



L4 Rising Stars Meet

30th May 2026
Licence No. – 4SE26XXXX

MEET CONDITIONS

KEY DETAILS	
Dates of Meet	Saturday 30 th May, 2026
Venue	The Spectrum Leisure Centre, Guildford, GU1 1UP
Licence Details	• Licence No: 4SE26XXXX • Level: 4 • Course: Short
Pool configuration	• Length: 25m • No. of lanes: 8
Events	• 50m all four strokes • 100m Freestyle, Backstroke and Butterfly • 200m Freestyle • 100m Individual Medley
Event Details	• Age groups are: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15+ • Age at date: 23:59:59 on Saturday 30th May 2026 • The meet will operate on a SIGN-OUT basis
Dates for entries	• Closing: Midnight, Thursday 30th April 2026
Entry Details	• This is a closed gala for members of selected squads from Guildford City Swimming Club only • If the meet is oversubscribed, priority will be given to entries from the most junior squad decreasing by squad through to entries from the most senior invited squad • £10.50 per event
Key links	• Meet website: https://www.gcsc.co.uk/guildford-city-level4-may-2026/ • Officials sign-up: https://swim-meet.com/Availability/?m=XXXX • Withdrawals: https://www.swimcomp.com/gcsc/gcsc-l4-may-2026/withdrawal

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Version 1	• Initial version



1. **AFFILIATION**

- 1.1. Guildford City Swimming Club (GCSC) is affiliated to Swim England South-East Region.
- 1.2. The meet will be held under Swim England Laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of racing.
- 1.3. The meet is licensed at Level 4 under licence no. **4SE26XXXX**.

2. **EVENTS**

2.1. **Distances and strokes**

- 2.1.1. Events will consist of 50m of all four strokes, 100m Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke, 200m Freestyle, and 100m Individual Medley.

2.2. **Age groups**

- 2.2.1. Age groups are: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15+.
- 2.2.2. Ages are as at 23:59, 30th May 2026.

2.3. **Competing categories**

- 2.3.1. Swimmers will be required to swim in one of two groups, Female or Open / Male swimmers.
- 2.3.2. *"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".*

2.4. **Seeding**

- 2.4.1. Events will be seeded into heats from submitted entry times with slowest heats swum first. Heats will be swum in a spearhead formation.

3. **ENTRIES**

3.1. **Closing dates**

- 3.1.1. The Closing date for entries is **Midnight, Thursday 30th April 2026**.

3.2. **Process**

- 3.2.1. This is a closed meet for members of selected squads of GCSC only.
- 3.2.2. Entries must be submitted using Swim Manager, by the closing dates.
- 3.2.3. The submission of entries indicates acceptance of the Meet Conditions.
- 3.2.4. Entries may be restricted to keep the session times within appropriate timescales.
- 3.2.5. If the meet is oversubscribed, priority will be given to NT and slowest entries with priority decreasing as entry times get faster.
- 3.2.6. Details of accepted and rejected entries will be emailed to members who have entered and posted on our website no later than one week after the closing date.
- 3.2.7. **Please Note:** In the accepted and rejected entries that are shared, if the letters **SCR** appear next to an entry time, that entry has been rejected in accordance with our Meet Conditions.

3.3. **Eligibility**

- 3.3.1. All entry times and "No Time" entries will be considered.

3.4. **Fees**

- 3.4.1. For all other events, entry fees are **£10.50** per event.
- 3.4.2. **There will be no refunds for withdrawals after the initial closing date** other than for withdrawals for medical reasons that are accompanied by the appropriate certification.

3.5. **Swimmers with additional needs**

- 3.5.1. A secondary strobe will be provided where it is requested by the athlete **at the time of entry**.
- 3.5.2. Swimmers who wish to enter who have classifications (S categories) or require additional provisions to access the Meet are requested to email the Promoter at open.meets@gcsc.co.uk before **Thursday 30th April 2026**.
- 3.5.3. Results will be produced for classified swimmers using the most recent Hy-Tek Meet Manager functionality for calculating British Para-Swimming Points.



