

## Welcome!

The [Open Belgian Short Course Championships](#) are the first major event on the national swimming calendar of 2025-2026.

The 2025 edition will take place from November 7 to 9, 2025, at the Olympic Pool Lago Rozenbroeken in Ghent. The event is organized by the Royal Belgian Swimming Federation, in collaboration with [MEGA](#).

These Championships also serve as a qualification period for the European Short Course Championships, to be held in Lublin, Poland (Dec 2–7, 2025), and for the World Short Course Championships in December 2026.

This document contains all practical and regulatory information about the 2025 Open Belgian Short Course Championships. For additional questions, you can always contact: [info@belswim.be](mailto:info@belswim.be).

The Royal Belgian Swimming Federation (RBSF) warmly welcomes all swimmers, coaches, clubs, and fans and looks forward to exciting races and strong performances.



## Location: Pool LAGO Rozebroeken

This venue offers 10 lanes of 50 meters and is an ideal setting for the 2025 Short Course Championships. Thanks to a movable bulkhead, the pool can be flexibly divided: one section will serve as the official competition area, while the other will remain available for warm up and cool downs.

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The complex also includes a spacious sports hall, which will be used as a rest and relaxation area for teams during the Championships.

Everything is in place to optimally support athletes and provide the best conditions for top-level performances.



## Program Open Belgian Championships short course 2025

### Starting Hours\*

- Warming-up AM: 7:30-8:45 a.m.
- Start of the competition: 9:00 a.m.
- Warming-up PM: 3:00-4:15 p.m.
- Start of the competition: 4:30 p.m.

The heats are swum in 10 lanes, while the finals are swum in 8 lanes.

\*These hours are indicative and may be subject to change.

## Events

### Individual

All Olympic distances + 100m Individual Medley

### Relays

4x50m Freestyle and 4x50m Medley (Men, Women, Mixed)

## Program

Friday 7 november 2025

AM				PM					
1.	400m	Freestyle	Women	4 heats	F 1	400m	Freestyle	Women	A + B*
2.	400m	Ind medley	Men	4 heats	F 2	400m	Ind medley	Men	A + B*
3.	50m	Backstroke	Women	10 heats	F 3	50m	Backstroke	Women	A + B*
4.	50m	Freestyle	Men	10 heats	F 4	50m	Freestyle	Men	A + B*
5.	200m	Breaststroke	Women	6 heats	F 5	200m	Breaststroke	Women	A + B*
6.	100m	Breaststroke	Men	10 heats	F 6	100m	Breaststroke	Men	A + B*
7.	100m	Ind medley	Women	10 heats	F 7	100m	Ind medley	Women	A + B*
8.	200m	Backstroke	Men	6 heats	F 8	200m	Backstroke	Men	A + B*
9.	200m	Butterfly	Women	6 heats	F 9	200m	Butterfly	Women	A + B*
10.	100m	Butterfly	Men	10 heats	F 10	100m	Butterfly	Men	A + B*
11.	50m	Freestyle	Women	10 heats	F 11	50m	Freestyle	Women	A + B*
12.	1.500m	Freestyle	Men	1 heat	12	1.500m	Freestyle	Men	Fastest Heat
13.	4 x 50m	Medley	Mixed		14	4 x 50m	Medley	Men	

Saturday 8 november 2025

AM				PM					
15.	400m	Freestyle	Men	4 heats	F 15	400m	Freestyle	Men	A + B*
16.	400m	Ind medley	Women	4 heats	F 16	400m	Ind medley	Women	A + B*
17.	50m	Backstroke	Men	10 heats	F 17	50m	Backstroke	Men	A + B*
18.	100m	Backstroke	Women	10 heats	F 18	100m	Backstroke	Women	A + B*
19.	200m	Butterfly	Men	6 heats	F 19	200m	Butterfly	Men	A + B*
20.	200m	Freestyle	Women	6 heats	F 20	200m	Freestyle	Women	A + B*

