



Reading Swimming Club

Affiliated to Swim England South East Region and Berks and South Bucks County ASA

Summer Sprint Meet 2026

Sunday 7th June 2026 – Rivermead Leisure Centre Reading Competitor Information

To All Coaches, Competitors, and Visiting Clubs

Whether you are part of our home club or a visiting team we are delighted to welcome you all to the Rivermead Leisure Centre for the Reading Swimming Club Summer Sprint Meet 2026.

Please share the following important information with your coaches and swimmers:

Location

The full address for the pool is Rivermead Leisure Centre, Richfield Ave, Reading RG1 8EQ. The pool is operated by [GLL](#) and the reception phone number is 0118 937 5000. [Rivermead leisure centre on google maps.](#)

Parking

There is a large parking area in front of the leisure centre with 2 further overflow car parks. Parking at the leisure centre is **free only for the first 3 hours**, to extend this please use the **Ringo parking app** using location number **15511** (applies to overflow parking as well).

Competitor Space on Poolside

Access to changing rooms and poolside will not be until 1100. Space on poolside will be very limited. Clubs will have areas designated along the poolside. **No large bags will be permitted poolside. This will be strictly enforced so please ensure that all swimmers have a smaller bag to carry essential poolside.** We have a large number of lockers available in the changing rooms (**please bring a £1 coin or similar sized token**). Be considerate of neighbouring clubs by using only the space you need and placing belongings on the floor, not on the seats or ledges. Please also ensure that the vents on the window side of the pool are kept clear, this is the only source of ventilation in the pool and key to keeping the poolside temperature reasonable. Please note that the leisure centre does not permit eating while on poolside, please use the café or spectator gallery area for this.

Please ensure all swimmers are dry with appropriate footwear when leaving poolside. Swimmers who are not suitable dressed and dry will be asked to do so before they leave the changing room.

Other than swimmers, only individuals wearing a valid, visible poolside pass will be permitted on poolside.

Spectator Seating

Spectator seating is available at a charge of £5 per session or £8 for 2 sessions. Children under 12 are free. Tickets can be purchased from 0900 Sunday 31 May through OrderWhizz at:

<https://buy.orderwhizz.com/rsc/events/rsc-psprint-meet-2026>

Tickets will not be available for purchase on the door.

Spectators are not permitted to enter the balcony/viewing area via the door by the timing suite.

Coach and Team Manager Passes

Pre-purchased Coach and Team Manager poolside passes can be picked up at the entry to the changing rooms.

Use of Mobile Phones/Devices

As per Swim England policy, use of mobile phones and devices is strictly prohibited under any circumstances in the changing rooms (including simply making a call).

Breaching this policy will result in serious consequences.

Cafe

There is a café at the leisure centre that is normally open until 17:30 and there is a large Tesco supermarket less than a mile away.

Health and Safety

Please do seek appropriate medical advice if you have any concerns as to the state of your health. If you have been informed by any medical practitioner, or you have any knowledge of any medical condition which would make it inadvisable for you to participate in the RSC Summer Sprint Meet, please do not compete and withdraw from the meet as explained below.

We require all competitors to take all reasonable safety measures for the protection of yourself and fellow swimmers. Please do inform the Referee of any concerns you may have as regards to health and safety.

To protect the health and safety of attendees with serious nut allergies, we ask that **no nuts or products containing nuts are brought to or consumed at this event.**

Withdrawals

As the event has already closed for entries, no refunds will be made for entries withdrawn, except due to Certified Medical Reasons. As this is a sign in meet, swimmers who do not sign in will be withdrawn from the relevant event(s). Please see below for sign in opening and closing times.

