CITY OF BRIGHTON & HOVE

COMPETITIVE SWIMMING - MASTERS - WATER POLO - ARTISTIC - OPEN WATER SWIMMING

The 43rd Tom Handley Memorial Meet - Licensed open meet 3SE270011

Saturday 16TH & Sunday 17TH January 2027

At the Prince Regent Swimming Complex Brighton

CONDITIONS and INFORMATION

The Tom Handley, Brighton, Age Group Open Meet is licensed at level 3, by Swim England for entry into Level 1 & 2 meets as well as Regional & County championships. The meet is held under the auspices of The City of Brighton & Hove Swimming Club (affiliated to Swim England South East) and will be held under Swim England Laws & Technical Rules.
Competitors must be members of the club they represent and registered as Club Compete with Swim England, or the equivalent for athletes from other countries.
The competition is open to eligible competitors only and entry will be taken, by the promoters, as an undertaking that the swimmer is a bona fide eligible competitor.

There will be 2 separate entry groups of Open/Male & Female
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, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
Swimmers may only compete for one club during the competition.
Short course (25m pool) entry times are required for all events and must be slower than the published upper limit times. NT entries will not be accepted but time trial or coach estimated times are ok.
A secondary strobe will be available at this meet. Any S15 swimmers requiring this facility should inform the referee before the start of the session.

Ages for this meet are as at the 17th January 2027

All club entries must be on the Hytek team manager file and sent by email to cobhgalas@gmail.com
Entry fees are £8.00 for each event.
Single entries made not using the hytek system are only accepted using the individual entry form which is available on application from cobhgalas@gmail.com

The closing date for all entries is **Midday 3rd January 2027.**
Should the meet be oversubscribed rejections will be on a slowest time basis with regard to each age group. Brighton & Hove swimmers may be exempt from this condition.

Coach passes
Clubs must refer to the latest Swim England regulations on supervision of children when ordering coach passes & should order their required number of coach passes when submitting their entries.
These passes cost £30 each for the weekend (£15 per single day). and include lunch on both days.
If no food is required then passes will cost £20 for the weekend (£10 per single day)

Following the closing date, clubs will be notified of any rejections and will be provided with an invoice detailing the fees which should be paid by the date shown on that invoice.
All fees must be paid by Bank Transfer (BACS) The account details will be supplied with the confirmation of accepted entries.

Officials

"All clubs submitting entries are requested to assist in the running of the meet by supplying details of any Licensed officials who are willing to assist at this Gala"

Clubs should ask their officials who are volunteering for this meet, to contact Martin Spowage officialscoordinator@brightonsc.co.uk to register themselves.

Breakfast and lunch is provided both days for all officials. Car parking at the centre is available for all officials, please supply your registration number at the latest by Monday 13th January.

The car park is CCTV monitored and fines charged to the registered owners of vehicles not authorised.

In line with licensing regulations, if any session is timed to exceed 3 hours, we are required to programme a 15 minute break for officials into that session.

If this is necessary then the timing of this break will be published after the closing date once the number of entries are confirmed.

NON COMPETITORS – are not permitted on poolside without showing a valid coach pass or an Official designation.

We will have Hy-Tek "Meet mobile" activated on the day and printed results will not be on display at the pool during the gala. Anyone wishing to view a full PDF set of results will be able to download these from the club website. www.brightonsc.co.uk These will be available ASAP following the gala.

HYtek Team manager result files will be sent to clubs and also be available on the website or on request from cobhgalas@gmail.com

Data Protection

Swim meet entries will be managed on a computer. By submitting entries, consent is thereby given as required under the current regulations to the holding of personal information on a computer. Some personal data including submitted and recorded times, Club affiliation & competitors age will be made public before, during & after the meet.

The decision of the referee on all aspects of swimming law is final. Matters other than those under the control of the referee, not covered by these conditions, shall be decided upon and resolved by City of Brighton & Hove SC whose decision shall be final.

Competitors are advised not to leave their belongings unattended. Neither the City of Brighton & Hove Swimming Club, nor the Prince Regent Swimming Complex management can be held responsible for lost property.

Only a small bag will be permitted on poolside. Swimmers should use the lockers provided at the complex for their larger kit bags. **There is no charge for these but users must bring their own padlock to secure their locker.** Any articles found in an unlocked locker will be removed by the pool staff and may only be collected upon request to the centre management.

