



CULTS OTTERS CHALLENGE TROPHY

Under **WORLD AQUATICS** and **SASA** rules - Licence Number (TBC)

Accreditation will be applied for

Cults Otters ASC invite you to our **Challenge Trophy** on **Sunday 14th September 2025**
at the Cults Swimming Pool, Quarry Road, Cults, Aberdeen, AB15 9TP.

MEET INFORMATION

Pool	25 metres, 6 Lanes, anti-turbulence lane ropes, deck level pool, space poolside for swimmers and coaches. Manual timing with 3 timekeepers per lane will be used																			
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Arrival	All swimmers are asked to arrive “Beach Ready.”																			
Events	<p>100m Butterfly 100m Backstroke 100m Breaststroke 100m Freestyle 200m Individual Medley 400m Freestyle</p> <p>100m entries will be accepted on a “faster than” basis; please see below for Consideration Times. There are no consideration times for the 400m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley. Swimmers entering 400m Freestyle or 200m Individual Medley events must also be entered in at least one 100m event</p>																			
Age Groups	<p>10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16</p> <p>All events will be swum as age at 14th September 2025</p>																			



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Entry Fees	<p>£7.00 per individual 100m swim. £8.00 per 200IM or 400FC entry</p> <p>Payments should be made by Bank Transfer to: Sort Code: 80-06-19 Account: Cults Otters ASC 00530650 Reference CT2025 followed by the Club Code e.g. CT2025NCOX</p>																														
Entries	<p>Entries to be made using the Hytek Team Manager entry file. Entry files may be obtained by download from the North District website (www.sasanorth.org.uk) or by email from cultsotters.galaorg@gmail.com</p> <p>All entries must be accompanied by a signed Declaration Form</p> <p>All Entry Files and Declaration Forms must be returned by email to Adrian Gavin at cultsotters.galaorg@gmail.com. Fees should be paid, and other paperwork should be forwarded to the Gala Convener on the email above as soon as possible thereafter, and in each case must be received no later than three days after the closing date.</p>																														



	<p><u>Closing date for entries is Friday 15th August 2025.</u></p> <p>Entries may have to be limited depending upon the number of entries received. Clubs will be notified of any rejected swims prior to the meet along with a provisional program.</p>
Trophies	<p>Medals will be awarded in age groups for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each event. There will be awards for best boy and girl in each age group. The Cults Otters ASC Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the best club / team. Trophies for best boy / girl in each age group and best club / team will be worked on a points system – 6 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 6th place. Medals and Trophies should be collected from the Medals desk.</p>
Venue Capacity	<p>Due to venue capacity, there may be a requirement to reject swimmers accepted for only 1 or 2 individual races in favour of other swimmers to maximise pool time/capacity.</p>
Photography	<p>No photographic or video equipment will be allowed in any area without prior agreement of the Gala Convener. Application forms will be available from the Gala Convener and must be countersigned by a club official. Photographic permission will not be issued for mobile phones.</p> <p>Unless it has been notified in writing to the Gala Convener it will be assumed that all parents of children swimming give permission for their child to be photographed by approved parties.</p> <p><u>Photography of any description, and the use of mobile phones or any other devices capable of photography is strictly prohibited in the changing room, showers, and toilets. The use of mobile phones poolside is prohibited</u></p>
Changing Room	<p>The changing room at the pool will be available for use but time in this area should be limited as far as possible. Bags can be taken into the seating area where space in that area allows. No belongings can be left in the changing rooms.</p>
Marshalling and Instructions	<p>Swimmers must report to marshalling ahead of their event otherwise they will not be permitted to swim. The start of a race will not be delayed for absent competitors. Swimmers must follow instructions given to them by meet officials and marshals and must always behave in a reasonable manner.</p>
Spectating	<p>Spectating will be available however please only enter the poolside area to watch your swimmer race and then leave to allow other spectators access. Spectating may have to be closed due to capacity limits and this decision will be at the sole discretion of the Meet Referee and/or Gala Organiser. Spectators who refuse to leave the spectating area when requested to do so by the Gala Organiser or Meet Referee or are abusive in</p>



