



7OAKS SWIMMING CLUB

SCHOOLS OUT FOR SANTA

LEVEL 3 OPEN MEET

A festive weekend of racing

DATES	Saturday 12–Sunday 13 December 2026
VENUE	Sevenoaks Leisure Centre, Buckhurst Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1LW
POOL	Six lanes • 25 m • Electronic timing • Omega wedge blocks • Backstroke ledges
ENTRIES OPEN	Monday 12 October 2026
ENTRY DEADLINE	Midnight, Friday 20 November 2026
ACCEPTED ENTRIES	Published Monday 23 November 2026
LICENCE	Level 3 • Licence number: 3SE262098

<http://www.sevenoaks.org/our-meets/>

PLEASE NOTE Do not send payment until entries have been confirmed.

🎁 Season's greetings from Sevenoaks Swimming Club 🎁

Meet at a glance

KEY INFORMATION

Promoter	Sevenoaks Swimming Club, affiliated to Swim England South East Region
Events	50m, 100m and 200m in all four strokes; 200m and 400m Individual Medley
Age groups	9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17/over; age as at the date of the meet
Entry fee	£7.50 per event; individual paper/email entries incur an additional £10 administration fee
Entries open	Monday 12 October 2026
Accepted entries	Published Monday 23 November 2026
Qualifying standard	Upper Qualifying Times apply: swimmers must be no faster than the published qualifying time
Results	Meet Mobile during the meet; official results after Referee authorisation
Contact	meetspromoter@sevenoakssc.org

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1. Meet conditions and eligibility

Promoter's conditions

The competition is promoted by Sevenoaks Swimming Club, which is affiliated to Swim England South East Region. It is licensed by Swim England at Level 3 and will be run in accordance with Swim England Regulations, the Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming, the Swim England Open Meet Licensing Criteria and these Promoter's Conditions.

Venue and facilities

Sevenoaks Leisure Centre, Buckhurst Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1LW.

The competition pool is a six-lane, 25 m pool with electronic timing and scoreboard, anti-wave lane ropes, Omega wedge starting blocks and backstroke starting ledges. The depth is 1.8 m at the start end and 0.9 m at the turn end.

A secondary strobe light is available. Swimmers who require it should declare this with their entry and notify the Promoter at meetspromoter@sevenoakssc.org before the meet.

Events

- 50m, 100m and 200m in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.
- 200m Individual Medley and 400m Individual Medley.

Eligibility

Competitors must be eligible to compete and registered in accordance with the applicable governing-body rules. Swim England competitors must be Club Compete members of an affiliated club and may enter in the name of one club only. Entries will also be accepted from eligible members of Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales, and may be accepted from competitors of organisations affiliated to World Aquatics.

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. The Open/Male category is for birth sex males and any other swimmer who is not eligible for the Female category.

Qualifying times

This Level 3 meet has Upper Qualifying Times. Entry times must be no faster than the published Upper Qualifying Time for the relevant event and age category. Short-course times or converted long-course times will be accepted. Entry times do not have to appear in Rankings, but an entry time must be provided. Random checks of entry times may be made.

Entry fees and closing date

Entries open on Monday 12 October 2026. Entry fees are £7.50 per event. Entries close at midnight on Friday 20 November 2026.

2. Entries, acceptance and payment

Submitting club entries

Clubs entering three or more swimmers must submit entries electronically using Hy-Tek Team Manager. The Hy-Tek entry file will be sent to the relevant gala secretary on request.

Email club electronic entries to meetspromoter@sevenoakssc.org. Include an entry report, completed summary sheet and any poolside pass applications. Electronic entries will be acknowledged; the email sent date will be treated as the submission date.

Submitting individual entries

Individual entries may be emailed to meetspromoter@sevenoakssc.org using the individual entry form at the end of this pack. The entry must include the swimmer's full name, date of birth and Swim England/ASA membership number. An additional £10 administration fee applies to an individual form entry, in addition to the event fees.

Entry times

NT (no time) entries will not be accepted. A coach-estimated time (a coach-led entry time) will be accepted where the swimmer does not have a recorded time, provided it complies with the relevant Upper Qualifying Time for the swimmer's event and age category.

Checking entries

The swimmer and entering club are responsible for checking the confirmed entry list and reporting discrepancies to meetspromoter@sevenoakssc.org within 72 hours of publication. Confirmed entries and a Payment Summary Sheet will be sent to the entering club's contact email address.

Accepted entries

Accepted entries will be emailed to club and individual contacts and published at www.sevenoakssc.org/our-meets/ on Monday 23 November 2026.

Rejections and oversubscription

Entries may be restricted to keep session lengths within appropriate timescales and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If the meet is oversubscribed, 400m Individual Medley events may be limited to no more than three heats in each category (Female and Open/Male). All entries from Sevenoaks Swimming Club swimmers will be accepted.

