

Marlborough Penguins Club Championships 2026

(Under Swim England Laws and Regulations and Technical Rules of Racing)

Level 4 Licensed Entry Pack

This meet will be run under level 4 conditions with a level 4 licence



Being held on July 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th 2026

At Marlborough College

Licence Numbers: 4SW260767, 4SW260768, 4SW260769

25m, 50m & 100m Events Age Groups are as follows Open/Male & Female – 8 & Under, 9, 10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16, 17-24 and 25+

200m Events & 400m Freestyle Age Groups are as follows Open/Male & Female – 12 & Under, 13/14, 15/16, 17-24 and 25+

400m IM, 800m & 1500m Events Age Groups are as follows, Open/Male & Female – 10-12, 13/14, 15/16, 17-24 and 25+

AGE AS AT 6th July 2026

Entry Fees.

£4 per event for up to 10 events

£40 for 10+ events

Any questions please email Erica Hodgson

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Closing Date for entries Friday 12th June 2026

Marlborough Penguins Club Championships 2026 Events List

Session 1 – Friday 3rd July 2026 (Warm up 7pm)		
Event 101	800 Free	Mixed
Session 2 - Saturday 4th July 2026 (Warm up TBC ~10.00)		
Event 201	400 IM	Mixed
Event 202	50 Fly	Mixed
Event 203	100 Breast	Mixed
Event 204	200 Back	Mixed
Session 3 - Saturday 4th July 2026 (Warm up TBC)		
Event 301	200 IM	Mixed
Event 302	100 Back	Mixed
Event 303	200 Free	Mixed
Event 304	50 Back	Mixed
Event 305	100 Fly	Mixed
Session 4 Sunday 5th July 2026 (Warm up TBC ~09.30)		
Event 401	400 Free	Mixed
Event 402	25 Fly	Mixed
Event 403	50 Free	Mixed
Event 404	25 Back	Mixed
Event 405	200 Breast	Mixed
Session 5 Sunday 5th July 2026 (Warm up TBC)		
Event 501	200 Fly	Mixed
Event 502	25 Breast	Mixed
Event 503	100 Free	Mixed
Event 504	50 Breast	Mixed
Event 505	100 IM	Mixed
Event 506	25 Free	Mixed
Session 6 Monday 6th July 2026 (Warm up 7pm)		
Event 701	1500 Free	Mixed

Whilst events are being run as Mixed events, results and awards will be made for Open/Male and Female categories separately.

Note - Final warm up times will be communicated once all entries are received. We reserve the right to change these during the meet if necessary. **Swimmers will be required to sign in 15 minutes prior to warm up.**

Marlborough Penguins Club Championships 2026 Meet Conditions

1. The meet will be held under Swim England Laws and Regulations and Technical Rules of Racing
2. All competitors must be registered as Club Train or Club Compete category with Marlborough Penguins.
3. Swimmers must have been members of Marlborough Penguins since **Friday 12th June 2026**. Those joining after Friday 12th June 2026 will be entered as time trials.
4. Entries may be held on a computer solely for the purposes of this competition and consent, as required by the General Data Protection Act 2018, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Personal Data will be available for inspection during the Meet on application to the Promoters.
5. 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.
6. Entries must be correctly submitted by **Friday 12th June 2026**, via Swim Club Manager. Entries received without payment will not be processed. There will be no refunds for withdrawals after the closing date unless a medical certificate is provided.
7. All Teams must be accompanied by at least one Swim England Coach or the equivalent Level 2 Coach who must have current Safeguarding and DBS passes. Team Managers on poolside must be TM1 Qualified and be DBS Checked.
8. Age groups are based on ages at **6th July 2026**
9. All events will be run as Heat Declared Winners. Entries will be seeded into heats from submitted short course entry times, or converted times if necessary, the slowest heats being swum first. Entries without times (NT) will also be accepted. Places will be determined for individual genders (Open/Male and Female).
10. Entry Categories (Female & Open/Male): entries will be received and all event results will be scored and awards presented according to two separate gender groups as per Swim England policy, 1) Female and 2) Open/Male. Marlborough Penguins may seed and run certain events as combined Mixed events, but will still score the results separately.
11. Age groups/events.
 - i. 25m, 50m & 100m Events Age Groups are Open/Male & Female – 8 & Under, 9, 10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16, 17-24 and 25+ as on the last day of competition – 6th July 2026
 - ii. 200m Events & 400m Freestyle Age Groups are as follows Open/Male & Female – 12 & Under, 13/14, 15/16, 17-24 and 25+ as on the last day of competition – 6th July 2026
 - iii. 400m IM, 800m & 1500m Events Age Groups are as follows, Open/Male & Female – 10-12, 13/14, 15/16, 17-24 and 25+

