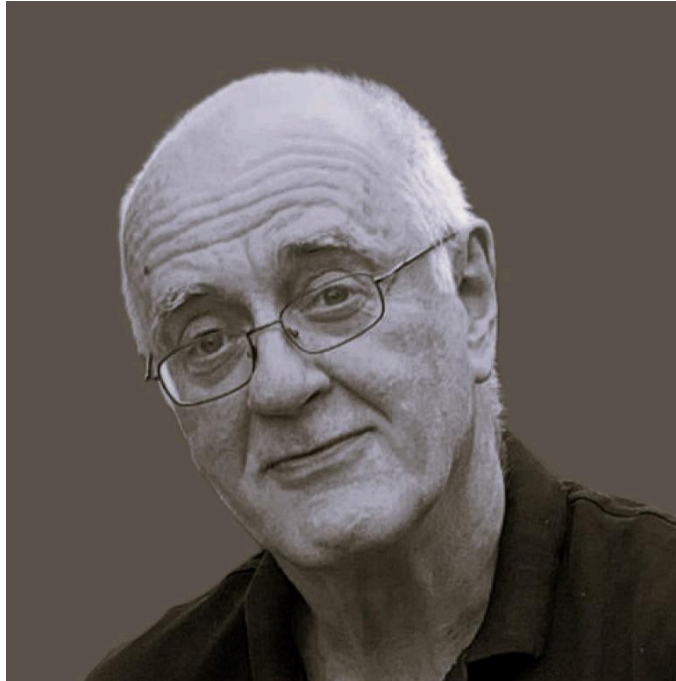


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In February 2024, we had the sad news that John Bolton, a member of Somerset ASA, had passed away suddenly.

John, like many of us, came into the sport to support his daughter and became treasurer of Dorset county. He also helped set up the website for the South West region. Latterly he joined Somerset ASA and worked tirelessly, setting up communication systems and advising on governance.

He was always very knowledgeable and kept abreast of all the latest developments in swimming. The county website and news feeds kept us all informed about the county news and from further afield. He always seemed to know when our swimmers were swimming, even if this was in some relatively obscure event and had a report on it. Even when swimmers had left the county, there was still an honourable mention. He was across it all.

We extend our sympathies to John's family and those that he worked with and supported. In his memory and in recognition of his contribution to our sport, we created a development meet that John would have approved of, one for long distance development of our developing swimmers. Thank you John for everything you did for our sport. Let the competition begin!

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## **Somerset County Long Distance Development Meet**

### **EVENT CONDITIONS, QUALIFYING TIMES & PROGRAMME**

#### **Level 3**

**Part One: Saturday 14th November 2026 Licence Number: 3SW262617**

**Part Two: Saturday 21st November 2026 Licence Number: 3SW262618**

**Venue: Millfield School**

**Promoter: Kelly Podbury, for and on behalf of Somerset ASA**

#### **Events**

**800m & 1500m**

**Short Course: 25m pool**

**Commemorative Medals awarded to all competitors**

**Ages will be at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026**

**Competitors must be aged 11 and over on the day of competition**

**Closing date for entries: 5pm, Saturday 31st October 2026**

**Entries will be confirmed on: Sunday 1st November 2026**

**Payment by: Friday 6th November 2026**

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## PROMOTERS CONDITIONS

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- 1 All events shall be competed for under Swim England Laws and Regulations Technical Rules of racing
- 2 This meet has been designated as a development meet (Licensed to Level 3) to extend the opportunity of good class competition for emerging competitors.
- 3 The competition is open to members of clubs affiliated to Somerset ASA, eligible to compete and registered in accordance with Swim England laws and technical rules
- 4 The Promoter, Somerset ASA, reserves the right to reject any entry without giving a reason. By submitting entries, competitors accept the rules of this competition. Competitors whose entries are accepted and subsequently found to have been entered in the wrong event(s)
  - a. because of incorrect entry information will be withdrawn from the event(s) and will not have their entry fees refunded
  - b. because of an organiser error, will be withdrawn from the event(s) and will at the organiser's discretion and without further obligation or liability by the organiser either a) be entered in the correct event or b) receive a refund of the relevant entry fee(s)
- 5 The pool is 25m and the competition will be swum short course with anti-wave lane ropes
- 6 Clubs are to contact the Meet Promoter if a secondary strobe light is required during the competition
- 7 The acceptance of competitors will be based on times submitted. It is essential that only times achieved, or club time trials as agreed by the club coach be entered. As many heats as possible will be run in the time available for the meet. Times must be supplied with entries, **NT entries will not be accepted**
- 8 If the meet is oversubscribed, the fastest competitors in each event will be scratched.
- 9 Competitors outside of Somerset can enter the event, but preference will be given to Somerset affiliated competitors, if scratching has to take place
- 10 Competitors who have competed at Nationals within the last 12 months will not be permitted to enter the event they have competed in at that level
- 11 Competitors with WPS Functional Ability Classification or a Certificate of Swimming Disability achieving Para-Swim/Disability Consideration Standards for County Events will be accepted as time permits
  - a) WPS Functional Ability Classification MUST be declared on the entry email. Competitors with a Certificate of Swimming Disability MUST present to the Certificate to the Referee at the start of the relevant session before racing commences.
  - b) Para-Swim/Disability competitors may enter any event that is not deemed a Para-Swim Event, subject to satisfying the relevant qualifying or consideration standard(s) as specified in the entry conditions
- 12 To ensure safety procedures and protocols are observed, together with the well-being of all competitors, all associated medical conditions must be declared on a Health Information Form with the management plan for the condition and submitted to the Promoter at least two weeks before the date of competition. The declaration shall be made by the competitor/parent/guardian for the sole use of those persons with responsibility for health and safety during the competition. The content of the declaration will be held in strict confidence, and only shared when essential to ensure the safety of the competitor during the competition. The forms submitted by competitors entering an event in this meet will be held securely on file until the final Somerset ASA competition of the 2026/2027 season.
- 13 All competitors must be Swim England Club Compete registered prior to submitting entries

