

Scottish Amateur Swimming Association North District

Open Water Swimming Championships

Knockburn Sports Loch – Near Banchory

Saturday 30th August 2025



		Age Categories	Registration/Briefing/Start	Cut Off Time
Event 1 :	5 km	13-14,15-16,17-24, Masters	8:45-9:30/9:45/10:30	2 hr
Event 2 :	500 m	10*-11, 12	8:45-9:30/9:45/12:30	20 mins
Event 3 :	3 km	13-14,15-16,17-24, Masters	13:00-13:30/13:45/14:30	1 hr 15 mins
Event 4 :	1.5 km	12, 13-14,15-16,17-24, Masters	13:00-13:30/13:45/15:45	45 mins
Event 5 :	Team Event	10* and over	13:00-13:30/13:45/16:30	40 mins

*Minimum age is 10 years on the day

Held under SASA Regulations Team event is part of the 2025 Scottish Open Water Swimming Grand Prix Series	Entry Fees:
	Swimmers Aged 17+: £24 for 1 event, £40 for 2 events, £50 for 3 events
	Swimmers Aged 10-16: £18 for 1 event, £30 for 2 events, £38 for 3 events
	Team Time Trial Event: £25

- Swimmers compete within their age category and an open category.
- Trophies will be awarded to the top Male & Open senior swimmer, the top female senior swimmer, the top male & open junior swimmer and the top female junior swimmer who compete in both the 5 km and 3 km events with the lowest aggregate times.
- The positions in masters' categories are determined using a handicap system to adjust times based on the age of the competitors.
- Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals awarded to North District club members based on their position among North District competitors. Medals are awarded to other swimmers based on their overall positions. This includes the team time trial event.
- Wetsuits will be compulsory if the water temperatures is below 18°C. For guidance see [here](#).
- Swimmers who are not members of affiliated clubs can apply for temporary membership of SASA. The temporary membership form can be found [here](#).
- Closing Date for Entries: Noon on 13th August 2025.
- Contact Brian Bain on sasandopenwater@gmail.com or 07884 117995 for more information or questions.

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Team Time Trial Information

- 1 The team time trial will be held over 3 circuits of a 500 metre course.
- 2 Each team must contain at least 2 female swimmers.
- 3 Teams will be started at 30 second intervals.
- 4 At the end of the first circuit - the leading swimmer in each team will retire leaving three swimmers to continue.
- 5 At the end of the second circuit - the leading swimmer in each team will retire leaving two swimmers to continue.
- 6 The time for the team will be that of the second swimmer crossing the finish line at the end of the third circuit.
- 7 Teams may contain one 10 year old swimmer provided they are the first to retire and 11 year old swimmers provided they retire first or second.

Entries

Bulk club entries including the team time trial event should be made on the spreadsheet available from [here](#). Note that this has to be downloaded and saved locally before it is filled in.

Entries by individuals should be made on the online form available [here](#).

In both cases payment should be made by bank transfer to the following account;

SASA North District, A/c: 00882011 Sort Code: 80-05-16

Using the Reference "OW25-" followed by the club name or surname of the individual as appropriate.

Conditions & Notes:

- 1 The Organisers reserve the right not to accept entries from swimmers who they believe may not be capable to completing the event within the cut off time.
- 2 Swimmers will be required to wear caps provided.
- 3 By entering this event you agree to become registered as an open water swimmer on the SASA membership database.
- 4 Temporary members will be entitled to prizes in the open categories but not in the North District Categories.
- 5 Competitors should be aware that swimming in open water events brings with it a small risk of contracting leptospirosis (Weil's disease) and that they should contact their doctor if they feel ill in the days after the event.
- 6 Time Trial Teams will be required to complete a form declaring the names and registration numbers of their members.
- 7 Members of teams who are not competing in individual events will be required to complete a medical questionnaire on the day of the championships.
- 8 Entries received after noon on 13th August are unlikely to be accepted and will be at the discretion of SASA North District.
9. The Scottish Swimming Transgender & Non-Binary Competition Policy will be implemented nationally across all aquatics sports since 1st January 2024. The policy and FAQs can be found [here](#). Any policy related matters that arise during the event should be reported to and will be recorded by the Meet Convenor/Chief Referee and these matters will be communicated to and managed post event by the relevant Scottish Swimming Staff. At no point will members be challenged on the day of a competition with any matters being resolved post event. By entering the Female category, athletes are therefore confirming their birth sex is female and are eligible to compete in the Female category.