

BUCS SWIMMING: SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-26

ENTRY INFORMATION

DATES

Friday 14th – Sunday 16th November 2025

VENUE ADDRESS

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

ENTRY OPENING DATE

Tuesday 9 September 2025

ENTRY CLOSING DATE

Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 23:59 – Student/Competitor Deadline
(Students / Competitors must apply by this deadline)

Thursday 16 October 2025 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:

To apply for this competition:

1. Competitor to complete competition application on BUCS Play
2. Institution Administrator approves entry
3. BUCS approves/denies entry into competition and publishes confirmed entry list.

Any data will be held in accordance with the [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 BUCS Individual Eligibility [REG 4](#)

Relay Events:

- The Institution Administrator is responsible for entering teams into relay competitions.
- A student is not able to join a team until their Institution Administrator has entered a team.
- A minimum of 4 competitors must apply for each relay. The Institution Administrator must then select 4 competitors to form the 'Squad'. These do not have to be the final squad, relay declarations will be completed at the competition. If you have swimmers who will only participate in relays these individuals must be listed in a relay entry on BUCS Play. Swimmers who have not entered on BUCS Play will not be eligible to race.
- Students applying for the Team should input the TEAM PB as an entry time, NOT their individual split time.
- For help on how to enter a team competition, please click [here](#)

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 15 October 2024 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

Institution Administrators - Allocate para-swimmers under the 'non-guaranteed' category.

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, subject to competitor numbers, 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-para 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 5.1.2) 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-para 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.

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.

Para Teams will be ranked, and an overall list will be published.

ENTRY CHECKS

The entry lists will be published on the BUCS website by 5pm Friday 31 October 2025 for checking.

All entries **MUST** be checked, with errors you wish to be corrected being reported by 5pm Thursday 6 November 2025 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 HH:MM:SS.MS. For example: 00:02:21.59 – represents 0 hours, 2 minutes, 21 seconds and 59 milliseconds). Any entries made putting 00:00:00.00 (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



QUESTIONS

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