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- 14 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
- 15 Competitors must be race ready when reporting to marshalling
- 16 Should the event be oversubscribed an equal amount of the fastest competitors from each event and age group will be scratched
- 17 Entries are to be made via Hy-Tek Team Manager compatible format. All entries are to be emailed to [somersetasa@gmail.com](mailto:somersetasa@gmail.com) and include the information requested on the Event Entry Submission. The closing date for entries will be **5pm on Saturday 31st October 2026**
- 18 Confirmation of entries and entry fees to pay will be received by clubs on Sunday 1st November 2026. Clubs are to check their confirmed entries thoroughly in case competitors have been scratched in line with point 15 above
- 19 Once entries have been confirmed to clubs no refunds will be given for competitors who subsequently withdraw
- 20 A refund for withdrawal on medical grounds will be considered provided a request is made to the Promoter no later than 72 hours prior to the start date and time of the applicable weekend of competition and must be supported with a medical note within four weeks of that date
- 21 The entry fee is £11.20 per event
- 22 Payment by BACS transfer only must be paid directly into the Somerset ASA bank account by Friday 6th November 2026. Evidence of cleared funds will be confirmed by the Treasurer to the Competition Secretary prior to the event. Clubs who do not have evidence of cleared funds by the date above will not be able to compete. Ensure the club name is used as reference when submitting payment.
- Bank details: HSBC  
Sort Code: 40-44-33  
Account Number: 62083051
- 23 Coach & Team Manager accreditations are to be downloaded individually from the Swim England Membership Options. Clubs must adhere to [SE1048 Swim England Team Manager. Coach and Chaperone Policy](#). All Teams must be accompanied by at least one qualified Level 2 coach or equivalent and at least one qualified Level 1 Team Manager. All coaches and Team Managers must have an in date Safeguarding qualification and a valid in date DBS check. Failure to have these in place will prevent coaches and Team Managers from purchasing accreditations and therefore access the competitors balcony and poolside will be denied
- 24 Clubs must contact the promoter if they have a swimmer who needs a chaperone in addition to their coach pass quota
- 25 Only competitors reporting for their event, required volunteers and appointed officials are allowed on the poolside during the meet
- 26 During warmups, only coaches holding valid accreditations will be permitted on the poolside
- 27 Only Coaches/Team Manager's wearing accreditations are permitted on the competitors balcony
- 28 All Team Managers, Coaches and Chaperones must:
- a) Download their accreditation using the Swim England Membership platform. [Swim England Membership Options](#).
  - b) Ensure you have uploaded a photograph of yourself
  - c) Select 'Purchase accreditations for events'
  - d) Select the free option
  - e) You will be emailed your accreditation, once purchased

