Hosting

ARMAGH ORCHARD OPEN GALA 2026

Meet Information

Saturday 3rd October 2026

The meet will run under FINA/Swim Ireland Rules

Meet License Number –



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EVENT INFORMATION

Date Saturday 3rd October 2026

Venue Orchard Leisure Centre (OLC), 37 - 39 Folly Lane Armagh BT60 1AT

Pool 6 Lanes 25m format

Age Groups 10 years and under, 11 years, 12 years – only these age groups will swim in the Session 1.

11-12 years and under, 13-14 years, 15 years and over – these age groups will swim in Sessions 2 & 3.

The age of competitors will be taken as 31 December 2026.

Sessions & Events

Session 1: Age 10 years and under, 11 years, 12 years.

25 metre format, all four strokes

All events will be heat declared winners.

Session 2 & 3: Age 11-12 years, 13-14 years, 15 years & over.

50m & 100m all four strokes and 100IM & 200IM.

All events will be heat declared winners.

Warmup Session 1: No warm up

Session 2: Mixed time tbc

Session 3: Mixed time tbc

Warm up and Session times will be confirmed when all entries have been received.

Closing Date The closing date for entries is Thursday 24th September 2026

Entries Entries can only be made via the Hy-tek Software

Hy-Tek entry file should be emailed to Gala Secretary acscgalasec@gmail.com Withdrawals should be notified by 6pm Wednesday 30th September 2026.

Should the meet become oversubscribed ACSC will notify clubs in advance of the meet and may have to restrict the number of entries per swimmer or limit the number of events to ensure the smooth running of the gala.

Entry Fees £6/€7 per individual event per swimmer. For Session 1 swimmers may enter four individual events for £20 total.

Entry fees should be made with reference: Orchard Gala and club name

Account name: Armagh Swimming Club, First Trust Bank

Sort Code: 93-81-65 Account Number: 4856 6014

Full payment must accompany entries.

Awards Medals will be awarded to the first three swimmers in each event.

Session 1: Age 10 years and under, 11 years, 12 years.

Session 2 & 3: Age 11-12 years, 13-14 years, 15 years & over

Medals will be available for collection at the results table

Break/Lunch The OLC has a café facility which will be open all day.

Meet Results The gala results will be posted on the Meet mobile app.

The Meet Manager / Gala Referee's decision will be final.

Program Gala programmes will be available for sale for £1 at the Welcome Desk**.**

Spectators Swimmers should be supervised at all times. They must not stay in the changing rooms & foyer areas - once their swim is finished they should return promptly to the spectator gallery. Swimmers must wear pool shoes to/ from the spectator gallery to avoid the inherent risks if the steps & spectator areas become wet.

Photography The use of all photographic equipment is strictly controlled. All photographic equipment must be registered at the program desk upon presentation of photo ID. Any photos taken should fall within the Swim Ireland guidelines.

Accidents All accidents, however minor must be reported to the organising club and / or the Orchard Leisure Manager; the appropriate forms are to be completed.

Officials Swim Ulster officials will be poolside.

Please note Neither Armagh City Swimming Club nor Orchard Leisure Centre accept any liability for loss or damage to personal belongings.

General Rules The gala will run under Fina/Swim Ireland rules as a Level 2 gala.

Swimmers should be able/competent to swim the event they are entered for.

Swimmers may choose to start in the water if they are not confident diving.

Only swimmers, coaches and officials will be allowed poolside.

Swimmers should report to the competitors marshalling area 30 mins prior to their swim.

Car Parking Strictly no access to OLC before 7.45am**.** Car parking will be very busy and limited. OLC is in a residential area, please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid blocking driveways and local access. ACSC has agreed overflow car parking in the Armagh City Hotel, BT60 4FR, just a 9 minute walk from the OLC; additional parking is available in the town centre.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Individual events

Event		Age group	Distance / stroke
101	Girls	Up to 12 years	25m Backstroke
102	Open	Up to 12 years	25m Backstroke
103	Girls	Up to 12 years	25m Breaststroke
104	Open	Up to 12 years	25m Breaststroke
105	Girls	Up to 12 years	25m Butterfly
106	Open	Up to 12 years	25m Butterfly
107	Girls	Up to 12 years	25m Freestyle
108	Open	Up to 12 years	25m Freestyle
Session 2			
201	Girls	11 years and over	100 IM
202	Open	11 years and over	100 IM
203	Girls	11 years and over	100 Backstroke
204	Open	11 years and over	100 Backstroke
205	Girls	11 years and over	50m Breaststroke
206	Open	11 years and over	50m Breaststroke
207	Girls	11 years and over	100m Butterfly
208	Open	11 years and over	100m Butterfly
209	Girls	11 years and over	50m Freestyle
210	Open	11 years and over	50m Freestyle
Session 3			
301	Girls	11 years and over	50 Backstroke
302	Open	11 years and over	50 Backstroke
303	Girls	11 years and over	100m Breaststroke
304	Open	11 years and over	100m Breaststroke
305	Girls	11 years and over	50m Butterfly
306	Open	11 years and over	50m Butterfly
307	Girls	11 years and over	100m Freestyle
308	Open	11 years and over	100m Freestyle
309	Girls	11 years and over	200 IM
310	Open	11 years and over	200 IM

Entries will be seeded into heats based on entry time from the slowest to fastest.