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21	50m	Breaststroke	Men	10 heats	F 21	50m	Breaststroke	Men	A + B*
22	100m	Breaststroke	Women	10 heats	F 22	100m	Breaststroke	Women	A + B*
23	200m	Ind medley	Men	6 heats	F 23	200m	Ind medley	Men	A + B*
24	50m	Butterfly	Women	10 heats	F 24	50m	Butterfly	Women	A + B*
25	100m	Freestyle	Men	10 heats	F 25	100m	Freestyle	Men	A + B*
26	1.500m	Freestyle	Women	1 heat	26	1.500m	Freestyle	Women	Fastest Heat
27	4 x 50m	Freestyle	Mixed		28	4 x 50m	Freestyle	Women	
					29	4 x 50m	Freestyle	Men	

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Sunday 9 november 2025

AM				PM					
30.	100m	Butterfly	Women	4 heats	40	800m	Freestyle	Women	Fastest Heat
31	100m	Backstroke	Men	4 heats	41	800m	Freestyle	Men	Fastest Heat
32.	50m	Breaststroke	Women	10 heats	F30	100m	Butterfly	Women	A + B*
33	200m	Freestyle	Men	6 heats	F31	100m	Backstroke	Men	A + B*
34	200m	Backstroke	Women	6 heats	F32	50m	Breaststroke	Women	A + B*
35	50m	Butterfly	Men	10 heats	F33	200m	Freestyle	Men	A + B*
36	200m	Ind medley	Women	6 heats	F34	200m	Backstroke	Women	A + B*
37	200m	Breaststroke	Men	6 heats	F35	50m	Butterfly	Men	A + B*
38	100m	Freestyle	Women	10 heats	F36	200m	Ind medley	Women	A + B*
39	100m	Ind medley	Men	10 heats	F37	200m	Breaststroke	Men	A + B*
40	800m	Freestyle	Women	1 heat	F38	100m	Freestyle	Women	A + B*
41	800m	Freestyle	Men	1 heat	F39	100m	Ind medley	Men	A + B*
					42	4 x 50m	Ind medley	Women	

## Participation Requirements

### General

Only athletes licensed with a regional federation or one recognized by World Aquatics (by the entry deadline) may participate.

## Individual distances

Participation in the OBC Short Course 2025 is possible if the qualifying times are met. The period during which these qualifying times must be met runs from 1 January 2024 to 15 October 2025. Athletes who meet the A qualifying time for a program number can register for it and are guaranteed of participation. You can also register if you meet the B qualifying time, but participation is not guaranteed and depends on the number of places still available. Only times recorded in a 50m or 25m swimming pool are valid for participation in the OBK short course 2025.

Swimmers aged 16 and younger (born in 2009 or later), as well as swimmers who do not have Belgian nationality and are not affiliated with one of the regional federations, can only participate in a program number if they have achieved the A qualifying time.

## Limit Times

Distance	Men		Women	
	A	B	A	B
50m Freestyle	00:24,33	00:24,93	00:27,59	00:28,22
100m Freestyle	00:53,25	00:54,36	00:59,60	01:00,88
200m Freestyle	01:55,59	01:58,26	02:09,10	02:10,89
400m Freestyle	04:09,72	04:13,87	04:29,28	04:34,95
800m Freestyle	08:41,54	08:52,14	09:08,59	09:21,47
1.500m Freestyle	16:19,17	16:39,84	17:52,05	18:28,77
50m Backstroke	00:28,44	00:29,32	00:31,79	00:32,50
100m Backstroke	01:01,23	01:03,09	01:07,70	01:09,39
200m Backstroke	02:12,43	02:16,41	02:24,96	02:28,07

50m Breaststroke	00:31,02	00:32,00	00:35,31	00:36,39
100m Breaststroke	01:08,11	01:10,72	01:16,97	01:18,91
200m Breaststroke	02:28,08	02:32,64	02:44,16	02:48,59
50m Butterfly	00:26,22	00:26,95	00:29,76	00:30,47
100m Butterfly	00:58,88	01:00,56	01:07,00	01:09,26
200m Butterfly	02:14,65	02:18,89	02:30,97	02:35,86
100m Ind medley	01:01,50	01:03,13	01:08,62	01:10,34
200m Ind medley	02:11,66	02:14,77	02:26,78	02:28,92
400m Ind medley	04:44,80	04:50,08	05:12,06	05:18,23

