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BPSC L1 NATIONAL QUALIFIER 2026

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Event	BPSC NATIONAL QUALIFIER 2026
Date	14th / 15th March 2026
Venue	Basildon Sporting Village, Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, Essex SS14 3GR
Pool	50m, 8 Lane pool with Electronic timing. The pool depth is 1.8m throughout. A secondary strobe for the starting system will be available. Backstroke ledges will be available.
Level	1
Age Groups	12/under,13,14,15,16, 17/over
Age on Day	15th March 2026
Awards	Top 3 in each Age Group
Events	All 50's, 100'S, 200's, 400 free, 400 IM, 800 free & 1500 free
Race Entry Fee	800m / 1500m free - £16.00 per events All other events - £9.00 per event
Spectator Entrance Fee	£10.00 per day
Entries Returned to	Via club website www.basildonswimming.org
All Enquiries to	galas@phoenixbasildonsc.org
Closing Time / Date	Midnight Friday 20th February 2026
Meet Promoter	Nigel Bear

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RACE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 14th MARCH 2026

Session 1

Warm-Up for Male / Open	2:30pm
Warm-Up for Female	2:45pm
Start	3:05pm

Event 1	Male / Open 400m IM
Event 2	Female 200m Backstroke
Event 3	Male / Open 100m Butterfly
Event 4	Female 100m Breaststroke
Event 5	Male / Open 50m Breaststroke
Event 6	Female 50m Backstroke
Event 7	Male / Open 200m Freestyle
Event 8	Female 200m Butterfly
Event 9	Mixed 800m Freestyle

Session 2

Warm-Up for Female	6:00pm
Warm-Up for Male / Open	6:15pm
Start	6:35pm

Event 10	Female 400m Freestyle
Event 11	Male / Open 200m IM
Event 12	Female 50m Butterfly
Event 13	Male / Open 50m Freestyle
Event 14	Female 200m Breaststroke
Event 15	Male / Open 100m Backstroke
Event 16	Female 100m Freestyle

SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2026

Session 3

Warm-Up for Female	2:15pm
Warm-Up for Male / Open	2:30pm
Start	2:50pm

Event 17	Female 400m IM
Event 18	Male / Open 200m Backstroke
Event 19	Female 100m Butterfly
Event 20	Male / Open 100m Breaststroke
Event 21	Female 50m Breaststroke
Event 22	Male / Open 50m Backstroke
Event 23	Female 200m Freestyle
Event 24	Male / Open 200m Butterfly
Event 25	Mixed 1500m Freestyle

Session 4

Warm-Up for Male / Open	6:00pm
Warm-Up for Female	6:15pm
Start	6:35pm

Event 26	Male / Open 400m Freestyle
Event 27	Female 200m IM
Event 28	Male / Open 50m Butterfly
Event 29	Female 50m Freestyle
Event 30	Male / Open 200m Breaststroke
Event 31	Female 100m Backstroke
Event 32	Male / Open 100m Freestyle

