

## SWIM ENGLAND HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

This article has been rewritten a few times since Sept 2018 , but given the break since the last "Counties" and some new changes for 2022, we thought we should tweak & republish the article ready for Jan 2022!

Any Questions?

# BSSC BRIEF GUIDE TO COUNTIES

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Every year (except 2021) Swim England Hertfordshire, alongside all other County level organisations, stages the Hertfordshire County Championships. They are the first formal rung on a ladder that runs through Counties, Regionals and Nationals, right up to World Championships and the Olympics.

**When & Where:** The 2022 County Championships will be held at The Venue, Borehamwood on 8th/9th, 15th/16th, 22nd/23rd, 30th January 2022.

**Age group:** Individual events are 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18&over years for Boys and Girls. As Counties take place early 2022, **you will need consider the age your child will be on 31st December 2022, not 2021!** A child born in 2010 who is 11 this year (2021) will need to meet the 12 year Qualifying or Consideration Times for the Championships in January 2022.

**Who can compete:** for Counties 2022, Hertfordshire will operate a tiered qualification system by age group, based on Qualification Times (QT) and Consideration Times (CT) and whether the time has been listed on the British Rankings database (Level 1-4 events) or the Level X event database.

**Tier 1:** anyone in the respective age group is eligible to compete if they meet the appropriate Qualifying Time (QT) for that race in an event where times were submitted to the [British Rankings database](#) (typically Levels 1-4).

**Tier 2:** if the number of Qualifiers does not reach or exceed the Race Size, then swimmers with times on the British Rankings database that meet the Consideration Time (CT) will be eligible to enter, fastest swimmers first, up to the point at which the Race Size is met.

**Tiers 3 & 4:** if the race is still not full, [Level X times](#) will be considered (website has full details).

**Tier 5:** individuals who swam that event in 2020 County Championships.

The Race Size depends on age group and event and is published on the [Schedule of Events](#). In a particularly strong year with lots of swimmers meeting the QT, the number of eligible competitors can be bigger than the Race Size.

The Competitions team will be in touch nearer the time if your swimmer is eligible, but you can check your swimmer's times on the British Rankings and Level X databases listed above and the **Qualifying** tab under your swimmer's profile in [Swim Manager](#).

**Remember, times must be achieved between 1st Jan 2020 and midnight 12th December 2021.**

Each year the bands for Consideration & Qualification Times are adjusted and published on the [Swimming Competitions](#) page of the Swim England Hertfordshire website so you know what you are aiming for. We've snapshot a copy below, but you can also get an idea from Swim Manager - go to your swimmer's page and look at the Qualifying tab.

		GIRLS													
AGE	10/11		12		13		14		15		16, 17 18 & over				
	QT	CT	QT	CT	QT	CT	QT	CT	QT	CT	QT	CT			
50m Free	00:35.00	00:37.45	0:32.64	00:34.92	00:31.05	00:33.22	00:29.96	00:32.06	00:29.67	00:31.75	00:28.60	00:30.60			
100m Free	01:18.00	01:25.80	01:11.89	01:19.08	01:07.51	01:14.26	01:05.19	01:11.71	01:04.00	01:10.40	01:00.84	01:06.92			
200m Free	02:51.23	03:08.35	02:35.67	02:51.24	02:23.23	02:37.55	02:20.58	02:34.64	02:18.30	02:32.13	02:13.97	02:27.37			
400m Free	05:52.32	06:27.55	05:18.71	05:50.58	04:57.02	05:26.72	04:47.31	05:16.04	04:42.30	05:10.53	04:39.93	05:07.92			
800m Free			11:29.09	12:38.00	10:15.00	11:16.50	09:52.95	10:52.25	09:47.00	10:45.70	09:42.57	10:40.83			
1500m Free			20:25.00	22:27.50	19:49.20	21:48.12	19:10.20	21:05.22	18:51.50	20:44.65	18:35.20	20:26.72			
50m Breast	00:47.00	00:51.70	00:43.00	00:47.30	00:40.00	00:44.00	00:38.44	00:42.28	00:38.24	00:42.06	00:37.04	00:40.74			
100m Breast	01:42.48	01:52.73	01:35.66	01:45.23	01:29.71	01:38.68	01:25.75	01:34.32	01:22.50	01:30.75	01:19.36	01:27.30			
200m Breast	03:43.00	04:05.30	03:20.48	03:40.53	03:09.19	03:28.11	03:00.86	03:18.95	02:58.48	03:16.33	02:52.08	03:09.29			
50m Fly	00:41.00	00:45.10	00:37.00	00:40.70	00:34.00	00:37.40	00:33.69	00:37.06	00:32.46	00:35.71	00:31.33	00:34.46			
100m Fly	01:37.22	01:46.94	01:29.22	01:38.14	01:18.94	01:26.83	01:15.00	01:22.50	01:12.29	01:19.52	01:08.95	01:15.85			
200m Fly	03:44.33	04:06.76	03:31.50	03:52.65	03:04.00	03:22.40	03:01.29	03:19.42	02:53.70	03:11.07	02:41.70	02:57.87			
50m Back	00:40.69	00:44.76	00:38.00	00:41.80	00:35.59	00:39.15	00:34.34	00:37.77	00:33.86	00:37.25	00:32.27	00:35.50			
100m Back	01:28.00	01:36.80	01:22.00	01:30.20	01:15.44	01:22.98	01:14.00	01:21.40	01:12.55	01:19.81	01:09.64	01:16.60			
200m Back	03:12.12	03:31.33	02:52.00	03:09.20	02:43.35	02:59.69	02:37.35	02:53.09	02:36.38	02:52.02	02:30.57	02:45.63			
100m IM	01:31.00	01:40.10	01:22.54	01:30.79	01:18.00	01:25.80	01:15.00	01:22.50	01:14.00	01:21.40	01:11.27	01:18.40			
200m IM	03:18.09	03:37.90	02:59.11	03:17.02	02:44.65	03:01.12	02:42.00	02:58.20	02:38.00	02:53.80	02:33.72	02:49.09			
400m IM			06:20.90	06:58.99	05:45.00	06:19.50	05:43.00	06:17.30	05:37.52	06:11.27	05:26.50	05:59.15			