## A- & B-limit times

The qualifying times are based on the results achieved by Belgian swimmers in the period from 1 January 2023 to the closing date for registration for the OBC Short Course 2024. For each distance, there is an A and a B qualifying time, linked to the maximum capacity for each distance:

- A qualifying time: set at 70% of the maximum capacity. For example: with a maximum capacity of 60 swimmers, the A qualifying time is set at around the 42nd fastest time.
- B-limit time: set at 130% of the maximum capacity. For example: with a maximum capacity of 60 swimmers, the B-limit time is set at around the 78th fastest time.

Swimmers who achieve the A-limit time are guaranteed of their participation upon registration. Swimmers with a B-limit time can register, but their participation depends on the number of places remaining after processing the registrations with A-limit times.

If necessary, the organization will increase the maximum capacity to allow all registered A-limit swimmers to start.

## Relays

Each club may enter only one team in each relay event.



## Competition Rules

The OBC Short Course is swum under the rules of World Aquatics.

The international doping rules (World Aquatics, WADA) apply. Upon request, swimmers must cooperate with representatives of the Flemish/French-speaking official doping authority and be available for testing.

## Entries and withdrawals

- Registrations must be sent exclusively by email to [entriesswimming@belswim.be](mailto:entriesswimming@belswim.be), no later than **15 October 2025 before 11:59 p.m.**
- Swimmers must be registered with their **absolute** best times achieved between **1 January 2024 and 15 October 2025**.
- All registration times must come from an official competition, swum in a 25m or 50m pool, and will be checked **via Swimrankings**. If there are registration times that cannot be verified via Swimrankings, it is necessary to provide the link to the international database (e.g. swimcloud).
- **Intermediate times will not be accepted as registration times**, with the exception of the time of the first swimmer of a non-mixed relay team.
- **Registrations** must be made via the **TeamManager (Splash)** program, if not possible, please contact [entriesswimming@belswim.be](mailto:entriesswimming@belswim.be)
- When registering, each club must also provide the name and license number of its representative. Representatives may be changed per session when the Resolution Desk has been informed.
- Registrations that do not meet the above conditions will not be accepted.
- **Relay registrations** (Relay only swimmers & reserves)
  - o Please state the full name, license number and relevant relay race number and register the swimmers who will only be participating in relay races and therefore not in individual races! Only to be entered in TeamManager (not by email) as – ‘Competitions’ – ‘Edit relay entries F5’. If not possible, please contact [entriesswimming@belswim.be](mailto:entriesswimming@belswim.be)

o All swimmers who are only swimming relays, including any substitutes and reserves, must be registered by name on the closing date for entries! Procedure to enter in TeamManager (not via email) as – ‘Competitions’

– ‘Relay entries F3’ - open team and enter name. If not possible, please contact [entriesswimming@belswim.be](mailto:entriesswimming@belswim.be)

o Entries without a time are not permitted. The team time is either a time swum by the team or the sum of the individual swimmers' times. All times must have been swum between January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 and October 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

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### Important remarks:

- Lenex registration files must be created as follows: ‘BK-25M-name of the club’.
- The clubs will receive a ‘confirmation of receipt’ (the only proof of receipt of your registrations) via the official email address within five days of their registrations. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that this registration confirmation is received within five days and that the registrations submitted are correct. Clubs with registrations that do not comply with the regulations will receive a message with the incorrect registrations.
- Clubs registering swimmers with dual nationality (BEL/other) must send a copy of the identity card of the swimmers concerned by email to [entriesswimming@belswim.be](mailto:entriesswimming@belswim.be) together with the registration
- After sending the registrations, all changes must be made by email to [entriesswimming@belswim.be](mailto:entriesswimming@belswim.be). A new Lenex file may be sent, but please always include an explanation of the changes by email. If not possible with lenex file, please contact [entriesswimming@belswim.be](mailto:entriesswimming@belswim.be)
- Late registrations received after the registration deadline will not be accepted.
- The start lists will be published on the RBSF website on Monday, October 20, 2025.
- To avoid administrative costs, clubs will be given the opportunity to **delete** one or more “competitions/registrations” until **Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.** by sending an email to [entriesswimming@belswim.be](mailto:entriesswimming@belswim.be).
- The final program will be published on Monday, November 3, 2025.

