.

28. Any matter not covered in the above will be at the discretion of the organisers. Any queries should be directed to the BoBSC Gala Coordinator (Simon Sykes) on gala@bobsc.co.uk



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Schedule of Events

Session 1 – Warm up 8am

Start Time – 9am

Event 101 – Girls 200m IM

102 – Boys/Open 100m Breaststroke

103 – Girls 100m Butterfly

104 – Boys/Open 50m Butterfly

105 – Girls 50m Breaststroke

106 – Boys/Open 100m Backstroke

107 – Girls 100m Backstroke

108 – Boys/Open 50m Freestyle

109 – Girls 50m Freestyle

Session 2 – Warm up TBC

Start time - TBC

Event 201 – Boys/Open 200m IM

202 – Girls 50m Backstroke

203 – Boys/Open 50m Backstroke

204 – Girls 100m Breaststroke

205 – Boys/Open 100m Butterfly

206 – Girls 50m Butterfly

207 – Boys/Open 50m Breaststroke

208 – Girls 100m Freestyle

209 – Boys/Open 100m Freestyle