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Rules and Conditions

1. The event will be held under Swim England laws and regulations, Swim England Technical rules of racing and to the Swim England Meet Licensing Criteria.
2. The gala shall be held in a 50m, 8 Lane pool with Electronic timing. The pool depth is 1.8m throughout and a secondary strobe for the starting system will be available. Backstroke ledges will be used for all backstroke events.
3. Entrants must be registered as Club Compete with Swim England and belong to an affiliated club.
4. Entries will be made using female and male/open competition categories. You will notice 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 1st September 2023.
5. 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.
6. Competitors' ages shall be as on the final day of the meet (15th March 2026).
7. **All entries must be Long Course times or Short Course times converted to Long Course (whichever is the fastest). Times should be converted using the Sportsystem converter.**
8. Clubs that have more than 4 swimmers attending the meet must submit their entries as a Club entry. All club entries must be made electronically by submitting a SportSystems Entry Manager file and the entry fees via the club's online site. All files and payments must be submitted before midnight on 20 February 2026. The SportSystems entry file can be downloaded from the BPSC website and is also available upon request from the Gala Promoter at galas@phoenixbasildonsc.org. Please note that entries cannot be accepted or considered until full payment has been received. Information regarding the Poolside Passes must use the template provided in these Conditions. This should be completed and emailed to galas@phoenixbasildonsc.org before 7th March 2026.
9. Any individual entries must be submitted online via our website at www.basildonswimming.org. Full instructions are online.
10. The entry fee per event is £9, with the exception of the 800m and 1500m events which are £16 per event. ENTRIES CANNOT BE POSTED OR EMAILED.
11. Entry times must be recorded in British Rankings between 1st January 2025 and the closing date.
12. As this is a Level 1 meet, entries will not be processed or accepted on a first come, first served basis.
13. The entries accepted will be selected on the fastest entry times within each age group for each event. The Promoter will ensure fairness and consistency across all age groups for all events. The fees for any rejected entries will be refunded by a single BACS payment for club entries. In the case of club entries, this will be made payable to the relevant club after the meet has concluded.
14. The Promoter reserves the right to limit entries and the number of heats in any event to maintain a balanced program. In the event that the number of swimmers accepted reaches the capacity of the venue, then priority will be given to those swimmers who have entered more events.
15. Due to time restrictions, only 1 mixed heat shall be run for the 800m and 1500m freestyle events. An "open" qualification time shall be used for these 2 events with the fastest 4 male / open and the fastest 4 female entrants to be accepted for each of these events. A swimmer may not enter both the 800m and 1500m events.
16. All entries must be faster than the Consideration Times listed within these conditions.
17. Para competitors must have an authorised S1 – S14 World Para Swimming (WPS) British Para Swimming, Virtus (INAS-FID) Sport Excel (S64 UK Level Classification) or British Blind Sport (British Paralympic Association) classification held on the Home Nation Membership, Virtus Master list or WPS Classification database at the time of entry. All Para swimmers must have bettered or equalled 150 British Para Points for each event they wish to enter in a designated or licensed meet (Swim Wales, Swim England, Scottish Swimming and Aquatics GB). Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the promoter. Para swimmers will be integrated into events in accordance with their entry time.

