



Spectator Information

NOVA Centurion Level 3 Short Course Meet

27 September 2026

NOVA Centurion are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Level 3 Open Meet on the 27 September at Harvey Hadden, Nottingham NG8 4PB.

Admission

Entry to the spectator gallery will open at 8:45am please note entry will not be possible before this time.

We can accept either cash or card payment for admission and entry prices are:

All Sessions - £6.00 per session

All Day - £10.00

Cafe

The café at Harvey Hadden will be open all day serving drinks, plus a variety of hot and cold food.

Car Parking

Parking in both the main and overflow car parks at Harvey Hadden are free of charge all day. Additional parking on the road is also available. Please park considerately.

Entrance to poolside

Please note that **ALL swimmers must enter the poolside through the changing village.**

There will be plenty of space around the pool for all clubs, please do not bring chairs. Lockers are available to store swim bags if needed for £1.

Swimmers should wear footwear, be dry and appropriately dressed when they visit the stands.

Withdrawals

So, we can run the meet as efficiently as possible please email any withdrawals to meets@novacenturion.co.uk by 6pm the day before the.



Important Allergy Notice

To help keep all swimmers safe, we kindly ask that no nuts or nut-containing products are brought onto poolside during the meet, as a swimmer attending has a nut allergy.

This includes items such as peanuts, mixed nuts, nut-based snacks, and products containing nuts. Please check labels carefully before bringing food to the venue. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in helping us provide a safe environment for everyone.

Important travel information

Please be aware that the **Robin Hood Half Marathon** is taking place on Sunday 27 September and a number of roads across Nottingham will be subject to closures throughout the day. Swimmers, officials and spectators travelling to the meet from the city side are strongly advised to plan their journey in advance and allow extra travel time. We recommend checking the road closure schedule before travelling and considering alternative routes where necessary to avoid delays. Full details of the road closure timings can be found here: [Robin Hood Marathon Road Closure Timings](#)

Hot Heats

By popular demand, the exclusive NOVA ducks are making a comeback! Throughout the day, winners of selected Hot Heats will receive a NOVA duck (or one of their celebrity duck friends).

There will also be a bonus prize for a randomly selected finisher in these heats — so everyone has a chance to win! If you're lucky enough to get your hands on a duck, head over to the life-size duck waddling around poolside to pick your quackingly good prize!

NEW for 2026 – Medley Skins!

Get ready for one of the most exciting events of the meet! The Medley Skins Competition brings together the six fastest 200m IM swimmers in each Open/Male and Female category for both 13 & Under and 14 & Over age groups. If a qualifier chooses not to take part, the opportunity will pass to the next fastest swimmer.



The action then heats up with a series of fast-paced 50m knockout races, where the slowest swimmer is eliminated after each round until only one champion remains. To keep everyone guessing, the stroke for each race is drawn at random from Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Butterfly. With just three minutes between races, plenty of drama, and the possibility of joint winners in the event of a dead heat final, the Medley Skins promises to be a thrilling spectator event you won't want to miss!

Photography

The use of mobile phones and the taking of photographs are not permitted in the changing village by any persons. In line with Swim England Policy, anyone found using a mobile phone in the changing village or adjacent areas will be immediately excluded from the competition and escorted off the premises. **Please reinforce this message to your swimmers.**

Parents are permitted to take pictures and videos from the spectator area. Coaches & TM's with checked accreditations may take photographs on poolside.

Warm Up Schedule

The provisional timeline can be found here:

<https://www.swimmingmeetresults.co.uk/NOVA/>

Details of the warmup arrangements will be available on the day. Practice starts will be towards the end of each warm-up session.

Duty of Care

The main aim of our meet is fast swimming and enjoyment. To aid us in providing a smooth-running, trouble-free event, could we ask you to pass on the following messages to the swimmers and parents attending.

The use of mobile phones and the taking of photographs in changing village is strictly prohibited. Anyone found using a mobile phone in the changing village or adjacent areas will be immediately excluded from the competition and escorted off the premises.

Access to the changing village is only available to swimmers competing in the meet or those carrying meet accreditation. **Parents are not allowed into the changing village under any circumstances.**



Verbal abuse directed at the promoter, officials, and any volunteer acting under the direction of the promoter will not be tolerated. The promoter reserves the right to ask any person or persons behaving in this manner to leave any areas managed by the promoter for the remainder of the competition.

Upcoming NOVA meets

21 & 22 November 2026

L2 National Qualifier meet @Harvey Hadden

The meet provides a final opportunity for swimmers to gain or improve entry times for the Winter Short Course National events.

Features a short course competition pool together with a 25m swim down pool

<https://novacenturion.co.uk/open-meets/>