

## LONG DISTANCE QUALIFIER A

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

### Level 4 Applied for

### St Felix School, Southwold

## MEET RULES AND INFORMATION

1. The competition is a Level 4 licensed meet, held under Swim England Laws, Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming, and these conditions.
2. The competition is open to members of Deben, Felixstowe, Hadleigh, Leiston, St Felix, Stowmarket, team Ipswich and team Waveney swimming clubs.
3. The Promoter is Championship Secretary (Sarah Elmer) on behalf of Swim England Suffolk.
4. There will be no awards.
5. The age groups are: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17/over.
6. Age as at 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
7. Events are 800m and 1500m freestyle. Both events will be run as mixed gender.
8. Entries will be made using Female/ Male competition categories, as these are the recognised categories at this time. There will be a transition into the use of Female and Open/Male as the new competition categories following the launch of the Swim England Transgender and Non-binary Competition Policy on 1 September.
9. The pool is 25m and anti-wave devices will be in place.
10. Heats will be swum as mixed age with swimmers seeded by entry times.
11. Over the top starts may be used at the referee's discretion.
12. There are no qualifying times and "No Time" entries will be accepted.
13. If necessary to restrict entries, the 2024 County Championship Qualifying times will be used and swimmers whose entry times are fastest in relation to those times will be rejected.
14. Entries are £4 per swim.
15. Fees should be paid to the County Treasurer when entries are submitted.
16. The closing date for entries is midday on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Details of entries received will be published on the Swim England Suffolk website within one week and clubs will have a further week to inform the Promoter of any errors or omissions.
17. Withdrawals should be made by 6pm on the day before any event using SwimMeet. Start sheets will then be posted on the Swim England Suffolk website no later than 10pm on the day before each event.
18. There will be no pool-based warm-ups with land based warm-ups taking place in the Sports Hall. A short pool familiarisation swim will take place before each group of up to 4 heats.
19. Results will be posted on the Swim England Suffolk website [www.suffolkswimming.org.uk](http://www.suffolkswimming.org.uk)
20. Participants and spectators are requested to follow the Swim England guidelines for photography and use of photographs on social media. The Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Wavepower 2016-19 Section 2 provides guidance on the use of social networking (page 72-75) and guidance on photography (page 76-77). <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.  
No photography is permitted in changing rooms. Any person found to be contravening this condition will be required to leave the competition and venue without refund.
21. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at St Felix School. Neither the Promoter nor Swim England Suffolk will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet.

22. 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.
23. Any matter not covered by these conditions will be determined by the Promoter and Referee, subject to Swim England Laws, Regulations and Technical Rules of Racing.