

West Midland Festival of Swimming

Please read all of the below information, it should tell you all you need to know for the day.

Event timings

Day 1 – 24th July 2021

	Warmup		Competition	
	Start	End	Start	End (Estimate)
Session 1	08:00	08:50	09:00	11:04
Session 2	11:40	12:35	12:45	14:46
Session 3	15:00	15:50	16:00	18:19

Day 2 – 25th July 2021

	Warmup		Competition	
	Start	End	Start	End (Estimate)
Session 4	08:00	08:50	09:00	11:04
Session 5	11:40	12:35	12:45	14:36
Session 6	14:45	15:40	15:45	18:23

Note that session warmup and competition start times may be delayed if necessary. Please listen to announcements in the venue.

We will need to clear the venue between sessions, please ensure that you take all your belongings with you. This applies to the poolside, sports hall and spectator areas.

General procedures

Please pay attention to the warm up lane that you are assigned and do not use another lane. We will be clearing the pool 10 minutes before the session start, to allow people time to attend the marshalling area in a socially distanced manner, as well as clean any areas of the pool deck that are necessary. We thank you for your cooperation.

We are currently looking for coaches that would be willing to run the warmup for us. If you are a coach and willing to do this please contact louise@westmidlandswimming.org.

In order for the event to run in a timely fashion, please ensure that you are in the marshalling area when called for. To assist with social distancing however you must not go in there before you are called for. Again please listen to venue announcements. We will not hold the gala to accommodate late arrivals, it is the swimmers responsibility to listen for their call to the marshalling area. Attendance at the marshalling area is compulsory.

A one way system will be in operation around the pool, please ensure that you comply with this at all times.

After your race there will be an area in the sports hall for you to do a dry 'swim down'. Unfortunately there is no swim down facility at this event.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the entry of coaches, swimmers and spectators. This will involve roles such as scanning the coaches and spectators in so we know who is on site for track

and trace and ensure they have tickets. Any volunteers who are willing to help, please can you contact louise@westmidlandswimming.org

Withdrawals

It would be appreciated if anyone who wishes to withdraw does so using the online system, by 18:00 the day before your swim. To withdraw please go to the accepted entries link and find the swimmer to be withdrawn from the individual list (do not search by club). You will be required to verify who you are.

Poolside passes

All coaches, team managers and chaperones MUST have a pass to access the pool deck. The system for buying them is now open, link on the website www.wmswimchamps.org.uk. A pass MUST be worn at all times. The coach must arrive with a printed copy of each pass. We will have wallets for them to be put in, so they are on show. Please note that passes are non transferable between people.

Start lists and results

Start lists and results will be published on the website as soon as they are available. Please note that no results will be published in the venue. A printed copy of the start list will be available for persons with a valid poolside pass ONLY.

Spectators

Spectators will be permitted into the venue by pre purchased ticket only. Please consult with your club for details, and to purchase. Tickets are limited by club on a pro-rata basis by session. All seats must have been booked by your club by 23:59 on 21st July. We will be unable to sell any seats past this time.

Spectators without a ticket will be turned away. Tickets are for the person named on them only, and are non transferable. The ticket will only be accepted once.

Food & Drink

Spectators should be aware that they can not bring any food or drink into the venue. Any food and drink consumed on site MUST be purchased from the onsite café's. This rule does not apply to swimmers, officials or volunteers. This is a rule enforced by the centre, we are giving you advance notice so that food does not spoil that is left in your vehicle.

The Venue

The venue is the Alan Higgs Centre, Allard Way Coventry. CV3 1HW. A map can be found on www.wmswimchamps.org.uk

Note this is a different venue to previous years.

Car Parking

The car park is likely to get very busy. There is an area designated for officials and volunteers ONLY, that will be manned by centre staff. It is asked that people car share where ever this is possible.