Photography and video recording may take place during this meet by authorised professional photographers and if so, these photos will be available for purchase. Photographs and video footage may be used by the host club to promote the meet and celebrate swimmers' achievements on the club's website, social media channels and in promotional materials, including edited videos and highlights.

All photography, filming and publication of images will be undertaken in accordance with Swim England Wavepower guidance, the club's safeguarding procedures and applicable data protection requirements. Swimmers from visiting clubs will not be identified by name in the host club's social media photographs or videos.Any photography or filming by spectators must comply with Swim England Wavepower guidance and the venue's photography policy. Images featuring other identifiable swimmers must not be published or shared publicly without appropriate permission.
The use of phones or any photographic equipment in the changing areas is strictly forbidden and anyone found breaking this condition will be asked to leave the centre.

Clubs will be allocated a space on poolside in relation to the number of swimmers attending. A poolside plan will be published in advance..
Withdrawals may be done in advance by emailing cobhgalas@gmail.com Withdrawals should be done on the day for each session and final times for withdrawals are published with the warm up times. Please cooperate with the withdrawal procedure and help to keep empty lanes to an absolute minimum

Swimmers are not permitted to leave the poolside/changing areas in swim wear or without having first dried. Shoes must be worn when leaving poolside.

Marshalling for heats will take place on poolside opposite the balcony. Events and heats required by the marshals will be posted on the wall near the scoreboard.
We aim to have 7 heats marshalled at any one time. 1 heat Swimming, 1 heat preparing behind the blocks, 3 heats seated, waiting. The next heat will be marshalled, poolside by the flexi pool ready to be seated with a further heat also being readied there.
Coaches/team managers should not send their swimmers over before their heat number is posted

There is only limited parking in the Prince Regent car park and is therefore restricted to gala officials/pass holders only.
Please see the separate car parking advice letter for the easiest and best parking available locally.

Trophies are awarded as shown below and should be collected during the gala with no formal prize giving ceremonies and should be collected as soon as possible following the publication of the event result.
Awards will be given to the top 3 swimmers in the following age groups;

50m Back, Breast & Fly	9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs & 15/Over
50m Freestyle	9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs. awards are given for these ages in this event. 12-14 & 15/over have skins finals with cash prizes for the top 3 in each
100m Events	9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15/Over
200m Events	9/10yrs, 11/12yrs, 13/14yrs 15/over

- The boomed end of the main pool will be available as a swim down facility at all times.
- Diving, Tumble turns, backstroke & Butterfly are not permitted in the swim down pool.
- Any swimmer not behaving correctly will be requested to leave the swim down pool.
- Coaches/team managers are responsible for the supervision of their own swimmers at all times.
- Coaches/Team Managers are requested to ensure that their swimmers keep the poolside free of litter.
- It is the responsibility of each individual to present themselves to the stewards at the correct time
- All races (** except Skins**) will be swum on a heat declared basis.

50 METRE FREESTYLE SKINS

Skins events for boys and girls 12/14 & 15/over will be swum at the end of session 3.
The fastest 6 swimmers in the 50m Freestyle from each age group (Boys & Girls 12/14 and 15/over) will be entered for the Skins events provided that those swimmers have entered and swim in at least 2 events including the 50m Freestyle.

- Should any swimmer(s) withdraw from the skins event, reserves will be called.
- The 1st heat in each group will be a normal race start
- All subsequent heat starts will comprise of a 10 second warning whistle followed by the start tone.
- The last swimmer home in each skins heat will be eliminated unless a disqualification occurs in which case that swimmer only will be eliminated
- In the event of a tie for last place, no swimmer will be removed and the last 2 in the next swim will be taken out.
- Swimmers will remain in their start lane except for the final heat when lanes 3 & 4 will be used
- 12/14 years events will be held first and once completed the 15/Over events will be swum
- A go off time of 3 minutes will be used for each round with Boys and Girls races alternating at 1m 30s.

A CASH PRIZE OF £40 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS OF EACH EVENT
A CASH PRIZE OF £30 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE 2ND PLACE SWIMMERS
A CASH PRIZE OF £20 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE 3RD PLACE SWIMMERS

Submission of entries to this meet implies full acceptance of these conditions.