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18. The list of accepted entries will be published/available for download from the club website at www.basildonswimming.org within 2 weeks of the closing date. It is the competing club/swimmer's responsibility to check this list for accuracy and advise immediately of any mistakes or changes that may be required. Club contacts will be notified of rejections where/if appropriate.
19. **There will be no refunds of entry fees unless the entries are rejected by the organisers for any reason.**
20. Club contacts will be notified of rejections where/if appropriate.
21. The meet promoter will check entries against the Aquatics GB database. Falsely entered times will be rejected without refund.
22. This is a WITHDRAWAL Event – Swimmers not intending to swim must withdraw by midnight the day before the Swimmer is due to swim the event (e.g. swim on Saturday, email withdrawal to promoter by midnight on the Friday evening). Details required in the email are: Full Name, SE No, Session No, Event No, Stroke, Distance. Please take the time to withdraw so that lanes are not left empty. Any on the day withdrawals must be submitted by the coach at least 45 minutes before the start of the first event in each session.
23. In order to be able to use all 8 lanes BPSC require parents from all participating clubs to volunteer to be qualified officials at this gala. Our dress code is white tops, black trousers or skirts or (knee length) shorts. Officials can volunteer at <https://swim-meet.com/Availability/?m=8382>
24. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the entry deadline other than on medical grounds. A medical note must be provided on or before 20th February 2026.
25. Spectator admission will be from the start of Warm up. Spectator Tickets can be purchased prior to the event online or on the day at the spectator entrance. Contactless payment on the day is preferred.
26. Competitors must report to the marshalling area 15 mins before the start of their event where they will be given their start order. Any swimmer not reporting may be deemed to have withdrawn from that event.
27. All events shall be Heat Declared Winner (HDW) with medals awarded to the fastest 3 swimmers in each age group (i.e. 12 and under, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17+). In all events, the swimmers will be seeded.
28. On the Day entries will only be available for the 800m and 1500m to provide swimmers with the opportunity to replace any withdrawn entrants. A waitlist of swimmers will be managed by the Gala Promoter.
29. The Gala Promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any competitor or spectator.
30. The promoters do not accept responsibility for any property. Lockers are available in the changing rooms and should be used for keeping all belongings safe. To use a locker, you will need a £1 coin or your own lock.
31. Basildon & Phoenix uses a computer to manage entries and results. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 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 Aquatics GB. 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.
32. Please help to maintain a high standard of health and safety by not blocking stairways, emergency exits and walkways, report any issues immediately to a member of the pool staff or to the Gala Promoter. **Folding chairs are not allowed on poolside for any reason.**
33. Warm up protocol: Strictly no diving during any warm-up sessions, except in the designated sprint lanes, odd lanes will swim clockwise (1, 3, 5, 7) even lanes (2, 4, 6, 8) will swim counter-clockwise. Swimmers using sprint lanes must swim 15 metres before slowing up. All swimmers must leave the water by the side of the pool & not over the timing pads. Coaches should manage the lanes their swimmers are using during the warmup sessions. Lanes will be allocated to clubs where appropriate.
34. BPSC accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property and requests that all persons remove their belongings if they leave the premises at any time. Any lost property not claimed from the announcer during the meet will be handed to Pool Management for collection by the owner.
35. Anyone attending the gala wishing to use camera, video or digital image-capturing devices (including mobile phones and tablet devices) may do so without the need to register their details with the meet organiser.

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36. All participants (including swimmers, coaches, volunteers, team managers, officials, parents / carers and spectators) are required 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.
- 37. The use of a mobile phone or device in the changing area and on the poolside is prohibited at all times during this meet. No filming or photos are to be taken by anyone on the poolside at any point during the meet.**
38. All entrants must ensure that the correct number of Coaches and Team Managers will be present on poolside in accordance with the Swim England Team Manager, Coach and Chaperone policy introduced on 1st September 2023. This can be viewed at <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/board-policy-documents/>. The required number of Poolside Passes for the each session must be purchased prior to the commencement of the first session.
39. Poolside Passes cost £10 per day and must be purchased online when entering swimmers. Every Coach and Team Manager will require a Poolside Pass to gain access to the poolside. They will not be sold on the day of the gala.
40. Competitors must be suitably dressed and with the appropriate footwear whilst on poolside. No outdoor shoes are allowed on poolside unless exclusively used for the purpose of poolside shoes. Swimmers are not allowed elsewhere in the building or in the spectator area with wet swimwear. No glass bottles or containers are allowed in the changing rooms and pool areas.
41. Spectators, officials and competitors must observe the safety precautions in operation at Basildon Sporting Village and are asked to familiarise themselves with the location of all emergency exits. All parties must abide by any rules laid down by the venue management. Neither the Meet Management, the Promoters nor BPSC will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet.
42. Coaches or Team Managers are responsible for the swimmers' conduct at all times. Swimmers should not access other areas of the Sports Centre (i.e. Sports Hall, Running Track, Gym, etc.) and should not congregate in the changing areas unless they are in the marshalling area waiting for their race or getting changed. Swimmers who access other areas of the Sports Centre may be asked to leave the venue for the remainder of the meet.
43. Coaches or Team Managers are responsible for ensuring that their area on the poolside is left tidy and all rubbish is removed at the end of the day.
44. Travel expenses for officials can be claimed in line with the conditions laid out by SE East Region policy (dated August 2023) which can be viewed at <https://www.eastswimming.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Swim-England-East-Region-Swimming-Technical-Officials-and-Volunteers-Expenses-Policy-%E2%80%93-Aug-2023-docx.pdf>
45. By submitting an entry, competitors and coaches are agreeing to be bound by these rules.
46. Results will be available on the Club website as soon as possible after the meet and uploaded to Aquatics GB for entry into the Rankings database.
47. Any matter not covered by these conditions will be determined by the Promoter and Referee, subject to Swim England Laws.
48. The expected finish time on each day will be approximately 9.00pm.
49. The Promoter of the meet is Nigel Bear and on behalf of Basildon & Phoenix Swimming Club, email galas@phoenixbasildonsc.org.