		BOYS													
AGE	10/11		12		13		14		15		16, 17 18 & over				
	QT	CT	QT	CT	QT	CT	QT	CT	QT	CT	QT	CT			
50m Free	00:35.00	00:37.45	00:32.66	00:34.95	00:30.88	00:33.04	00:28.58	00:30.58	00:27.25	00:29.16	00:25.49	00:27.27			
100m Free	01:17.58	01:25.34	01:13.00	01:20.30	01:07.28	01:14.01	01:03.16	01:09.48	00:59.38	01:05.32	00:54.86	01:00.35			
200m Free	02:47.06	03:03.77	02:37.00	02:52.70	02:27.29	02:42.02	02:17.77	02:31.55	02:13.77	02:27.15	02:01.84	02:14.02			
400m Free	05:35.36	06:08.90	05:22.39	05:54.63	05:07.82	05:38.60	04:46.81	05:15.49	04:33.62	05:00.98	04:16.97	04:42.67			
800m Free			10:40.50	11:44.55	10:14.70	11:16.17	09:52.10	10:51.31	09:32.70	10:29.97	09:16.10	10:11.71			
1500m Free			21:00.00	23:06.00	20:00.00	22:00.00	19:00.00	20:54.00	18:18.31	20:08.14	17:05.83	18:48.41			
50m Breast	00:48.00	00:52.80	00:43.52	00:47.87	00:40.38	00:44.42	00:37.40	00:41.14	00:35.94	00:39.53	00:32.94	00:36.23			
100m Breast	01:42.00	01:52.20	01:35.70	01:45.27	01:30.00	01:39.00	01:23.00	01:31.30	01:17.76	01:25.54	01:11.70	01:18.87			
200m Breast	03:41.40	04:03.54	03:23.73	03:44.10	03:15.00	03:34.50	03:02.05	03:20.25	02:56.66	03:14.33	02:39.12	02:55.03			
50m Fly	00:40.61	00:44.67	00:37.09	00:40.80	00:33.84	00:37.22	00:32.38	00:35.62	00:30.32	00:33.35	00:27.78	00:30.56			
100m Fly	01:40.44	01:50.48	01:29.00	01:37.90	01:22.49	01:30.74	01:12.74	01:20.01	01:08.63	01:15.49	01:01.44	01:07.58			
200m Fly	03:48.99	04:11.89	03:38.00	03:59.80	03:33.00	03:54.30	02:59.09	03:17.00	02:37.05	02:52.75	02:25.86	02:40.45			
50m Back	00:40.50	00:44.55	00:37.24	00:40.96	00:35.55	00:39.10	00:33.49	00:36.84	00:31.82	00:35.00	00:29.38	00:32.32			
100m Back	01:28.00	01:36.80	01:23.10	01:31.41	01:16.55	01:24.21	01:11.94	01:19.13	01:09.66	01:16.63	01:02.65	01:08.92			
200m Back	03:12.07	03:31.28	02:56.14	03:13.75	02:45.20	03:01.72	02:35.75	02:51.33	02:28.70	02:43.57	02:17.45	02:31.20			
100m IM	01:29.87	01:38.86	01:23.51	01:31.86	01:19.03	01:26.93	01:13.00	01:20.30	01:10.17	01:17.19	01:05.13	01:11.64			
200m IM	03:07.68	03:26.45	02:59.00	03:16.90	02:50.80	03:07.88	02:37.90	02:53.69	02:31.25	02:46.38	02:20.26	02:34.29			
400m IM			06:10.19	06:47.21	06:07.78	06:44.56	05:29.28	06:02.21	05:16.17	05:47.79	04:54.29	05:23.72			

**What happens on the day:** different events are run each day of the Championships. Check the [Schedule of Events](#) on the website for more details. Each event is run in heats of mixed age, seeded (i.e. ordered) by entry times, just like our BSSC meets. In 2022, the **age group medal winners will not take part in any finals**, but will be declared winners based on the times just like our BSSC meets. The only finals which will be swum are the Championship finals for 50m, 100m and 200m events, where the 8 fastest swimmers will be invited to swim again in a final later on in that session. Two reserves are kept back for a short while after each event in case two of the fastest 8 withdraw from the final listings, which can happen, so don't pack up and head home straight away if you are 9th or 10th. More details about are on the website.

It is hard to predict if spectators will be allowed in 2022, however the whole Championships are usually streamed live on YouTube so you will be able to see the action. It's very professionally done and well worth a watch even if your swimmer hasn't made it to Counties this year. If they are about to attend their first Counties, show them some of the [2020 YouTube footage](#) to get them ready!

Achieving a Consideration Time (CT) is a great achievement for a younger swimmer and should be celebrated but remember it doesn't guarantee them a swim at Counties. If they keep working hard at training and swim well at the remaining two galas in December, they may grab a place! Good luck!