



16th Presidents Gala Open Meet
26-28 September 2025
Competition Conditions and Programme of Events

General Conditions

1. The meet is licensed at level 3 and will be operated in accordance with FINA Law and Swim England Technical Rules. Licence number.....
2. Please be aware in line with Swim England Policy any reference to 'Boys' or 'Male' in the gala or related documentation will follow the meaning of 'Open/Male' in regard to the transgender policy Please note: The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' or 'Girls' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
3. The primary purpose of the meet is to provide a competition of a full range of events (50-1500m). It will include a "skins" event for 12/ under Open and 12/under Girls which will be taken from the fastest swimmers in the 100 I.M. There will be a 13/over Skins for Open and 13/over Skins for Girls taken from the fastest 200 I.M event. The skins may be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the promoter.
4. The closing date for entries is Monday 18 August 2025, or once the gala is deemed to be full on a 1st come 1st served basis. Workington ASC reserves the right to refuse entries due to time constraints and the health and safety of the swimmers. In the event of the Gala being oversubscribed, the following criteria will be considered with the aim of ensuring that all available 8 lanes are filled. Should rejections be required they will initially be from the following events i.e. 800m, 1500m, 400 IM, 400 Free and 200 Butterfly. Other rejections may be necessary at the discretion of the Gala Director.
5. To keep clubs apprised, the Workington ASC Website will be updated to show which clubs have submitted entries and when they were submitted.
6. Age on the day will be as of midnight 28 September 2025
7. An entry fee of £6 event, £10 for 800m & 1500m applies and must be received with the entries. Entries not submitted by sport system entry file are £7.50 or £12 for distance swims.
8. Late poolside or improved entries will not be accepted
9. Entries will be accepted from swimmers registered with Swim England, or equivalent national associations. Those swimmers with NO TIME will be required to submit a Coaches advised times for seeding purposes (see paragraph.18)
10. Time Only swims will be accepted at the discretion of the Gala Director.
11. The competition will include the following age groups for each sex: 9,10,11,12,13, 14, 15/over.
12. All events are classed as 'Heat Declared Winner' and seeded by entry time
13. Events will be available for Open and Girls for all strokes - 50m all strokes, 100m all strokes, 200m all strokes, 400m Free, 800m free, 1500m free, 100m I.M. 200 IM & 400m I.M. As outlined in para 3 the 100 IM and 200 IM will provide entry into the Skins Competition.
14. Age groups will be separated for results and awards purposes
15. Results will be published in time order

16. Over the top starts will be in operation during the meet and swimmers must arrive for their individual events swim ready and not cause a delay at the start.
17. Awards will be made to the first 3 swimmers in each age group in each event
18. There are consideration times (upper limit) for this meet. Submitted times MUST be equal to or slower than the upper limit time. The requirement of having achieved a consideration time relies significantly on the integrity of the coaches, swimmers and parents to submit correct truthful information. Random checks will be made against the current Swim England database.
19. Any matters not covered by these conditions or information will be at the discretion of the meet organiser
20. Coaches passes and lanyards must be worn and be visible at all times.
21. Coaches Passes – In the interest of supporting clubs financially, each Club will be entitled to a maximum of 2 Free coaches passes i.e. 1 male and 1 female this does not include lunch, however, should this be required the additional cost will be £15 per coach. All other coaches or individuals supporting their club, will be £10 for the weekend without lunch, or £25 if lunch is required
22. Swimmers must be supervised on poolside with a qualified coach or team manager / adult who holds a current valid DBS check.
23. Strobe lighting will be available throughout the meet on the starter machine.
24. Only swimmers who are competing in an event in a given session will be allowed onto poolside during that session.
25. No parents, or spectators, will be allowed on poolside unless providing a support role to the gala director, or by prior approval for filming for GCSE purposes.

Meet Procedures

1. The secondary card system will NOT be in operation
2. Entries may be made by sending the appropriate Sportsystems entry via an email
3. Entries on paper (in support of the email entries) must also be included with the appropriate entry fee within 3 days of submitted entries
4. There will be no refund of entry fees if the entries have been accepted, unless supported by a doctors letter
5. Swimmers who withdraw from an event may be re-instated without penalty if the gala has not been deemed full or passed the closing date.
6. Swimmers must present themselves to the Competitors Stewards one event prior to their event
7. It is the swimmers responsibility to be at the start in time for their race

Programme of Events

See attached

Contact details for queries gala-WASC@outlook.com and information via the WEBSITE www.workingtonasc.com

COVID-19, Social Distancing and items out of our control

This competition is being planned on the assumption that some social distancing rules may be introduced for “high risk” indoor activities, such as swimming competitions.

If there are no restrictions in place, the number of swimmers that can be accepted will be adjusted accordingly.

Because of the uncertainty about the level of restrictions that will be in place at the end of Sept, there is a possibility that this event may not proceed as planned, and the event may be cancelled or changed at short notice.

****Therefore, we recommend that nobody commits to non-refundable travel or accommodation arrangements****

The club will not be held responsible for any costs incurred due to the event being cancelled.

Data protection

Entries to the meet will be held on computer and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of an entry.

You agree that we may publish your Personal Information as part of the results of the competition. Your information will only be shared in relation to your participation in the event, e.g. the list of entrants, results and event reports and may be shared on the website, social media pages or in emails sent by the organiser. We may pass such information to the governing body or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of insurance, licences or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Information may include but not be limited to name, club affiliation, race times, age category and para swimming classification(s).

Live Streaming

Many events are now streamed online, Workington ASC strives for excellence and looks to provide a fantastic experience for all who attend our events. Presidents Gala may be live streamed and if so will be available to view via our official YouTube channel. TBC. All swimmer/parents/guardians/coaches and all swim clubs attending our meet agree by entering to allow all their swimmers to appear on the live stream. We will not be able to edit the live stream once it has been uploaded to YouTube therefore if anyone does not wish for images of their children to be seen we advise them not to enter this meet. There will be no refunds for withdrawals for this reason once entries have been submitted. Additionally, the stream will also remain online to view once the swim meet has concluded. The stream/video will be controlled by Workington ASC, and as meet organisers we reserve the right to remove the stream from the internet should we feel necessary. This will be at the discretion of Workington ASC. Should anyone have any concerns or questions in relation to this or data privacy then please contact gala-WASC@outlook.com We strive to ensure that our online events are held safely without technical hitches however it is impossible to eliminate these completely, so we apologise in advance should there be any disruptions. We hope that everyone attending our events appreciate this enhancement to our event which will allow swimmers to rewatch their races and share their success with friends and family