

BUCS SWIMMING: LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-26

GUEST ENTRY INFORMATION

DATES

Friday 13 – Sunday 15 February 2026

VENUE ADDRESS

Ponds Forge International Sports Centre

Sheaf Street, Sheffield, S1 2BP

ENTRY OPENING DATE

Tuesday 25 November 2025

ENTRY CLOSING DATE

Tuesday 13 January 2026 at 11:59pm

ENTRY COST

£16.45 per event (limit of 3 events)

Payment must be made via BACS or in-person at the BUCS Helpdesk.

Sort Code 16-00-15

Account No 23210293

Account Name British Universities & Colleges Sport

Reference LCSwim26 (Competitor Surname)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR GUEST SWIMMERS

Swimmers that are eligible to compete are those athletes that are currently on Aquatics GB programmes, not a student at a BUCS member institution and who are 18 years of age or older. Please note that any swimmer who is eligible to compete for their own university must swim for them and are not permitted to compete as a guest swimmer. Any registered university/college swimmer that is found to be attempting to swim as a guest will not be permitted to take part at the Championships.

This Guest Entry Information will be forwarded to Aquatics GB. Anyone not on in the Aquatics GB programme must provide the event lead with documentation from their respective National Governing Body approving their entry and reason for entering the competition.

ENTRY ALLOWANCE & RESTRICTIONS

Each guest swimmer is limited to three individual races

Please note should the event reach capacity we will restrict guest entries. In this instance we will discuss with Aquatics GB on who to accept.

Guest entrants may not qualify for finals, unless competing in a Heat Declared Winner event where they qualify for the fastest heat.

ENTRY PROCESS

To apply for the competition all eligible competitors must follow these steps:

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

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](#).

When entering on BUCS Play, please follow the [guide](#) on how to do so to ensure you have been entered correctly.

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.

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.

QUESTIONS

All questions should come via your NGB or to the BUCS Event Lead.