## Fees

### The registration fee

The registration fee is:

- Individual start (Belgian club): 12 euros
- Relay (Belgian club): 17 euros
- Individual start (foreign club): 17 euros

- Relay (foreign club): 22 euros

The total amount due will be invoiced to the club (club invoice).

### *Administrative costs*

- Clubs will not be charged any administrative costs for cancellations submitted within the specified period, only the registration fee.
- Clubs will be charged administrative costs:
  - o for late cancellations or withdrawals.

For specific amounts, please refer to the document: [Rates, administrative costs and registration fees.](#)

### Medals and ceremonies

#### *Individual distances (except 800m en 1.500m freestyle)*

These competitions are swum in heats and finals.

There are two finals:

- Open A final: the eight fastest times from the heats
- B final: reserved for swimmers who have a competition licence with a Belgian club or for swimmers who have Belgian nationality  
B final will only be organized if, after the finals have been drawn up and any withdrawals have been processed, at least 15 swimmers have confirmed their participation in the final.

#### *800m & 1.500m freestyle*

For the long distances 800m / 1500m freestyle, the ranking is based on times in the heats without finals (ranking by times).

#### *Relays*

For the relays, the ranking is determined based on times in the heats without finals (ranking by time).

### *Results:*

The results posted in the swimming pool are the only valid official results. It is the responsibility of the club representative to familiarize themselves with these official results. These results always state the deadline for complaints, comments and withdrawals for finals.

### *Medals:*

The first three Belgian athletes in each individual event will receive a medal. Athletes of foreign nationality will only receive a medal if they finish in the top three of the individual event. The RBSF will provide the necessary medals for each relay event. The medals will only be awarded to Belgian clubs (only podium with first 3 relays 'Belgian clubs'). The title of 'Belgian Champion' will be awarded to the first Belgian swimmer/club in the final. The medals will only be awarded if the swimmers have achieved the qualifying time and if the swimmers are present at the medal ceremony on time, unless they have a valid reason for their absence. This must be reported before the medal ceremony. The competition organizers will decide what constitutes a valid reason, without appeal.

## Call Room

Each participant must report to the call room no later than 10 minutes before the start and remain there until instructed by the person in charge to proceed to the starting platform. Failure to report to or pass through the call room may result in disqualification. The call room is only accessible to participants who are expected there. Coaches may accompany swimmers to the call room. Once the swimmer has reported, he/she may no longer be accompanied by the coach or anyone else, unless it is a para swimmer with exception code “A” (assistance permitted).

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## Accreditations

The clubs are required to submit the name of the ‘delegate’ (ONE) and the name(s) of the ‘trainer(s)’ via TeamManager. (see table below).

The programs and results will be available in PDF format on the websites of the RBSF and the organizing club. Each participating club is entitled to the following number of free admission tickets for the coaches and club representatives:

Clubs must register one delegate and relevant number of trainers:

Number of swimmers	Delegate	Coaches
1 - 10	1	1
11 - 20	1	2
21 - 30	1	4
31 - 40	1	5
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Delegates must report daily to Resolution Desk.

## Officials

If any foreign Official wants to be a member of the jury, his name and qualifications must be sent in the main time as the registration of the swimmers of the team.

## Jury

The main jury will consist of a selection of our international WA officials:

### *Referees*

Pascale Schröder  
Martine Dolphen  
Daniel Uyttersprot  
Stéphane Frantzen  
Jasper Herman  
Etienne Desfossés

### *Starters*

Tony Halsberghe  
Julien Vanthuyne  
Tim Marichal