Sevenoaks Swimming Club reserves the right to reject incorrect or incomplete entries. Submission of an entry, electronically or by form, constitutes acceptance of these Meet Conditions. If required information is incomplete or materially incorrect, the Promoter may reject the entry even if it was previously accepted.

If the meet is undersubscribed, the Promoter may accept late entries after giving priority to entries received by the closing date.

❄ Payment

DO NOT PAY UNTIL CONFIRMED Payment is due only after accepted entries have been confirmed.

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS

Account name	Sevenoaks Swimming Club
Sort code	60-19-02
Account number	25764616
Club reference	Club code/SOFS26 — for example, SEVSSOFS26

For entries confirmed through the normal process, payment must be made within seven days of receipt of the Payment Summary Sheet unless discrepancies have been raised. For accepted late entries, payment must be made within five working days or all entries from that club may be rejected.

🦌 3. Withdrawals and competition procedure

❄ Withdrawals

This is a sign-out meet. An online withdrawal system will operate using club-specific QR codes, which will be sent to clubs at least one week before the gala. Scanning the QR code on a smartphone will open the club withdrawal sheet for automatic submission to the Meet Management Team.

Withdrawals must be submitted no later than the start of the warm-up for the relevant session.

Entry fees will not be refunded for withdrawals after the closing date unless supported by a doctor's note. A doctor's note for a medical withdrawal must be received by midday on the day before the meet begins. Later requests will not be considered. Refunds are available only on medical grounds and will be paid to the club that submitted the entry.

❄ Marshalling and starts

Swimmers must report to the event marshals in good time. A swimmer who does not report may not be permitted to swim.

- Events will be swum with all age groups combined.
- Heats will be swum as mixed-age events and seeded by entry time.
- Over-the-top starts may be used at the Referee's discretion.
- Marshalling points will be clearly signposted around the pool deck.

It is the swimmer's responsibility to report to marshalling at least 15 minutes before their event. Failure to do so may result in the place being lost, filled by an alternate or the event being reorganised. As good practice, swimmers should report at least two events before their race.

Warm-up

The pool is available for warm-up only during designated times. Swimmers and coaches must not take any action that could endanger themselves or others and must immediately follow instructions from warm-up marshals and pool staff.

Diving is not permitted during warm-up until sprint lanes are announced. Diving may then take place only in the sprint lanes and under the supervision of club coaches.

There is no warm-down pool available.

4. Results, awards and poolside access

Results

Provisional results will be available on Meet Mobile as the meet progresses. Scoreboard times are not official and should be used only as a guide. Results become official only after authorisation by the Referee.

Results will also be published on the Sevenoaks Swimming Club website after the gala, emailed to attending clubs and supplied to Aquatics GB for entry into the national rankings database.

Awards and medals

Awards will be made in the following age groups: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17/over. Age is taken as at the date of the meet.

Medals will be awarded to Female and Open/Male swimmers who place first, second or third in each age group. Medals must be collected from the medals desk; uncollected medals will not be posted.

Hot heat prizes

Random 'hot heats' will be announced during the meet. The winner of the announced heat will receive a spot prize.

Poolside passes

Coach and team manager passes are free for competing clubs. Coaches and team managers may access poolside only while wearing a pass.

The Swim England Team Manager, Coach and Chaperone Policy must be adhered to at all times. Visiting clubs must ensure that coaches, team managers and chaperones hold the membership, training and DBS checks required for their role and that the applicable supervision ratios for competitors under 18 are maintained, including for individual entrants.

POOL DECK ACCESS Untrained parents without the required DBS checks are not permitted poolside.

❄️ Officials

The event requires at least 16 officials for each session. Entering clubs are politely requested to provide at least three officials. Without sufficient officials, the meet may not satisfy licensing conditions.

Qualified officials who can assist in any session should contact Anna Robinson at officials@sevenoakssc.org. Officials will be provided with lunch and poolside refreshments and may claim reasonable travel expenses.

❄️ Spectators

Adult admission is £5 per session or £9 per day. Children under 16 are admitted free of charge.

The Promoter reserves the right to limit the number of spectators permitted in the viewing gallery where necessary to comply with health and safety requirements.

🦌 5. Venue, safety and safeguarding

❄️ Parking

Several parking facilities are available around the leisure centre, with different charges. Check the relevant signage. Leisure-centre users may receive two and a half hours of free parking by entering their vehicle registration at the reception machine. Visitors are advised to download the MiPermit app before the event.

❄️ General safety

All participants must follow the safety procedures in operation at Sevenoaks Leisure Centre and the instructions of pool staff and meet organisers. Neither the Promoter nor Sevenoaks Swimming Club accepts responsibility for loss or damage during the meet.

The Promoter and Pool Management reserve the right to remove any person whose behaviour is unsafe, breaches pool rules or these conditions, or disrupts the efficient running of the meet.

