

'The Brixham Breakwater Classic' 2025

Terms and Conditions



17th July 2025

1. The Brixham Breakwater Classic 2025 Open Water Swim Distance is 2km.
2. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category you confirm that your birth sex is female.
3. An entry fee is payable on entry for the Breakwater Classic.
4. Swimmers under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult at the event.
5. Swimmers must be aged 18 and above on the 31st August 2025 to swim the 2km distance solo. Swimmers who are 16 and 17 years old are permitted to enter the race but they need a guardian or parent with them in close proximity for the whole swim.
6. Swimmers must do front stroke, as it is an efficient stroke that allows you to see where you are going. Backstroke is not allowed, as you cannot navigate the course or other swimmers.
7. If it becomes necessary to restrict entries, the following priorities will be used. The final consideration will be based on first come first served basis.
8. Every effort will be made to ensure that competitors with similar 400m/100m swim times will swim in the same wave to ensure swimmer safety at the start and during the race.
9. Swimmers must seek appropriate medical advice if they have any concerns as to their state of health. By entering, swimmers confirm that they have not been informed by any medical practitioner and do not have any knowledge of any medical condition which would make it inadvisable for them to participate in Open Water Swimming. Accordingly, they certify that they are physically fit to participate. They undertake to inform the Promoter of any medical condition which may affect their participation in the event.
10. Swimmers must be aware of and appreciate the inherent risks involved in open water swimming, including the possibility of injury or accident. They undertake to always conduct themselves in a responsible manner.
11. Open water swimming can expose participants to a variety of wildlife, including birds, seals, and potentially more dangerous animals depending on the location. If you encounter marine wildlife, it is important to stay calm. When you are swimming the best advice is to carry on as normal, allowing them to eventually lose interest and swim away.
12. Swimmers acknowledge the inherent risks of open water swimming, including potential wildlife encounters, and emphasize participant responsibility for their safety and actions, while also outlining any specific local wildlife concerns.
13. Swimmers undertake to inform the Chief Safety Office of any concerns they may have as regards safety.
14. Swimmers acknowledge that during the Open Water Swim event The Cove and or Open Water Devon cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal belongings.

15. Swimmers must attend registration, get checked by Clerks of the Course and attend the briefing for their event. Failure to attend the briefing will prevent the swimmer from participation in the race.

16. Photographs of the event may be used for publicity purposes and may be put on websites and social media.

17. Once tickets are purchased, they are non-refundable. If you are unable to swim you can transfer your ticket to someone else.

18. If for any reason the event is cancelled, we will aim to reschedule the race. However, if this is not possible then your entry will be automatically rolled over to next years race.

19. The first open/male and female swimmers in each age group category in the 2km swim will be awarded prizes. Every swimmer who completes their chosen swim will receive a finishers medal.

20. A maximum duration cut off time limit will be in force taken from the start of the race. Swimmers exceeding this time will be collected and escorted back to the beach.

Cut off times are:

2km Breakwater Swim – 90 mins cut off time

(Av 4.30 min / 100 m or 1 min 7 seconds per 25m/ 1 length of a swimming pool)

21. Competitors must always wear their given swim hat in the water. The hat provided by the organisers is latex; competitors with a latex allergy must inform the organiser on entering the event. The event hat can be worn over another hat.

22. Swimmers will also have their number written on their hand and this will be presented to the timing table near the finishing line at the end of the race.

23. No swimmer shall be permitted to use or wear any device, which may be an aid to their speed or endurance or might cause injury to any swimmer during the event. Goggles, cap, nose clip and earplugs may be used. The use of fins, hand paddles, floats, headphones etc are not allowed.

24. For The Brixham Breakwater Classic Open Water Swim event the use of wetsuits is optional. Swimmers may use a wetsuit or swim in a swimsuit. If the water temp exceeds 22 degrees, then the use of wetsuits will be banned.

25. Grease can be used or other substances such as sunscreen for exposed skin.

26. If the event has to be abandoned for the safety of competitors and/or officials, swimmers who are still in the water at the time of abandonment being announced will be deemed to have not finished even if their safest means of exit from the water is via the finish.

27. Where an event is abandoned, results will only be announced and medals presented where all competitors in an age group had the opportunity to complete their swim, or if in the view of the organiser, those not able to complete their swim would not have influenced the outcome.

28. Non authorised drone technology cannot be used at this event for safety reasons. The use of a drone by a swimmer, their support team or their club may result in the swimmer being disqualified. Only promoter authorised drone flights will be permitted.

29. The entry forms and entry procedure documents form part of these conditions.