

BUCS SWIMMING: LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-26

ENTRY INFORMATION

DATES

Friday 13 – Sunday 15 February 2026

VENUE ADDRESS

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

ENTRY OPENING DATE

Tuesday 25 November 2025

ENTRY CLOSING DATE

Tuesday 13 January 2026 at 23:59 – Student/Competitor Deadline

(Students / Competitors must apply by this deadline)

Thursday 15 January 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: £16.45

Relay Events: £31.70

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 ensure your Institution Administrator has entered 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 13 January 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 ENTRY INFORMATION

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

Eligible entrants in these events can, subject to competitor numbers, earn BUCS Points, BUCS Medals and Swimming Para 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 Long Course Swimming Championships.

Mixed Para MC Finals – Exhibition Events

We will be trialling a Mixed Para MC Final in the 100 Backstroke and 100m Freestyle at this event. Note that these exhibition events are not licenced and the times achieved in these finals will not be official.

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. For example, 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 they must be nationally/internationally classified and have a current classification status (see para entrants tab for more information).

ENTRY CHECKS

The entry lists will be published on the BUCS website by 17:00 Friday 30 January 2026 for checking.



All entries **MUST** be checked; with errors you wish to be corrected being reported by 11:00 Thursday 12 February 2026 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 Long Course times or conversions from Short 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.

Event timings & warm up schedules will be published in this guide.

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](#).

COMMERCIAL PARTNERS

BUCS are delighted to announce **Milk Every Moment** and **Subway** as the supporting partners of Nationals 2026, and Ashaway as the Sports Programme Partner for Badminton.

Milk Every Moment is a campaign showcasing milk, the timeless classic in your fridge; it's more than just a beverage, it's a nutritional powerhouse. Loaded with essential nutrients, it's a top-notch source of high-quality protein and has all you need to build and repair muscles after a workout. Whether you're gearing up for your race or looking to recover post event, take a look at the [website for more information](#) and [useful recipes](#). You will find Milk Every Moment ambassadors located across the venues during the event, where they'll be offering the opportunity to win some exclusive giveaways.

Subway joins Nationals 2026 as a supporting partner through its wider BUCS collaboration, encouraging students to get active as part of its 'Fresh Moves' initiative. During the event, Subway will be present across venues with fun activations, games, and more opportunities to win exclusive giveaways.

Our Nationals 2026 partners are excited to be supporting you as you take on a thrilling weekend of sport. You can also find further information about our partners on the official event [webpage](#).

QUESTIONS

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