❄️ Photography and video

Photography, video and the sharing of images must comply with the current Swim England safeguarding policy and procedures, Wavepower. The guidance applies to swimmers, coaches, team managers, officials, volunteers and spectators, including the use of phones, tablets and other image-capturing devices.

STRICTLY PROHIBITED The use of any mobile phone or other device in changing rooms during the event is forbidden. Photography or video in changing rooms is also strictly prohibited. Any concern will be dealt with and reported in accordance with Wavepower and venue procedures.

Data protection

Personal data supplied for entry will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and applicable UK data-protection law for the purposes of administering the competition, publishing results and submitting results to Aquatics GB for the national rankings database. Where a club supplies personal data on behalf of a competitor, official, coach or team manager, the club is responsible for ensuring that the individual has received the relevant information about that processing.

Unacceptable behaviour

Behaviour is unacceptable when it is offensive to others or undermines safety or the sport. This includes theft; wilful damage or vandalism; misuse of alcohol or drugs; bullying; offensive language; aggressive, violent or threatening behaviour; breaches of safety procedures; failure to follow instructions; and conduct that brings swimming into disrepute.

Jewellery

For safety and security, jewellery must not be worn in the water during warm-ups, swim-downs or competition. This includes watches, necklaces, chains, bangles, wristbands, earrings other than small studs, and rings other than wedding bands. Sevenoaks Swimming Club is not responsible for jewellery brought to the event or for loss or damage.

General condition

Any matter not covered by these conditions will be determined by the Promoter and Referee, subject to Swim England Regulations, the Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming and the Open Meet Licensing Criteria. The Promoter may make changes needed for the safe, fair and efficient running of the meet. Any material pre-event change will be agreed with the South East Region Licensing Officer or Licensing Panel as required and communicated on the club website and by email to competing clubs.

🎄 6. Festive swimming fun facts

🎄 RECORDS, REMARKABLE SWIMS & CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS 🎄

✳ Record breakers

⚡ **SUB-20 SECONDS** Jordan Crooks of the Cayman Islands became the first swimmer to break 20 seconds for a 50 m freestyle from a flat start, recording 19.90 in a 25 m pool at the 2024 World Aquatics Championships.

🌸 **RECORD-RICH CHAMPIONSHIPS** The 2024 World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25 m) produced 30 world records—the most ever at a single 25 m World Championships.

🏊 **OLYMPIC FIRST** The 50 m backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly events are scheduled to make their Olympic debuts at Los Angeles 2028.

✳ Slow and steady can still make history

🐢 **THE SLOWEST OLYMPIC HEAT WINNER** Eric Moussambani of Equatorial Guinea won his 100 m freestyle heat at Sydney 2000 in 1:52.72. Guinness World Records lists it as the slowest recorded Olympic 100 m freestyle heat-winning time.

🌊 **A 21-HOUR SWIM** In 1875, Captain Matthew Webb became the first person recorded as swimming the English Channel from shore to shore. The crossing took 21 hours 45 minutes.

✳ Quirky festive swimming traditions

👤 **THE PETER PAN CUP** London's Serpentine Swimming Club has held a Christmas morning race since 1864. The event later took the Peter Pan name after author J. M. Barrie donated a trophy in 1904.

🎁 **FANCY-DRESS DIPS** Across the UK, Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year swims often mix festive costumes with charity fundraising—Santa hats, reindeer antlers and bright fancy dress are part of the tradition.

Facts checked July 2026. Sources: World Aquatics, Olympics.com, Guinness World Records and the Serpentine Christmas-race history.



7. Individual entry form

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SUBMISSION NOTE Clubs entering three or more swimmers must submit Hy-Tek Team Manager files by email to meetspromoter@sevenoakssc.org. Hy-Tek entries do not incur the individual administration fee.

Surname		First name	
Club		Category	Female / Open/Male
Date of birth		Age at meet	
Membership no.		Contact name	
Email		Telephone	

Event	Entry time	Event	Entry time
50m Freestyle		100m Butterfly	
50m Backstroke		200m Freestyle	
50m Breaststroke		200m Backstroke	
50m Butterfly		200m Breaststroke	
100m Freestyle		200m Butterfly	
100m Backstroke		200m Individual Medley	
100m Breaststroke		400m Individual Medley	

PAYMENT SUMMARY

Event entry total	£7.50 per event £ _____
Individual administration fee	£10.00
TOTAL DUE	£ _____

* Payment instructions

Make payment only after entries have been accepted. Use account name Sevenoaks Swimming Club, sort code 60-19-02, account number 25764616, and payment reference – Club code/SOFS26 — for example, SEVSSOFS26.

Email this form to meetspromoter@sevenoakssc.org.

DECLARATION	
Declaration	I confirm that the details on this form are correct, that the swimmer is eligible to compete under the conditions in this pack, and that submitting this entry constitutes acceptance of the Meet Conditions, including the data protection and photography provisions in Section 5.
Signature	_____
Print name	_____
Date	_____
Swimmers under 18	This form must be signed by a parent or guardian.

