



## **Swim Meet Levels – what is the difference?**

Competitions and swim meets can be licenced to different levels from Level 1 to 4.

The differences between the different levels are:

**Level 1** – top level meets and only have a consideration/Qualifying time – aimed at the fastest swimmers and you have to be fast enough to make the cut. These meets are held in 50m pools only. Tend to be for swimmers aiming for the Regionals/Nationals.

**Level 2** – same as level meets but only held in 25m pools

**Level 3** – these meets are aimed at the middle band of swimmers and have an upper limit so the fastest swimmers shouldn't be entering but also have a lower limit to ensure there is entry standard to be met. These can be held in any length pool

**Level 4** – these tend to be internal/closed events and can be in any length pool and as only within a club don't need qualifying times. These tend to be events like club championships.

The other difference on the levels is that Level 1 and 2 meets require a higher level of official than the Level 3 and then Level 4 can run with volunteers/trainees so there is a progression up the levels on the official's route.

All times from the above levels can be added into Swim England rankings.

We then run some internal gala's that are not licenced i.e. development gala's and sprint nights but the times from these can only go into the club rankings, not official Swim England rankings as the competitions are not licenced.

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