	any way will be reported to their clubs and this may affect future participation in Cults Otters Galas
Technical Officials	<p>We would be grateful for the offer of technical officials (qualified timekeepers, Judges). Please advise if you can assist in a technical role by completing the STO form attached and returning to the Cults Otters STO Coordinator, Steven Jackson at CultsOtters.STOsec@gmail.com with the entry and in any event no later than 29th August 2025.</p> <p>Any queries or changes to Technical Officials after the closing date should also be directed to the Cults Otters STO Coordinator. All clubs are expected to provide a minimum of 1 Judge per session. Clubs that have 10 swimmers or more accepted should provide a minimum of 2 technical officials per session, at least one of which should hold a minimum qualification of Judge 1.</p> <p>Mentoring requests will be considered by the Referee. It may be more likely for mentoring requests to be honoured if the clubs attending the meet provide a supply of qualified officials (Judge & above), however we cannot guarantee all requests to be granted.</p> <p>Please note that Timekeepers or Judges-in-training requiring specific signatures, i.e. Chief Timekeeper or stroke, should make this request to the Cults Otters STO coordinator when names are submitted.</p>
Transgender and Non-Binary Policy	<p>As of the 1st January 2024 the Scottish Swimming Transgender & Non-Binary Competition Policy was implemented nationally across all aquatics sports. The policy and FAQs can be found at https://www.scottishswimming.com/aboutus/equality. Any policy related matters that arise during the event should be reported to and will be recorded by the Meet Convenor/Lead Referee and these matters will be communicated to and managed post event by the relevant Scottish Swimming Staff. At no point will members be challenged on the day of a competition with any matters being resolved post event. As a result of this policy being implemented, any competitor intending to compete within the Female category at this event will be required to provide confirmation that their birth sex is female when signing up to the meet conditions through entry. By entering the Female category, athletes are therefore confirming their birth sex is female and are eligible to compete in the Female category.</p>
Withdrawals	<p>Must be notified to cultsotters.galaorg@gmail.com before 5pm Friday 12th September 2025 and after this to the Records table on the day – withdrawals should be notified at least 1 hour prior to the start of the appropriate session.</p>
Data Protection	<u>Entries & Results</u>



	<p>In order to operate the Cults Otters Challenge Trophy, we have a legitimate interest to collect and process some basic personal data from all competitors, specifically name, gender, date of birth.</p> <p>This data will be held securely and only used for the purposes of managing the meet and reporting results. The data will be retained in accordance with Licence Requirements. Names and ages will be shared with attending clubs and SASA ND and may be published. Name, gender and date of birth will only be used when submitting the results to Scottish Rankings for the purpose of maintaining the National Database.</p> <p>By entering the Cults Otters Challenge Trophy competitors agree to allow Cults Otters ASC to publish the personal data submitted within the entry file and allow publication of results.</p>
Coaches Pass	One coach's lunch pass will be included for each Club with an additional pass per 10 swimmers entered. Additional coaches' passes will be available at £7.00 each – please include this payment with the gala entry fee.
Refunds	In the event of postponement, cancellation or abandonment of the event or withdrawals at any time, refunds will be made at the absolute discretion of Cults Otters ASC.
Gala Convener	Adrian Gavin Email - cultsotters.galaorg@gmail.com



Programme of Events

Session One

Warm up	9:05 am
Start	10.10 am
Finish	12.40 pm

Event 101	Female	400M Freestyle
Event 102	Male&Open	200M IM
Event 103	Female	100M Fly
Event 104	Male&Open	100M Freestyle
Event 105	Female	100M Backstroke
Event 106	Male&Open	100M Breaststroke

Session Two

Warm up	1:35 pm
Start	2:40 pm
Finish	5:10 pm

Event 201	Male&Open	400M Freestyle
Event 202	Female	200M IM
Event 203	Male&Open	100M Fly
Event 204	Female	100M Freestyle
Event 205	Male&Open	100M Backstroke
Event 206	Female	100M Breaststroke



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DECLARATION

All competitors must be SASA registered.

Swimmers & coaches have been made aware of the photographic / video restrictions at this venue.

Signed on _____ Position _____
behalf of Club: _____ in Club: _____

ENTRY SUMMARY

Name of Club / Code: _____

Contact name: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Contact email address: _____

_____ 100m Individual Entries @ £7.00 = £ _____

_____ 200m IM/400Free Individual Entries @ £8.00 = £ _____

_____ Additional Coaches Pass @£7.00 = £ _____

TOTAL £ _____

Please return this form together with the entry to: cultsotters.galaorg@gmail.com.

Acknowledgement of receipt will be made by email.



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Club _____
 STO Contact Name _____
 Tel No _____
 Email: _____

Please return to: Steven Jackson

Email: CultsOtters.STOsec@gmail.com

Name	Current Qualification Level	Session 1	Session 2

Mentoring Requests – please note that mentoring will be at the discretion of the Referee(s)

Name	J1/J2/J2S	Session 1 Duty Requested - <i>eg CIT</i>	Session 2 Duty Requested - <i>eg CIT</i>