3.6. Reserve list, Time Trials and additional entries

- 3.6.1. If the meet is oversubscribed, a **reserve list** will be operated. Only swimmers whose original entry into an event has been scratched will be eligible for inclusion on the reserve list for that event.
- 3.6.2. Swimmers can request to be placed on the reserve list by emailing open.meets@gcsc.co.uk after the publication of the accepted entry list, and **before midday Monday 11th May 2026**.
- 3.6.3. Should opportunities to participate arise for reserve list members, acceptance of swims will be at the Promoter's discretion and will operate on the same basis as original entries.
- 3.6.4. The Promoter reserves the right to allow Time Trials or additional entries at their discretion, if the meet is not full after the closing date for the Reserve List. Time Trials or any additional entries will be charged the same entry fee as all other entries.
- 3.6.5. The Promoter retains ultimate discretion and authority over the management of the reserve list, Time Trials or any additional entries.
- 3.6.6. **Successful reserve list applicants will be informed as soon as possible after their participation has been confirmed, and no later than 15 minutes after the start of the warm-up for the corresponding session.**

4. PRE-COMPETITION

4.1. Officials

- 4.1.1. As with all meets, this meet can only take place with enough Licensed Officials to satisfy the conditions required to run a meet licensed at this level.
- 4.1.2. Officials should please sign-up directly using the following link:
<https://swim-meet.com/Availability/?m=XXXX>
- 4.1.3. Too few Licensed Officials may result in the Promoter being required to take measures to safeguard the running of the meet. Such measures might include reducing the number of lanes and scratching previously accepted swimmers or downgrading the level of the meet, thereby removing the opportunity for swimmers to use times for qualifying for future meets.

4.2. Sign-out and withdrawal

- 4.2.1. This Meet will be run on a **SIGN-OUT basis**.
- 4.2.2. To avoid empty lanes and to promote good racing and fair competition for all swimmers, **strict withdrawal conditions** apply.
- 4.2.3. Any swimmer who can no longer (or no longer wishes to) compete in an event **MUST** withdraw.
- 4.2.4. A Withdrawal Form will be available after the Entry Closing date at:
<https://www.swimcomp.com/gcsc/gcsc-l4-may-2026/withdrawal>
- 4.2.5. Withdrawals must be submitted using the Withdrawal Form, or in person at the Announcer's desk, **before the start of the session** in which the swim would have taken place.
- 4.2.6. Any withdrawals after the start of the session must still be notified in person at the Announcer's desk and will be recorded as **LATE WITHDRAWALS**.
- 4.2.7. Any swimmer who does not withdraw and does not compete in their designated race will be recorded as a **NO SHOW**. It is the responsibility of swimmers to report to the marshalling area in enough time for each event. GCSC cannot be held responsible for any swimmer missing the start of their designated race.
- 4.2.8. At the Promoter's Discretion, any swimmer who is recorded as a NO SHOW or a repeated LATE WITHDRAWAL may be **withdrawn by the Promoter for any or all subsequent events**. No refund will be issued for any such withdrawals.



5. COMPETITION

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- 5.1.5. See section 4.2 for further details.

5.2. Pool configuration

- 5.2.1. The pool length is 25m, with 8 lanes, and will be equipped with electronic timing with full display and anti-wave lane ropes.

5.3. Warm-up

- 5.3.1. Warm-up timings and details will be circulated to competing clubs before the Meet.
- 5.3.2. Swimmers and coaches must ensure that they take no action that would endanger themselves or others.
- 5.3.3. Sprint lanes will be announced as appropriate during the warm-up.

5.4. Awards

- 5.4.1. Medals will be awarded to the top three placed swimmers in each age group in the heats of each individual event.
- 5.4.2. Presentations will not be made. Awards should be collected from the awards table.
- 5.4.3. **Rubber Duckies** will be awarded to the winner of each heat.

5.5. Use of devices

- 5.5.1. Any use by any person of a device that can connect to the internet is prohibited from the point of entry to a changing room until exiting the changing room. In practice this means that any device must be in a bag or pocket - it must not be visible.
- 5.5.2. **There are no exceptions to this rule.**
- 5.5.3. If you believe there is a valid medical reason for using a device in the changing room this should be communicated in advance to open.meets@gcsc.co.uk and this will be raised with the GCSC Welfare Officer.

6. LOGISTICS

6.1. Venue

- 6.1.1. The meet will take place at the Spectrum Leisure Centre, Parkway, Guildford, GU1 1UP.

6.2. Parking

- 6.2.1. GCSC has no control over enforcement or otherwise of parking restrictions and as such can accept no responsibility for parking related matters.