25m races are unlicensed events and will not be sent to British Rankings. All other events are licensed.
12. Entry fees; £4 per event for up to 10 events, £40 for 10+ Events. Payments should be made online to **Natwest account 35584629 sort code 52-30-27 Reference "name MPC26"**.
13. Entries after the closing date, or on the day entries from swimmers who are already competing in the meet, will be accepted on a time trial only basis, and only if this does not impact session timings. Entries on the day will only be accepted if received by the timing desk staff at least **45 minutes before the session is due to commence**. This is at the discretion of the lead referee and promoter.
14. Swimmers must sign in before the warm up start time of each session, otherwise swimmers may be removed from the session
15. Final warm up times will be communicated once all entries are received. We reserve the right to change these during the meet if necessary.
16. Spectator entry on Saturday 4th July 2026 and Sunday 5th July 2026, **£6 per session, £10 for two sessions, £15 for the weekend. There will be no charge for children under 16 years**. Cash and Card will be accepted.
17. Spectators and swimmers are advised that noise levels during this event are likely to exceed 96 dB and as such there could be a risk to hearing.
18. A secondary strobe will not be available at this meet.
19. The promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any competitor or spectator who displays or has previously displayed rude, aggressive or abusive behaviour.
20. Neither Marlborough Penguins or Marlborough College accept any liability for any loss or damage to personal belongings.
21. The Meet promoter will make every effort to run the event. In any situation that the meet must be cancelled competitors are not eligible to full refunds of entry fees. Proportionate refunds may be made but only after the promoter has covered all incurred costs. In any situation that the meet must be run as unlicensed, competitors are not eligible for refunds of their entry fees.

- 22. The use of any device with video or photo capture capability is strictly prohibited in the toilets, changing rooms or changing area's at any time. Strict sanctions will be imposed if this rule is broken.**
Mobile phones or other image capturing devices must be kept in lockers or remain in bags.
23. The use of **mobile phones by spectators is not permitted** and photos must not be taken during the event.
24. Disability swimmer entries – The Competition will be run as an integrated competition. Para-Swim/Disability competitors must have an authorised disability Classification, or Certificate of Disability/Exception which must be declared on the entry form and be presented to the Referee at the start of the relevant session before racing commences. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. There will be no separate placing of disability swimmers.
25. Entry Categories (Open/Male & Female): Marlborough Penguins support transgender swimmers according to the SE transgender policies. Currently, our meet management software is not capable of using the new categories, nor is the entry system, the timing and scoreboard software, the start lists and results smartphone apps, or any of the software tools used to run the meet. It is not clear when all such applications will have the new categories enabled. It is inevitable, and this is recognised by Swim England, that there will be a period of transition and that the terms male (and other legacy terms) will continue to appear on scoreboards, webpages and documents. However, where this happens, the terms 'Ladies', 'Womens' and 'Girls' should be taken as referring to the new 'Female' category and all other terms as the new 'Open/Male' category.
26. Officials who officiate at any of the sessions will be entitled to mileage expenses at the rate of 45p per mile from their home address to the Pool venue and return, with a limit of one claim per day, regardless of the number of sessions attended in that day. Officials should request an expense application from the Referee which should be completed and returned to the Referee during the duration of the Meet.
27. Anything not covered in the above rules and associated literature will be at the discretion of the promoter but in agreement with the Lead Referee. The Marlborough Penguins Club Championships organisers will amend the rules where necessary following the advice of the Lead Referee, but only in the event of a situation out of our control and to ensure the meet runs smoothly.
28. On the day of competition, the Marlborough Penguins Club Championships organisers will amend the rules where necessary following the advice of the Lead Referee, in the event of a situation out of our control and to ensure the meet runs smoothly.
29. The Referee's decision is final, subject to Swim England Law. The electronic timing is provisional and may be overruled by the referee.

Closing date for entries is midnight on Friday 12th June 2026. Programme of events warm up times are provisional and may be subject to change once the entries have been received. Swimmers will be notified accordingly.

Additional information.

The Club Championships is a Level 4 licensed meet and swimmers' times for 50m and over races will be registered on Swim England's Rankings, allowing them to use their registered times to enter future Level 3 licensed meets. Times from this meet can also be used as qualifying times for the Wiltshire County Championships. Please make sure you enter all relevant races at the Club Champs so your swim time is registered. Further information about Licensed meets can be obtained via this Link [Open Meets – Marlborough Penguins](#)

First Time at a competition? Here is what you will need –

- Clothes for poolside (T-Shirt, Shorts, Flip Flops)
- Drinks and food for poolside to keep hydrated and to keep energy levels up and to aid recovery after a race.
- Spare Towel/s (for poolside)
- Spare Hat
- Spare Goggles
- 1 suit for warming up and 1 suit for racing (change each session if possible)
- A good lunch between sessions

Learn to Swim and Academy Swimmers – Club Championships is a perfect opportunity to compete for the first time. We would like as many of you as possible to try all the 25m races and at least one 50m race (your favourite stroke!). For longer distances, unless you have already competed in an event, please check the suitability of entering an event with your coach/teacher before entering.

Performance Squads and Regular Meet Attendees – Club Championships is a perfect opportunity to try a variety of races that you wouldn't normally take part in at Open Meets. We would like as many of you as possible to do a wide variety of events and push yourselves out of your comfort zones. You may surprise yourselves!