



SASA NORTH DISTRICT
Sprint Championships - 5th September 2026
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION



Dear Clubs and Colleagues

We look forward to welcoming you all to the 2026 SASA North District Sprint Championships. Please read the following information and ensure that it is passed on to anyone in your team attending the meet.

Venue	Aquatics Centre, Aberdeen Sports Village, Regent Walk, Aberdeen, AB24 1SX			
Session Times	Session Number	Warm up	Start	Exp Finish
	Session 1	0800	0905	1130
	Session 2	1200	1305	1530
	Session 3	1600	1705	1920
	All times above are provisional and subject to change if necessary			
Team Staff Meeting	There will be no Coaches/Team Managers/Team Staff meeting for this competition.			
Athlete seating	Athlete seating will be available on poolside around the competition pool and swim down pool. The two spectator gallery sections closest to the scoreboard end will also be used for athlete seating. Clubs will not be allocated any specific space unless the organising team consider it necessary on the day.			
Risk Assessment	A risk assessment covering the health and safety considerations is in place for the event and has been agreed by the venue management.			
Arrival and Depart times	Entry to the venue will be permitted from 0740 at the earliest. Everyone must be clear of the building by 2000.			
Warm-up & swim down arrangements	Guidelines for the effective running of warm-ups will be distributed via the WhatsApp broadcast and are available on the SASA North District website. Please comply with any allotted warm-up times and announcements and co-operate with the warm-up supervisors. All 10 x 25m lanes in the competition pool will be available for warm-up sessions. An additional 9 lanes will be available in the non-competition half of the pool. The competition pool is not available for swim down at any time during the meet. The non-competition part of the pool may be available throughout the whole day for warm-up and swim down. This may be subject to change or withdrawn. The Diving Pool is not available for this event as it is being used for other public activities. Each lane has a capacity of 12 swimmers			
Venue flow	Entry to the building will be in the main reception door. Teams should not congregate immediately outside the venue or in the foyer/reception area prior to the start or end of the sessions. Athletes/Team Staff – Proceed through the changing village and turn left at the shower area to access the competition pool. Spectators – Proceed up the main staircase to the right of reception up to the spectator gallery.			
Rules	The meet will be held under World Aquatics rules and Scottish Swimming regulations.			
Coaching Packs	Coaching packs will not be issued for this event. Withdrawal sheets and relay team sheets can be collected from the recorders desk on poolside. All other information will be sent out via the WhatsApp Broadcast.			

Changing Village	The changing village will be available for use but time in this area should be limited as far as possible. All users of the changing village must remain mindful that there will be members of the public, including young children, accessing the village for activities in the Diving Pool. Please be aware of and be respectful towards these other users. The use of foul language will not be tolerated in the changing village. Consumption of food is not allowed in the changing village. Photography/video of any description, and the use of electronic devices capable of taking photographs or videos is strictly forbidden in the changing village, showers and toilets. At no time should photographs or videos, including as part of an App such as TikTok or Snapchat, be taken or uploaded in these areas. Anyone choosing to use their device in this way in these sensitive areas will be subject to disciplinary measures. Athlete clothing, kit bags, etc. can be placed in the lockers provided. £1 coin or token is required to lock the door. Bags can be taken on to poolside/seating area where space in that area allows. No belongings can be left in the changing cubicles.
Spectating	Spectating will be available at this event. A section of the spectating area will be allocated for athlete seating and any remaining capacity will be available for spectators. Capacity of this area will be monitored and may need to be restricted during busy times.
Live Streaming	Live streaming will not be in place for this event.
Footwear	Please note no outdoor footwear is permitted to be worn on poolside. In the interests of safety, swimmers are required to wear dry footwear when using the steps to and from the pool deck. Please do not climb over seating.
Front of House activities	There will be limited front of house activities available at this meet. There is a small swim shop run by the Aberdeen Sports Village adjacent to the Aquatics Village cafeteria with a limited range of swim products.
Awards	Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in all events. Medals will be available for collection from a desk on poolside outside the timing room
Athlete to Team Staff Ratio	A ratio of 1 coach to 10 athletes, with the maximum of 4 coaches/team managers in venue per session.
Event Passes	For Team Staff (Coaches & Team Managers) All team staff must have a valid event pass for 2026 to enable access onto poolside at this meet. Team Staff applying for a pass must have valid SASA membership, a current CWPS certificate and a valid PVG check through Scottish Swimming. Team Staff can either have an annual (2026) Scottish Swimming Team Staff pass or a SASA North District Team Staff pass. The following link is for the SASA North District Team Staff pass application: SASA North District Team Staff Pass Application Link Passes must be worn and clearly visible at all times as the SASA North District meet team will be carrying out poolside checks. Anyone not displaying and wearing a valid pass may be asked to leave the poolside/athlete areas until a pass can be produced. For Event Staff (Technical Officials and Event Staff in a regulated role) All Technical Officials and Event Staff who are in a regulated role must have a valid Scottish Swimming Event Staff event pass for 2026 to enable access onto poolside at this meet. Event Staff applying for a pass must have valid SASA membership, a current CWPS certificate and a valid PVG check through Scottish Swimming. The following link is for the Scottish Swimming Annual Event Staff pass: 2025-2026 Annual Event Volunteer Pass (Swimming)