6.3. Pick-up and drop-off

- 6.3.1. Swimmers will be under the direct responsibility of their club's coaches and team managers while on poolside.
- 6.3.2. Swimmers aged **8 and under** must be dropped off at the designated poolside entrance by the changing village and will not be permitted to leave poolside unless a parent or responsible adult collects them from the same entrance.
- 6.3.3. Swimmers aged **9 and over** will be under the direct responsibility of GCSC coaches while on poolside. Parents must take responsibility for their swimmers at the immediate point on leaving poolside.
- 6.3.4. All parents must be aware that the changing village at the Spectrum Leisure Centre is a multi-use facility with members of the public also using this area. Consequently, this is an extremely busy area at all times.



6.3.5. **Parents are not permitted on poolside or in the changing area under any circumstances.**

6.4. **Spectators**

6.4.1. Spectator seating is free of charge but limited and admission for Spectators may be restricted accordingly.

6.4.2. Please be considerate of other spectators by not “camping out” on seats or blocking seats with bags.

6.5. **Photography**

6.5.1. All those attending the GCSC Open Meets (competitors, coaches, team managers, spectators, officials, volunteers, contracted staff etc.) wishing to use cameras, video or digital image capturing devices (including mobile phones) should only do so after reference to their obligations and the recommendations laid down in Wavepower 2024, the Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy & Procedures and other Swim England Photography guidance.

6.5.2. **Photographic equipment must not be used anywhere in the changing rooms.**

7. **MISCELLANEOUS**

7.1. **Health and safety**

7.1.1. Everyone attending the event must familiarise themselves with the location of the emergency exits, which must be kept clear at all times.

7.1.2. Everyone is asked to observe all normal precautions in the pool area and when moving around the venue.

7.1.3. Swimmers must not wear outdoor footwear poolside.

7.1.4. Swimmers must not leave the changing area unless they are dry and wearing clothes and shoes.

7.2. **Security**

7.2.1. Persons are requested not to leave belongings unattended.

7.2.2. As space at the venue is limited, swimmers will not be allowed to bring large bags on poolside.

7.2.3. Belongings should be placed in the lockers in the changing area (£1 charge, which is refunded on leaving).

7.2.4. Neither GCSC nor the venue management will be held responsible for loss of personal property.

7.3. **Behaviour**

7.3.1. The GCSC Open Meet organisers and the venue management reserve the right to remove any person from the pool area, whose behaviour is either against the pool rules or the efficient running of the meet.

7.4. **Data protection**

7.4.1. Entries and results will be managed via computer and available via the internet.

7.4.2. By submitting entries, consent is thereby given, as required by the Data Protection Act, to the holding of personal information on a computer.

7.4.3. Personal data, including submitted and recorded times, will be available during the meet.

7.5. **Administration**

7.5.1. For all information regarding this meet, please see the GCSC website:

<https://www.gcsc.co.uk/guildford-city-level4-may-2026>

7.5.2. All enquiries or queries and submission should be sent to: open.meets@gcsc.co.uk

7.5.3. Any eventuality, situation or dispute not covered by the above conditions or by Swim England laws and Regulations or technical rules of Racing shall be determined by the Meet Promoter.





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MEET PROGRAMME

Saturday
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Session1

Warm-up 14:30 for 15:00 Start (TBC)

Event 101 Male/Open	200m Freestyle	HDW
Event 102 Female	200m Freestyle	HDW
Event 103 Male/Open	100m IM	HDW
Event 104 Female	100m IM	HDW
Event 105 Male/Open	50m Backstroke	HDW
Event 106 Female	50m Backstroke	HDW
Event 107 Male/Open	100m Breaststroke	HDW
Event 108 Female	100m Breaststroke	HDW

Estimated finish time 17:00 (TBC)

Session 2

Warm-up 17:00 for 17:30 Start (TBC)

Event 201 Male/Open	50m Butterfly	HDW
Event 202 Female	50m Butterfly	HDW
Event 203 Male/Open	100m Freestyle	HDW
Event 204 Female	100m Freestyle	HDW
Event 205 Male/Open	50m Breaststroke	HDW
Event 206 Female	50m Breaststroke	HDW
Event 207 Male/Open	100m Backstroke	HDW
Event 208 Female	100m Backstroke	HDW
Event 209 Male/Open	50m Freestyle	HDW
Event 210 Female	50m Freestyle	HDW

Estimated finish time 19:30 (TBC)