Timings and Sign In Deadlines

Date	Session	Sign in opens	Sign in closes	Warm-up	Session Start	Est. Finish
Sun 7 th June 2026	1	10:45	11:30	11:15	12:20	15:50
	2	12:20	16:15	16:15	17:20	20:30

Sign in for Session 1 will be outside by entrance, in front of the Soft Play (weather permitting)

Sign in for Session 2 will be in the cafe area

Details for Warm-Up

Session	Start	Finish	Swimmers
1	11:15	11:30	Female 11 and under
1	11:30	11:45	Female 12 and 13
1	11:45	12:00	Female 14 and over + Male/Open 15 and over
1	12:00	12:15	Male/Open 14 and under
Clear pool ready for 12:20 start			
2	16:15	16:30	Male/Open 13 and under
2	16:30	16:45	Male/Open 14 and over + Female 14 and over
2	16:45	17:00	Female 12 and 13
2	17:00	17:15	Female 11 and under
Clear pool ready for 17:20 start			

- Lanes 1,3,5,7 Clockwise
- Lanes 2,4,6,8 Anti clockwise
- No diving in warm up
- For the last 6 minutes of each warm-up, lanes 1,2,3 and 6,7,8 will become one-way Sprint lanes (from scoreboard end)

Swim Down Pool

The diving pool will be available for continuous warm up and swim down during the meet. Unacceptable behaviour by swimmers in or around the diving pool may result in the warmup / swim down facility being withdrawn.

SKINS Race

Skins Finals will be swum based on the 100m Individual Medley events for 14/under and 15/over age groups. Skins will comprise of 4X50m races, of random stroke selection and regular interval in which the slowest two competitors in each round is eliminated until a winner is left standing. Awards will be given to the winner and runner up. Full rules in the Appendix.

Results

Results will be printed and posted up around the pool and spectator area but will also be available via Meet Mobile.

Prizes

All events are Heat Declared Winners (HDW). We will be awarding medals for first, second and third place in each age group in each event. Presentations will not be made. Medals should be collected from the medal table by the Diving pit/children's splash area.

Hot Heats

One race from each event will be randomly selected as a 'Hot Heat', this will be announced immediately prior to the start of the race. A nominal spot prize will be awarded to the winner of each hot heat.

Raffle

We will be running a raffle, with some exciting prizes! [Ticket scan be purchased via OrderWhizz on the same link as Spectator Tickets.](#)

Any Questions

Please contact the meet organisers at meetenquiries@readingswimclub.org.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our meet!

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SKINS RACE RULES

1. The SKINS race distance will be 50m.
2. In both open / male and female categories there will be 2 skins events, one for swimmers who are 14 years old and younger, and one for swimmers who are 15 years old and older.
3. Each skins event will start with up to 8 swimmers.
4. The promoter will select the stroke for each race through a random process such as drawing slips from a hat. Each time, the slip will be returned to the hat prior to the next race selection.
5. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place swimmers in each event.
6. Races in each event will take place following an interval of 3 minutes from the start of the previous race. The 14yr and under event will start first, followed 90 seconds later by the 15yr and over event.
7. The first race in each event will be started in accordance with Aquatics GB rules. For subsequent races a warning signal (whistle) will be given 10 seconds prior to the starting signal.
8. If a swimmer is 'moving at the start' the heat will continue and the swimmer 'moving at the start' will be one of the swimmers eliminated at the end of the race.
9. If a swimmer "False Starts" and enters the water the remaining swimmers will be stood down and the race re-started when it is safe to do so. Health and Safety of all the swimmers is very important and the race cannot be re-started until safe to do so. The swimmer who "false started" will be one of the swimmers eliminated at the end of the race.
10. The referee will determine the two slowest swimmers, who are to be eliminated in each round using either Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) or placing judges and will inform the slowest or disqualified swimmers of this following every race. To determine this, if AOE is used, the referee will determine whether it operated correctly. If the placing judges determine the slowest swimmer, they will make the referee aware of their decision. The referee will then inform the eliminated swimmer. If the Placing Judges disagree on the swimmer to be eliminated, the Referee will make the decision. If no clear decision can be reached (e.g. a dead heat) all swimmers will swim in the next heat, where two swimmers will again be eliminated.
11. If a swimmer is disqualified for an in-race infraction then they will be one of the swimmers eliminated for that race. Strokes will be in accordance with FINA laws and Technical Rules.
12. The races proceed according to these rules with the races in each event being 3 minutes apart, until there is an overall winner.
13. Swimmers will remain in their original assigned lanes throughout the event other than during the final, where the two middle lanes will be used.
14. In all matters pertaining to the Skins event not covered by these rules the Referee's decision is final.