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CONSIDERATION TIMES

(Entry times must be faster than these **long course** times)

		Female Consideration Times					
		12/u	13	14	15	16	17+
Freestyle	50m	36.50	34.25	32.50	31.20	30.75	30.50
	100m	01:20.50	01:15.75	01:13.00	01:11.50	01:09.25	01:08.50
	200m	02:53.50	02:45.25	02:30.50	02:28.50	02:25.00	02:21.25
	400m	06:00.00	05:44.00	05:32.50	5:26.00	05:15.00	05:05.75
	800m	11:01.00					
	1500m	19:57.00					
Breaststroke	50m	48.00	43.75	42.75	41.75	41.25	41.00
	100m	01:43.00	01:36.25	01:32.00	01:29.75	1:27.50	01:26.25
	200m	03:42.75	03:30.25	03:18.00	03:12.50	03:07.25	03:03.75
Butterfly	50m	43.50	40.25	39.50	36.50	35.25	34.50
	100m	01:31.75	01:25.75	01:21.00	01:18.25	01:16.25	01:14.75
	200m	03:40.25	03:24.50	03:09.75	03:00.75	02:56.25	02:53.25
Backstroke	50m	42.50	39.25	37.25	36.50	35.25	35.00
	100m	01:30.75	01:28.00	01:21.75	01:19.50	01:18.25	01:16.50
	200m	03:14.75	03:06.00	02:56.50	02:52:00	02:46.75	02:40.00
Individual Medley	200m	03:18.00	03:04.00	02:58.25	02:51.75	02:47.75	02:41.75
	400m	06:57.00	06:30.75	06:15.00	06:07.25	05:53.00	05:42.75

		Open / Male Consideration Times					
		12/u	13	14	15	16	17+
Freestyle	50m	36.50	34.25	31.75	30.50	28.25	28.00
	100m	01:20.00	01:15.25	01:09.75	01:07.25	01:03.25	01:01.75
	200m	02:52.75	02:41.25	02:29.00	02:25.75	02:18.75	02:14.25
	400m	06:00.00	05:44.00	05:22.50	05:10:50	04:53.50	04:47.50
	800m	09:45.00					
	1500m	18:48.00					
Breaststroke	50m	48.00	43.75	40.50	37.75	37.25	37.00
	100m	01:43.00	01:36.25	01:30.25	01:27.00	01:25.75	01:24.00
	200m	03:42.75	03:30.25	03:15.75	03:06.00	02:55.25	02:48.75
Butterfly	50m	43.50	40.25	39.00	34.25	33.00	32.50
	100m	01:31.75	01:25.75	01:18.75	01:14.50	01:09.00	01:07.00
	200m	03:40.25	03:24.50	03:06.25	02:53.50	02:42.50	02:37.75
Backstroke	50m	42.50	39.25	36.50	35.25	34.00	33.75
	100m	01:30.75	01:28.00	01:20.50	01:16.75	01:12.50	01:10.25
	200m	03:14.75	03:04.00	02:52.50	02:44.25	02:36.25	02:28.50
Individual Medley	200m	03:07.50	02:55:50	02:40.75	02:37.00	02:26.25	02:21.75
	400m	06:57.00	06:30.75	06:09.50	05:55.75	05:34.50	05:23.75