

Inter-Club Championships at the Outdoor Swimmer Henley Swim Festival
Sunday 14th July 2024 – wave times from 12.30pm



We are inviting swimming clubs to take part in an exclusive **Club's Wave** at the 2024 Henley Swim Festival. The Club's Wave can be used as an infrastructure to allow clubs to host their own open water Club Championships and also as an opportunity to race against other Clubs.

Outside of the Regional Championships, there are few opportunities to practice open water swimming racing. The Club's Wave at the Henley Swim Festival gives the more experienced a chance to develop their racing skills, and beginners a chance to give open water racing a go in a safe environment.

Distances

There is a choice of 2 distances, mile (age 12+) and half-mile (age 9-14). The half-mile will take place at 12.30pm and the mile at 15.00pm. Swimmers of 12-14 can enter either/both distances. Times are subject to change.

Age Groups

We have brought the age groups for the Club's Wave in line with other open water events and will be using age on 31st December 2024. Results will be published using the following age categories:

Half Mile	9-11 Boy 9-11 Girl
	12-14 Boy 12-14 Girl
Mile	12-14 Boy 12-14 Girl
	15/16 Boy 15/16 Girl
	17/18 Boy 17/18 Girl
	19+ Men 19+ Women

Prizes and Awards

The top 3 swimmers in each category will receive medals and will be awarded points towards the Top Club award. The total number of points will be added together, and the club with the highest score will be awarded the Top Club trophy.

We encourage clubs to use the timings to make their own inter-club awards. Provisional timings will be available on the day of the event. Sometimes there are issues with these results (for eg in the case of a lost timing chip) and so Final results will be available in the week after the event, when all queries have been resolved.

Entry

The cost per entry is £49. This gives entry to the Outdoor Swimmer Henley Swim Festival and a timed race (either half-mile or mile). This is subsidised by Henley Swim. Supporters are FOC. Please note that parking costs will be additional and can be paid for when registering on the Henley Swim entry system.

Eligibility

Swimmers must be registered to the Club they are swimming with and must be aged 9-14 on 31st December 2024 (ie born 2010-2015) for the half mile or 12+ (ie born 2012 or earlier) for the mile.

On-line Entry

Swimmers will need to complete and pay for their own registration on the Henley Swim online registration system. Once a club has committed to the event, they will be sent specific instructions for signing up swimmers. Henley Swim can provide regular reports to the club, showing who has signed up, and therefore who needs chasing. If a swimmer needs to pull out, they will be refunded according to the event refund policy (50% up to 91 days before the event and 20% up to 60-90 days before the event) OR their place can be transferred to another swimmer free of charge until 7 days before the event.

Wetsuit Rules for the Top Club Award:

- Water temperature of 20° and above: no **wetsuit**
- Water temperature between 18 and 19.9°: swimmer can choose to wear a **wetsuit** or not
- Water temperature below 17.9°: **wetsuits** are compulsory

The water temperature will be measured at 12pm, and the temperature and wetsuit requirements announced at this point.

Swimmers that choose to wear a wetsuit when the water temperature is 20° and above can still swim in the Club's Wave, but their times will not count towards the awards. Their race numbers will be collected as they exit the swim, and they will not be eligible to win medals.

Hats

Swimmers will be expected to wear their club hats.

Timing Chip Collection

Timing chips will be available for collection on the day of the event. The race number, which corresponds to the timing chip, will be written on the hand of each competitor. It is recommended swimmers arrive 90 minutes before their wave time.

Event Village

In addition to the racing, there is a dedicated open water swimming show, and lots of other activities taking place at the Festival. As the Club's Mile Wave is the last event of the day, we encourage Club swimmers to arrive early so that they can take in the show before their swim and perhaps cheer on their teammates in the Half Mile event. The Festival closes immediately after the Club presentations.

Clubs are welcome to bring gazebos and set up Club areas within the event.

Camping

Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday night. This can be booked at time of registration.