

# Level X Racing FAQs

All Level X Racing results are to be submitted online:

[Submit results here](#)

**Masters** results need to be submitted in a separate file with the masters box checked on the online submission form (otherwise they will appear in the Open age group of Rankings).

## Eligibility

### Q. Who is eligible to participate in Level X Racing?

Anyone who is a category 2 Swim England member can participate in Level X Racing. If clubs have new category 2 members or members upgrading so they can enter Level X Racing please upgrade their membership through OMS and ensure this has been processed before submitting any results for these swimmers.

### Q. Can Masters swimmers take part in Level X Racing?

Masters can take part in Level X Racing no earlier than 17 May 2021, and subject to current government guidance and restrictions. If permissible, Masters swimmers will need to be Category 2 members to take part.

**In order for Masters results to go into Masters rankings, their results files must be submitted separately to the age group results and the masters box ticked on the Formstack box.**

### Q. Can para swimmers take part in Level X Racing?

Yes, para swimmers can take part in Level X Racing. Any additional support required should be offered by the club to ensure all athletes have the opportunity to participate.

### Q. Can a swimmer join a club with temporary membership in order to take part in Level X Racing?

No, a swimmer is only able to participate in their own club where they train.

### **Q. Can other clubs come to our Level X Racing session?**

No, this is a virtual competition which is a single club event. You must not mix your club swimmers with another club's swimmers.

## **Organisation**

### **Q. What is the timeframe for Level X Racing?**

Level X Racing eligible swims can take place within the following timeframes:

- **Series 2:** from 12 April – 22 August 2021.

See [Level X Racing Conditions](#) and [Level X Racing Schedule](#) separately for further information on eligibility for leaderboards and the deadlines for results submission.

### **Q. What events can be swum in Level X Racing?**

Clubs can decide which distance and stroke to run based on the coach's assessment of the swimmers' fitness.

Any Level X Racing events can be swum at any time during the Series, however leaderboards will be published for specific events as per the published [Level X Racing Schedule](#).

### **Q. How many Level X Racing sessions can the club run?**

A club can run as many Level X sessions as it chooses to.

### **Q. Can starting blocks be used?**

Yes, where starting blocks are available and the venue operating procedure allows them they can be used, however they are not a requirement.

### **Q. Is a starting system required to start Level X races?**

No, the minimum starting requirement is a whistle. Where a whistle is being used this should be provided by the starter themselves and only used by them.

### **Q. Are Level X Racing meets licensed?**

No, Level X Racing meets are not licensed.

### **Q. Can we set up a virtual duel – swim at the same time as another club but in our home pools?**

Yes, virtual duels between clubs are allowed as long as the actual races are all swum at the home training pools of the clubs involved and swimmers race in their usual training bubbles.

### **Q. Can parents spectate at Level X Racing sessions?**

This is a decision your club needs to take in accordance with its risk assessment for training sessions.

## **Q. Do masks need to be worn by participants and officials in Level X Racing sessions?**

The use of masks should be based around the club's own risk assessment of the session.

## **Officials**

### **Q. What Officials are needed to run a Level X session?**

To run a Level X Racing session, a club requires two officials who are at least a qualified J1 or higher to manage the session. There is no requirement for a qualified referee.

Where manual timing is being used clubs also need sufficient time keepers. There is no requirement for the timekeepers to be qualified but they must be at least 14 years old and members of Swim England (any category). More information is available in the [Level X Racing Officials](#) information.

### **Q. What training is available for Officials running Level X Racing sessions?**

There are two online training courses designed for the management of Level X Racing—neither are compulsory but we would recommend that all technical officials complete [A Beginners Guide to Refereeing Swimming](#), and all timekeepers complete [Time Keeper](#) training. For further details, also see [Level X Racing Officials](#) information.

### **Q. Do officials need to be licensed to run a Level X Racing session?**

No, there is no requirement for any officials to be licensed for Level X Racing sessions.

