



ATHLETE INFORMATION

Great Swim in association with British Swimming present an exciting new open water race series for 2018.

The Great British Open Water Elite Series will consist of 3 races over a variety of distances across the summer with overall series cash prizes awarded to the Top 3 male and female athletes and additional prizes in the form of exclusive sponsor product for 4th and 5th placed athletes. The overall series male and female winners will also be invited to attend a British Swimming Open Water program activity with members of the national team.

The series consists of the following races:

Great North Swim	Sunday 10th June	5K
Great East Swim	Saturday 23rd June	5K
Great Scottish Swim	Saturday 25th August	1 Mile

Scoring/Results

To qualify for the overall series prizes athletes must compete (and finish) at all 3 events.

Points will be scored based on finishing position at each race as follows:

FINISH PLACE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
POINT SCORE	20	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

Overall Series Prizes (Male & Female)

1st	£800 + Invitation to British Swimming Open Water program activity
2nd	£400
3rd	£200

*Overall series prizes are only available to athlete's 14 to 20yrs of age (born 1998 to 2004)

**Individual race prize money is available to all competitors

Athletes should meet the following entry criteria to be eligible to compete in the series:

1500m male (current 12 months ranking, Jan 2018)

Athletes born 2003 and 2004 (14 and 15 years)	17:36
Athletes born 2001 and 2002 (16 and 17 years)	17:12
Athletes born 1999 and 2000 (18 and 19 years)	16:44
Seniors, athletes born 1998 and older	16:16

800m female (currents 12 months ranking, Jan 2018)

Athletes born 2003 and 2004 (14 and 15 years)	09:35
Athletes born 2001 and 2002 (16 and 17 years)	09:27
Athletes born 1999 and 2000 (18 and 19 years)	09:14
Seniors, athletes born 1998 and older	09:02

400m IM male (currents 12 months ranking, Jan 2018)

Athletes born 2003 and 2004 (14 and 15 years)	05:00
Athletes born 2001 and 2002 (16 and 17 years)	04:50
Athletes born 1999 and 2000 (18 and 19 years)	04:42
Seniors, athletes born 1998 and older	04:35

400m IM female (current 12 months rankings, Jan 2018)

Athletes born 2003 and 2004 (14 and 15 years)	05:16
Athletes born 2001 and 2002 (16 and 17 years)	05:13
Athletes born 1999 and 2000 (18 and 19 years)	05:05
Seniors, athletes born 1998 and older	04:56

Alternative entry criteria for athletes without a recent 12 months pool event ranking:

Top 20 finish at any FINA OW World Cup within the 2017/2018 season

Top 15 finish at any LEN OW European Cup within the 2017/2018 season

Consideration will only be given to:

> Top 8 at any governing body sanctioned OW swimming international open race within the 2017/2018 season

> Athletes who were/are invited or took part in the 2017 or 2018 British Swimming National Open Water Training Camp

For entry to a specific race or for series entry please contact: **GNSElite@swimming.org**