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Marshalling	There will be marshalling for all heats and all finals, including relays. All swimmers must attend marshalling before their events and are advised to attend in good time. The start of a race will not be delayed for absent competitors and swimmers. Swimmers may report to marshalling for more than one event where it is deemed that there will be insufficient time between races to marshal in good time for their next event. It is for the swimmer to inform the marshal if they are reporting for more than one event. Swimmers who have not presented themselves to the marshals prior to their heat entering the final marshalling area will not be permitted to swim, will be treated as a late withdrawal, and may be fined accordingly. Reserves must marshal unless they have withdrawn.
Withdrawals from Heats	Withdrawals should be made using the sheet(s) provided, at least 1 hour before the start of the session or returned by the deadline announced. Failure to notify a withdrawal prior to the start of the competition may result in a fine. Please check that any prior email withdrawals have been removed from or noted on the sheet.
Withdrawals from Finals	Swimmers who wish to withdraw from a final must inform the recorder (at the desk outside the timing room) and complete the withdrawal form no later than 30 minutes after the list of finalists have been published or announced. This will ensure that a reserve can be given the opportunity to compete, and the final seeded accordingly.
Withdrawals from SKINS	Swimmers who wish to withdraw from the SKINS must inform the recorder (at the desk outside the timing room) and complete the withdrawal form no later than 30 minutes after the list of competitors have been published or announced. A reserve will not be brought in after a withdrawal.
Catering	Catering provision is available for coaches and team staff. This should be purchased in advance of the event when submitting entries. Meals will be available for serving technical officials after the morning sessions and afternoon sessions in the Aquatics Studio. Tea and Coffee will be available in the briefing room prior to start of the sessions. The ASV Aquatics Centre café will be open from 0830.
Technical Swimsuits	Swimmers 13 years and younger can not now compete wearing technical suits in Scottish Swimming licensed or registered events. For further information and FAQ's please see Swimsuits Scottish Swimming

WhatsApp Broadcast (Start Lists & Results Sheets)	A WhatsApp broadcast will be in place for this event. Important documents such as start lists, results, warm up information and any other useful information will be sent out in a broadcast when necessary and appropriate. Registration for the broadcast is open to all Coaches and Team Staff attending the event and registration MUST be completed by 9pm on Wednesday 2nd September 2026. Heat sessions start lists will not be printed for coaches/team staff at the venue but will instead be distributed electronically. Start lists will also appear on MeetMobile where possible. Start lists for all heats sessions will be issued in advance of the event by 10pm on Thursday 3rd September 2026. Start lists for finals session will be printed and will be available prior to the start of the session at the recorders desk outside the timing room. Start lists will also be distributed electronically through the WhatsApp Broadcast. Results sheets will be printed at the venue and displayed on the wall and will also be distributed electronically. Results will also appear on MeetMobile and where possible on the SASA North District Website. WhatsApp Broadcast Instructions 1. Save the following contact in your phone Sean 07961751652 2. WhatsApp Sean the following information: Your Name, Your Number & Your role at the event 3. Sean will then add you to the Event Broadcast
Photography Permission	Please note that for this meet the North District will not require anyone wishing to use photographic equipment, including video cameras, to register. No professional photography will take place at this meet, and the use of flash photography is not permitted. Spectators who wish to take images are requested to focus on their own family member as much as reasonably possible, and to avoid including other participants in images, particularly if those images are being shared with family and friends or through social media platforms. Photographs / videos taken must not be used for illicit purposes and pictures / videos produced must not be altered in any way, or uploaded onto the web without the consent in writing of the person(s) photographed / filmed. The use of mobile phones or other devices capable of photography/video are not permitted at any time in the changing village, toilets or shower areas and they must be switched to silent in the pool hall.
General notes	• Vuvuzelas and air horns are not permitted at this meet. • Please ensure quiet for the starts. • Please ensure that your team does not at any time block Emergency Exits or access around the pool. • Teams are responsible for clearing their seating area of belongings, litter, etc. before leaving at the end of the competition day. Bin liners for plastic bottles/recyclable items and for general waste will be distributed around the pool - please use them. Glass bottles or containers are not permitted in the poolhall – this includes the spectator areas. • All athletes, coaches and team staff must be a member of SASA prior to attending the event.

Code of Ethics	All participants should adhere to the Scottish Swimming Code of Ethics (detailed below), and relevant codes of conduct. Please ensure that your team is aware of this. Code of Ethics: Sporting integrity is based on the acceptance of rules, fairness, equality, respect for others, moral conduct and a sense of what is right. Violence, breaking the rules, abuse of drugs, lack of fair play and other unethical behaviours are unacceptable to Scottish Swimming. Scottish Swimming Staff, Board of Directors, Council, Districts, Committees, Members, Clubs and their members agree to: • Abide by the principles above • Sign and agree to relevant Codes of Conduct and set a good example at all times • Follow the spirit of policies as required, e.g. Equity • Abide by and agree to international/national policies and guidelines, e.g. anti-doping, Wellbeing & Protection Procedures	
Event Management Contacts Arrival/End & between sessions During Competition	Different people have authority and overall responsibility for the running of the meet at different stages. The list below shows whom you should approach with any queries, concerns, or complaints during the various stages of the meet.	
	Meet Convenor Meet Referee Session Referees	Russell Halkett David Downie Meg Paterson & Durno Jessiman