



Royal Tunbridge Wells Monson  
Swimming Club

**Spring Meet (Regional chaser) Level 3  
Open Gala**

Licensed at level 3 (tbc)  
for entry to level 1 and 2 meets and county  
and regional championships

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
2023

at Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre, TN4 9TX

Omega wedge starting blocks,  
Anti-wave lane ropes,  
Electronic time keeping  
and warm down pool.

Closing date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

[Open Meets & Galas | Monson](https://rtwmonson.org)  
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## Prompter's conditions

The competition is promoted by Royal Tunbridge Wells Monson Swimming Club which is affiliated to 'Swim England South East region'. The competition will be swum under 'Swim England' Laws, Regulations, Technical Rules of Racing and the promoter's conditions. The event is licensed at Level 3. The event will be held in a 6 lane 25m pool, with anti-wave lane ropes, electronic time keeping and Omega wedge starting blocks.

**Events:** 50m, 100m and 200m in all strokes, 400m FC and 200 and 400IM

**Age groups:** '10-12', '13', '14', '15', '16', '17' and '18 years and over'.  
Ages as at 31st December 2023.

**Entry fee:** £7.00 per event.

**Closing date:** Closing date for entries is midnight Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

**Qualifying times:** Entries are subject to the Upper Limit ('Not Faster than') qualifying times which are set to match the 2022 SE region automatic qualifying times. Entry times must be short course and achieved since 1st January 2022. Long course conversions will be accepted.

**Time trials:** If the event is undersubscribed then times trials may be accepted from swimmers who are faster than the Qualifying times. Competitors swimming times trials will not be eligible to win awards.

**Entries:** Swimmers must have current 'Swim England', 'Scottish Swimming' or 'Swim Wales' membership to enter. Entries from swimmers who are members of clubs affiliated to FINA and who meet the entry criteria will be considered.

The entry pack including the Hy-Tek meet file can be found here [Open Meets & Galas | Monson \(rtwmonson.org\)](#)

Clubs entering more than 3 swimmers **must** use electronic entry.

Individual entries may be submitted using the paper entry form.

All entries must show the swimmer's Full name, date of birth and membership registration number.

All entries must be within the upper (not faster than) qualifying times for the individual age.

In addition, we will be holding one skins event, each day. This will be based on one female and one male event and there will be a cash prize for the winner. The results of these will not be licensed or placed on rankings.

**Over-subscription:** In order to keep the session times with the pool time available, the number of entries may be restricted. If rejections are required the slowest swimmer from each age group will be removed, starting from the youngest age group. This process will be repeated until enough swimmers have been removed. Clubs will be advised as soon as possible after the closing date if any entries are rejected (in this case fees will be refunded). A list of accepted entries will be posted on the club website.

**Awards:** Awards will be given for first, second and third places in each age group for each event. All events are heat declared winner.

**Meet Procedure:** **This is a SIGN IN competition.** Competitors, team managers or coaches must 'sign in' at least 45 minutes before the start of the first race in each session.

Swimmers must report to the competitor marshals before the start of their event and competitors not reporting in time may not be permitted to swim.

Events will be swum with all age groups combined. All heats will be spearheaded.

Over the top starts will be used at the discretion of the referee.

**Results:** Results will be available as the meet progresses via the Hy-Tek Meet Mobile App. Printed copies will be posted pool side and on the spectator's gallery shortly after each event. Results will be available on meet mobile and posted on the RTW Monson website [Open Meets & Galas | Monson \(rtwmonson.org\)](https://www.rtwmonson.org) after the gala.

**Coaches:** Coaches' and Team managers passes are free to competing clubs. To avoid overcrowding clubs may apply for two passes per session, plus one extra for every extra 10 competing swimmers. Coaches and team managers must be DBS checked. Only competing swimmers and holders of passes will be permitted on poolside.

**Officials:** The event needs a minimum of 16 officials for each session. Clubs entering are politely requested to assist by providing officials and are reminded that without sufficient officials, the meet may not satisfy the licensing conditions. If you are a qualified official and can officiate for any session(s), please contact [jan.annan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jan.annan@hotmail.co.uk) Officials will be warmly welcomed, provided with lunch and pool side refreshments and reimbursed reasonable travel expenses.

**Spectators:** Adult spectator admission is by programme only, price £5 per day. Children under 16 are admitted free. At the time of the conditions and programme being published, there is no cafeteria available at the venue, however, there are vending facilities and a swim shop at the leisure centre. There are food outlets available along the St John's Road, and we are happy to provide further information on these.

**Car parking:** Parking at the sports centre is limited. In the event, that there is no space at the centre, swimmers and spectators can park in the car park at the Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys (TN4 9XB). This is immediately next door with direct pedestrian access to the sports centre.

**The pool** is 25m, six lanes, with anti-wave lane lines, Omega wedge starting blocks, electronic timing and scoreboard. The pool depth is 2m at the start end and 1m at the turn end.

**Secondary Strobe:** A secondary strobe will be available.

**Warm up and safety information:** The pool is available for warm up only during the designated times. During the warm up swimmers and coaches must ensure that they (and swimmers in their charge) take no action which would endanger themselves or others. The instructions of the warm up marshals or pool staff must be obeyed immediately. Diving is not permitted in the warm up until sprint lanes are announced and then only in the sprint lanes under supervision by club coaches.

**Warm Down pool:** The diving pit will be available for warm down during competition. Clubs are required to supervise their swimmers in the warm down pool. Swimmers who are not actively warming down will be asked to leave the warm down. The warm down pool will be closed during warm up sessions.

**General Safety:** All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at Tunbridge Wells Sport Centre and follow the instructions of the pool staff and meet organisers. Neither the promoters nor RTW Monson SC will be responsible for any loss or damage during the meet. The Promoter and pool management reserve the right to remove any person from the pool area, whose behaviour is either unsafe to themselves or others or against the pool rules, promoter's conditions or the efficient running of the meet.

**Data protection:** By entering the event you consent for RTW Monson to hold and distribute as necessary, the personal information given by you on paper or by electronic means to run the meet. The results, including personal information they contain, will be publicly available and shared with British Swimming for entry in the rankings.

**Photography:** Anyone wishing to carry out video, zoom or close-range photography must be in accordance with 'Swim England Wavepower 2020-2023'. These conditions also apply to swimmers on poolside. The event may be live streamed.

**General Condition:** The gala promoter has the right to change any aspect of the gala to ensure the smooth running and fairness of the event. If changes to the conditions are required prior to the event the promoter will consult with the SE Region Licensing panel and publish details of the changes on the club website and by email to the competing clubs.

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