### **Q. If a club can't secure two J1 officials for the Level X Racing session, is that session able to go ahead?**

If you are unable to meet the officiating requirements for Level X Racing please email [levelx@swimming.org](mailto:levelx@swimming.org) for support.

### **Q. Do the technical officials need to apply the para swimming exception codes to any para swimmers taking part in Level X Racing?**

Yes, the para swimming exception codes should be applied. We recognise not all J1 judges will be familiar with these but the club coach will be aware of their swimmers and should communicate openly with the officials to ensure a fair result is achieved.

## **Results**

### **Q. How are Level X Racing results submitted?**

See [Level X Racing Results Submission Support](#) document for detailed information on how to create results, validate the data and submit the results data files error free.

The club must submit results using the online [Formstack](#) form. Masters results must be submitted as a separate file and the Masters box ticked on the Formstack form in order for them to go into the Masters Rankings database.

Results from sessions swum in the same venue in the same week can be collated and submitted as one results file. The date on the Formstack submission should be the last racing session of the week.

Clubs should aim to submit all results within 48 hours of racing but they will be accepted up to five working days after the session or last session in a week.

**Q. Can a club who doesn't currently have access to SPORTSYSTEMS or Hy-tek participate in Level X Racing?**

Yes, SPORTSYSTEMS will provide a free version of their Meet Organisation software to enable clubs who do not possess access to Meet Management software to submit their results. This can be requested direct from SPORTSYSTEMS by emailing [support@sportsys.co.uk](mailto:support@sportsys.co.uk). Please note this free version is not compatible with Mac computers and must be used with Windows.

See [Results Submission Support](#) document for further information.

**Q. Is there any support available for clubs who have not previously submitted results to rankings?**

Yes, step by step video guides are available which outline the whole process and can be accessed as follows:

- [SPORTSYSTEMS step-by-step video guide](#)
- [Hy-Tek step-by-step video guide](#)

There are also a number of 'technical friends' around the country who have volunteered to support with any results submission questions – these can be accessed by emailing [levelx@swimming.org](mailto:levelx@swimming.org) with your query and you will be put in touch with your nearest volunteer.

You also have access the [Level X Racing Results Submission Support](#) document.

**Q. Is there a meet file to download in order to submit results or do we need to create our own?**

Clubs must create their own meet file as they would for an open meet.

**Q. Where will the Level X Racing results be published?**

Level X Racing results may be accessed via [swimmingresults.org](http://swimmingresults.org). Results may be viewed in numerous different formats e.g. by age, county, region, gender and so on. Select the required category to view Level X Racing results.

Swim England will also publish Level X Leaderboards for each event following the conclusion of the Series, which will display the top 10 swimmers. For more information on the Leaderboards view [Level X Racing Conditions](#) and [Level X Racing Schedule](#).

**Q. Why are the club results not showing on Rankings?**

We will aim to process and upload all submissions within a week of receipt but please bear with us as at busy times it may take slightly longer.

If there are errors in the results files submitted this will lead to those files being rejected and clubs will need to correct and resubmit these. This will delay processing time.

In order to reduce the possibility of this happening clubs should validate all member data prior to entering any results using the validation tools within SPORSYSTEMS and Hy-Tek. If your results are not showing 10 days after the club has submitted them to us then please contact [levelx@swimming.org](mailto:levelx@swimming.org).

See [Level X Racing Results Submission Support](#) document for further information.

**Q. My time in Rankings is incorrect – what do I do?**

All queries in relation to swimmers' times and results in Rankings should be addressed via the club responsible for Level X Racing results submission.

**Q. Will times submitted for Level X Racing be adjudicated in any way?**

Timekeepers will be expected to record accurate times and the officials who are managing the event will be expected to verify the results. We believe in the honesty and integrity of our members.

## Leaderboards

**Q. How do Level X Racing Leaderboards work?**

See [Level X Racing Conditions](#) and [Level X Racing Schedules](#) for detailed information.

If you have any further questions regarding Level X Racing please email [levelx@swimming.org](mailto:levelx@swimming.org).