BUCS SWIMMING: SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026-27

ENTRY INFORMATION

DATES

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 November 2026

VENUE ADDRESS

Ponds Forge International Sports Centre,
Sheaf Street,
Sheffield City Centre,
S1 2BP

ENTRY OPENING DATE

Tuesday 15 September 2026

ENTRY CLOSING DATE

Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 23:59 – Student/Competitor Deadline
(Students / Competitors must apply by this deadline)

Thursday 22 October 2026 at 23:59 – Institution Administrator Approval Deadline
(Institutional Administrators are given 48 hours after the student / competitor deadline to approve entries)

This competition will NOT operate a staged entry process. As such, please ensure all entries are submitted through BUCS Play prior to the closing date listed above.

ENTRY COSTS

Individual Events: £14.95

Relay Events: £27.20

ENTRY PROCESS

Individual Events:

1. Competitor to apply to the event on BUCS Play (Instructions on how to do this can be found here)

2. Institution administrator approves entry (Instructions on how to do this can be found here)

3. BUCS approves/denies entry into competition and publishes confirmed entry list

Relay Events:

1. Entries will need to be submitted via the team entries section of our online entry system, BUCS Play (Instructions on how to do this can be found here)

2. Please speak to your Institution Administrator as they will need to enter the correct number of teams for you.

3. Competitors then need to apply for the respective event. (Instructions on how to do this can be found here)

4. Institution Administrators must assign competitors to the correct team during the approval process. (Instructions on how to do this can be found here)

Any data will be handled in accordance with BUCS Privacy Policy.

By participating in this event you agree to adhere to BUCS General Event Disclaimer

To check whether you are eligible to compete in BUCS competitions, please visit REG 4 Individual Eligibility.

No entries will be accepted after the entry closing deadline under any circumstances.

If a competitor experiences issues entering via the BUCS Play app before the deadline of 20 October 2026 this must be reported through **BUCS app support.** Any issues that have not been brought to BUCS' attention before this deadline will not be considered for entry.

PARA SWIMMER ENTRANTS

Para-swimmers are permitted to enter recognised para events for their classification as listed below (in line with events currently being swum in Great Britain for para-swimmers) **and** are required to meet the consideration times outlined below.

Eligible entrants in these events can earn BUCS Points, BUCS Medals and Swimming Event Points, as part of multi-classification extracted results using British Para Swimming Points.

If any para swimmer enters an event which their classification is not eligible for, they will be required to meet the consideration or qualifying times for non-disabled swimmers for that event.

Specific Requirements:

- If you have any specific requirements for competing e.g. Strobe lights, use of 'tappers' etc. please advise **Joseph Gallimore** in advance of the event.

- Any swimmer requiring the use of tapping devices, blackened goggles or starting devices MUST have these signed off at the Technical Briefing for them to be used during the Championships.

In line with World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations (Regulation 10.18.1) any World Record swims will not be recognised at BUCS Short Course Swimming Championships.

S15 SWIMMERS

S15 swimmers are eligible to enter any event and earn BUCS medals and points as per **Appendix 1** but must meet the entry consideration and qualification times of non-disabled swimmers.

A secondary strobe light will be available.

BUCS POINTS

BUCS Points will be awarded as per **Appendix 1** and **Reg 6** along with the following:

- Only the top 2 swimmers from each institution or 1 team per institution for relay events will score points e.g. If three swimmers from the same institution finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd, only 1st and 2nd would receive BUCS Points and 3rd and 4th place points would be pushed down to the next eligible swimmer from a different institution.

Following the addition of Reg 6.1.2.1.10, eligible para swimmers no longer need to compete against another eligible athlete in order to earn BUCS Points or medals. As such the following criteria for the awarding of BUCS Points is as follows:

- If the BUCS Para Record is beaten the BUCS Points for 1st place are awarded.
- If there is no BUCS Record, British Para Swimming Points will determine the BUCS Points awarded, with a benchmark total of 750+ equating to 1st Place.

For para swimmers to be eligible for disability points and awards they must be nationally/internationally classified and have a current classification status (see para entrants tab for more information)

BUCS SWIMMING POINTS

Institutions will score 'Swimming Points' and will be ranked and awards will be made to the highest ranked Open Team, Female Team & Overall Team.

ENTRY CHECKS

The entry lists will be published on the BUCS website by 5pm Friday 6 November 2026 for checking.

All entries **MUST** be checked; with errors you wish to be corrected being reported by 5pm Thursday 12 November 2026 via your Athletic Union to the event lead.

Any changes to entry information are subject to a **£10** admin fee.

No late entries under any circumstances will be accepted.

Any requests for changes made at the event will not be made.

GOVERNING BODY REGISTRATIONS AND RANKINGS

Being registered with a governing body is **not** a requirement to compete in the BUCS Swimming Championships. However, registered swimmers of Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales who wish for their times to be submitted for British Swimming ranking purposes must provide their governing body number when registering on BUCS Play, as well as checking that the name and date of birth matches that on your governing body registration.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The **Rules and Regulations** can be found here.

BUCS PLAY INFORMATION REQUIRED

- Swimming membership number (if you have one)
- Entry Time

- Entry times **MUST** be submitted for all events. These should be Short Course times or conversions from Long Course times.

- Please write the PB in number format MM:SS.MS. For example: 02:21.59 – represents 2 minutes, 21 seconds and 59 milliseconds). Any entries made putting 00:00.00 (or any other zero time format) will be rejected.

- Entries made with times that are not appropriate/in the correct format for the event will also be rejected. If you do not have an official time, please submit a time trial time – This includes relay entries.

- Are you a para swimmer? (drop down yes or no) If yes, you will be asked:

  - S classification

  - SB classification

  - SM classification

  - Exemption codes

  - URL proof – e.g. link to your profile on NGB or WPS website to demonstrate your classification

  - Classification Status (drop down Confirmed, Review, Fixed Review Date)

If you are having any problems with the BUCS Play app please contact **BUCS App Support** before the deadline. Any issues that have not been brought to BUCS' attention before this deadline will not be considered for entry.

EVENT GUIDE

This will be released two weeks prior to the competition date.

Due to the warm up restrictions the schedule & event timings will be published in the event guide. This will allow the exact timings to be set around the actual entries and for as many swimmers to participate as possible.

SAFEGUARDING

BUCS' mission is to provide exceptional student sporting experiences that inspire, develop and unite.

Critical to our success is our commitment to always providing safe, friendly and enjoyable environments for all participants. Whether competing, coaching, officiating, volunteering, working or spectating at these events, the welfare of all is critical to our mission.

To find out more or report a concern, please click **here**.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

Anyone wishing to take photos or video at this event must complete the BUCS Media Accreditation Form prior to the event. Once you have completed the form, please go to the BUCS Desk at the event to receive your media accreditation.

BUCS reserves the right to prohibit photography equipment being used at a BUCS event. BUCS reserves the right to request that the individual ceases to take photographs, deletes any images and, if considered necessary, leaves the venue.

If you wish to take photos or videos at this event, please contact the BUCS Event Lead.

QUESTIONS

All questions should in the first instance should be directed to your Institution Administration.