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- f) This process will safeguard our competitors by ensuring that all adults holding an accreditation have the right qualification and checks in place.
- 29 **Ages will be as on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026, all competitors must be aged 11 and over to compete on the day of their competition.**
- 30 Heats will be pre-seeded. Competitors will be required to sign in. The organisers reserve the right to amend the running order of the events and to add non-scoring competitors at their sole discretion should it become necessary. Entries will be seeded into heats from submitted times, these will be seeded before the event. Slowest heats will be swum first. All heats will be spearheaded
- 31 Commemorative medals will be awarded to all competitors on the day of competition
- 32 During the meet and in case of unforeseen circumstances out of our control the Referee may need to alter the conditions to ensure the smooth running of the competition
- 33 Any swimmer breaking these conditions will be liable to disqualification from any or all events
- 34 The Organiser reserves the right to ban the use of gas hooters, klaxons etc., which in the Organiser's opinion, could be a hazard or danger to competitors, officials or spectators
- 35 All clubs with five or more swimmers are kindly requested to provide qualified and licensed officials to assist with the officiating of the event during each session. The promoter will endeavour to ensure enough officials and timekeepers meet the licence requirements for each session, however if this proves not to be achievable the times for the swimmers will not be accepted by Rankings
- 36 Officials who officiate at any of the Sessions will be entitled to Mileage Expenses at a Rate of 40p 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 on that day. Officials should request an Expenses Application Form from a Referee which should be completed and returned to that Referee during the duration of the Meet
- 37 It is also requested of clubs that enough volunteers are encouraged to support the event to ensure our swimmers are competing in a safe and secure environment
- 38 The Meet Promoter will make every effort to run the event. In any situation that the meet must be cancelled competitors are not eligible for full refunds of their entry fees. Proportionate refunds may be made but only after the promoter has covered all incurred costs
- 39 The Promoter will make every effort to run the event at the advertised licence level. In any situation that the meet must be run at either unlicensed or at a lower licence level, competitors are not eligible for refunds of their entry fees
- 40 **The use of any device with video or photo capture capability are strictly prohibited in the toilets, changing rooms or changing areas at any time**
- 41 **Code of Conduct** All clubs, their coaches, team managers, swimmers and parents are familiar with Swim England's Code of Conduct which is included in Swim England's Safeguarding Policy, known as [WavePower](#). This meet is run under the protection of this policy and all visitors to the complex will be expected to abide by the policy. Somerset ASA has a zero tolerance to any breach of any code of conduct and anyone who is deemed in breach of a code of conduct will be asked to leave the venue and reported to the Management Committee for further investigation
- 42 **Data Protection Declaration**
1. Competitors
    1. agree to abide by the Competition's Entry Conditions
    2. must provide information which is correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge

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3. consent to their personal data being collected, stored, used, shared and transferred by Somerset ASA in accordance with Somerset ASA's Privacy Policy, which can be found here: <https://somersetasa.co.uk/privacy-policy/>
2. Clubs
  1. agree to act as a Data Processor on behalf of Somerset ASA for the collection, storage, use, sharing and transfer of the personal data of members who have made the above competitor declaration in support of entry into this competition
  2. agree to submit Batch Entries which are correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge
  3. must promptly make the Promoter aware of any exceptions and
  4. agree to resolve any queries directly with the member(s) concerned.

### 43 **Photography & Imagery Consent**

1. Your privacy is important to us. Any concerns during an event should be reported to the Promoter or an appropriate member of the Meet Management team
2. This event may be photographed and videoed in accordance with our Privacy Policy <https://somersetasa.co.uk/privacy-policy/>. Media may be displayed on our website <https://somersetasa.co.uk/>, on our social media accounts and used to promote the event and events in the future. If you have any concerns, please refer to the ASA. Photography Guidance in [Wavepower](#)
3. Somerset ASA may have official photographers and may record the competition events in which you are participating, and general images of swimmers, coaches, officials, parents and volunteers will form part of the information we hold and use. In addition to the purposes for general information set out above, Somerset ASA may use these recordings and images for the purposes of education and training, inclusion in press releases and Club Communications, and event promotion.
4. If swimmers, coaches, officials, parents and volunteers have any concerns with their child / themselves being photographed / filmed at our events please contact the Promoter by email [somersetasa@gmail.com](mailto:somersetasa@gmail.com) or call 07780 733 512 prior to the event.
5. Please note consent will be valid for 3 years or in the case of consent by a parent / guardian on behalf of a child, the shorter period of 3 years, or until the child's 16th birthday.  
You can withdraw or change your consent at any time.
6. Where you do not grant consent, we will not be able to use your imagery except in certain limited situations, such as where required to do so by law or to protect members of the public from serious harm.

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## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

**Part One: Saturday 14th November 2026**

**Warm-up starts: 4:45pm**

**Competition starts: 5.15pm**

| Event | Description          | Event | Description           |
|-------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 101   | Mixed 800m Freestyle | 102   | Mixed 1500m Freestyle |

**Part Two: Saturday 21st November 2026**

**Warm-up starts: 4:45pm**

**Competition starts: 5.15pm**

| Event | Description           | Event | Description          |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 201   | Mixed 1500m Freestyle | 202   | Mixed 800m Freestyle |

## QUALIFYING TIMES

**Slower than the times stated below**

| FEMALE          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| EVENT           | 11       | 12       | 13       | 14       | 15       | 16       | 17       | 18 & over |
| 800m Freestyle  | 12:15.00 | 11:30.00 | 11:20.00 | 11:05.00 | 11:00.00 | 10:50.00 | 10:50.00 | 10:50.00  |
| 1500m Freestyle | 30:00.00 | 24:00.00 | 23:00.00 | 22:00.00 | 21:00.00 | 21:00.00 | 21:00.00 | 21:00.00  |

| OPEN / MALE     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| EVENT           | 11       | 12       | 13       | 14       | 15       | 16       | 17       | 18 & over |
| 800m Freestyle  | 12:15.00 | 12:10.00 | 12:04.00 | 11:15.00 | 11:15.00 | 11:05.00 | 11:10.00 | 11:10.00  |
| 1500m Freestyle | 25:00.00 | 22:00.00 | 21:30.00 | 21:15.00 | 21:10.00 | 20:00.00 | 20:00.00 | 20:00.00  |

**Ages will be as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026**