



Affiliated to Swim England East Region and Essex County

Saturday 29th Nov & Sunday 30 Nov 2025 - Licence No. 3ER251504

Christmas Cracker 2025

Held under Swim England Laws and Regulations, the Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming and to the Swim England Open Meet Licensing Criteria

Braintree Swimming & Fitness at Freeport Charter Way, Braintree, CM77 8YJ

MEET RULES AND INFORMATION

1. The competition is a Level 3 licensed meet, held under Swim England Regulations, Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming and these conditions.
2. Competitors must be Club Compete members of an affiliated club, eligible to compete and registered in accordance with Swim England Laws and Technical Rules and may enter in the name of one club only. Entries will only be accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim England, SASA or WASA or competitors from a country affiliated to World Aquatics.
3. The promoter is Su Macklin on behalf both Braintree & Bocking and Bishop Stortford Swimming Clubs.
4. There will be medals awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd placed swimmers in each age group and Overall Top Boy and Top Girl for 12/Under and 13/over based on points for whole weekend.
5. The age groups for open/male and female are: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16/over.
6. 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.
7. Entries will be made using Female & Open/Male competition categories, as these are the recognised categories at this time.
8. Age as at 30th November 2025.
9. Events are 50m, 100m and 200m in all strokes and 100m and 200m IM.
10. The pool is 25m and anti-wave devices will be in place. A secondary starting strobe will be available.
11. Heats will be swum as mixed age with swimmers seeded by entry times. All events will be spearheaded seeded on submitted times for all heats.
12. Over the top starts may be used at the referee's discretion.
13. The qualifying times are as attached.
14. All entries will be checked to ensure swimmers are capable of completing the event.
15. Entry fee is £7.50 per event, please complete entries via the Sportsystems entry file and the closing date for entries is the 14th November 2025.
16. Valid entries (which must include payment) will be accepted in the order of receipt, that is: first come first served. Entries may be rejected if the numbers designated for each event are oversubscribed. Complete entries for each club are required together with a single cheque or electronic payment (Sort Code: 20-97-40 Account Number: 70036498. Please use your club's name as reference). Individual entries will be accepted with a £1 admin charge. Late entries, day of meet entries and day of meet alterations will not be accepted.
17. Individual entries - it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to arrange suitable supervision for the athlete (if under 18 years). This includes a minimum of one coach and one team manager at all times. We suggest liaison and agreement with another club taking part in the meet and aim to share resources. Any deviance from this policy needs to be mitigated in a risk assessment and we will request a copy of this
18. The Promoter reserves the right to limit entries and the number of heats in any event to maintain a balanced programme. In the event that entries are rejected, fees will be refunded by a single payment to club in question.
19. Accepted and rejected entries will be posted on the club website within 1 week of the closing date.
20. Swimmers must withdraw from events that they no longer wish to swim. Each club will be provided with a schedule of their accepted entries. Withdrawal must be e-mailed in advance, but must be made by 4pm on

the 28th November 2025. Refunds are not available for withdrawals unless they relate to injuries and none will be refunded after the accepted entries have been posted.

21. Coaches' passes will be issued at a cost of £15 with a food and drink offering. There will be no entry to poolside without a pass and passes must be worn at all times. It is the responsibility of the club or parent/guardian for individual entries to arrange suitable supervision for the athlete(s) (if under 18 years old) in line with Swim England guidelines (Swim England TM/Coach/Chaperone Policy). This is a minimum of one coach and one team manager at all times. Any deviance from this policy needs to be mitigated in a risk assessment and we will require a copy of this. Where necessary we suggest liaison and agreement with another club competing in the gala with the aim to share resources to meet this requirement.
22. Results will be posted on the club websites and will be supplied to Aquatics GB for entry into the national ranking database.
23. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at Braintree Swimming & Fitness Centre. Neither the Promoter nor Braintree & Bocking or Bishop Stortford Swimming Club will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet.
24. In accordance with the Swim England Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, any parents or carers of swimmers under the age of 18 who wish to take photographic, or video images are requested to focus on their own child as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in those images. Should you have any concerns about photography or filming please bring them to the attention of the promoter.

Participants and spectators are requested to follow the Swim England guidelines for photography and use of photographs on social media. The Swim England Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Wavepower provides guidance on the use of social networking and guidance on photography.
<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/> . Both sets of guidance apply if social media platforms are being used to share images or recordings either after the meet or during live streaming of the event.
25. Use of any mobile device is absolutely forbidden in changing rooms. Any person found to be contravening this condition will be required to leave the competition and venue without refund.
26. The Data Protection Act 2018 requires us to provide you with certain information and to obtain your consent before processing data about you. Processing includes: obtaining, recording, holding, disclosing, destruction or retaining information. We require certain personal data for the purposes of making entries to the competition, managing the meet and the submission of results to Rankings. The information provided by you will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Consent to process such personal data is deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Where the personal data of competitors, officials and coaches/team managers has been passed to us by a third party such as a club rather than by the individuals themselves, we rely on the third party to ensure that consent has been obtained.
27. Any matter not covered by these conditions will be determined by the Promoter and Referee, subject to Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules of Racing.