



Application Form

Recognition of Relay Swim 2024

Part 1: Notification of swim: should be submitted as soon as possible by post or email and at least four weeks prior to the date of your swim.

Part 2: On completion of swim: should be submitted after the swim. Please post the ORIGINAL (an email will not be accepted for ratification although it may be sent as a notice to expect the original). You are advised to keep a copy of the original.

Please write clearly in CAPITALS

Please enclose payment payable to BLDSA with Part 1 of the form (Notification of swim). Alternatively, you may make your payment by bank transfer. Please contact the BLDSA for details of the bank account.

The swim recognition fee for a Senior Relay team is £50.00.

The swim recognition fee for a Junior Relay team is £10.00.

Part 1 of the form will NOT be processed until your payment is received.

Please note your BLDSA insurance does not cover the team manager, any swimmer or any of your crew for relay swims.

You must obtain your own insurance.

Forms should be sent to:

BLDSA Recorder.
Mr Philip Yorke,
50 Heathfield,
Mirfield,
West Yorkshire,
WF14 9BJ

email: philip.yorke@sky.com



Part 1

Notification of swim

This part of the form should be submitted as soon as possible by post or email

Team

Team Name	
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Team manager

Title (Mr/Mrs/...)	
First Name(s)	
Surname	
Address	
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Country	
Tel No (Day)	
Tel No (Evening)	
Tel No (Mobile)	
Email Address	
Age	
Date of Birth	
BLDSA Membership number	



British Long Distance Swimming Association

Swimmers

Please enter the names of swimmers in the order they will swim. Please enter the name as to appear on the certificate.

	First Name	Surname	BLDSA Number
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Swim Details

Name of course (Please state if two-way or more)	
Start location	
Finish location	
Distance (miles)	
Distance (kilometres)	
Proposed day and date of Swim (final date may be confirmed nearer the item)	
Stroke	
Is this an Inaugural Swim Course	
Is this swim in traditional or non-traditional costume (Sometimes called Wetsuit), see rule 10 for further information	

Please give OS Grid ref for the Start and Finish if it is an inaugural swim

Witnesses

Witness for relay swim

- One BLDSA member

Witness for Record OR Inaugural Swim

- Two BLDSA members

Please note that all new witnesses who have not previously witnessed a BLDSA swim attempt must be approved by the BLDSA Executive Committee in advance of the swim.

Please let the Hon Recorder know (by letter or email) the name, address, telephone number and email address of the witness(es) at least four weeks in advance so they can be approved by the Association.

The witness(es) may be contacted before the event.

It is advised to propose more witnesses than necessary so that in the event of a last-minute change of date due to weather etc. all possible witnesses have been approved.

Witness 1

Full name	
Address	
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Country	
Tel No (Day)	
Tel No (Evening)	
Tel No (Mobile)	
Email Address	
BLDSA Membership number	



Witness 2

Full name	
Address	
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Country	
Tel No (Day)	
Tel No (Evening)	
Tel No (Mobile)	
Email Address	
BLDSA Membership number	

Witness 3

Full name	
Address	
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Country	
Tel No (Day)	
Tel No (Evening)	
Tel No (Mobile)	
Email Address	
BLDSA Membership number	

Please attach extra sheets with details of any further witnesses



Part 2

On completion of swim

Part 2 must be completed after the swim.
 Please post the ORIGINAL (an email will not be accepted for ratification although it may be sent as a notice to expect the original).
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Team

Name of team	
Swim location	
Date of swim	
Start time (approx. eg 7.00am 10.00pm)	
Finish time	
Tide details	
Weather conditions	
Other comments	

Declarations

DECLARATION FROM SWIMMERS

We did not receive any physical support in any way, from any source, and did not use any artificial aids to swimming, other than for visual purposes.
 We did not take any intoxicating liquor or artificial stimulant during or immediately prior to the swim.

Swimmer 1

Signature of swimmer	
Name of swimmer	
Date	

Swimmer 2

Signature of swimmer	
Name of swimmer	
Date	

Swimmer 3	
Signature of swimmer	
Name of swimmer	
Date	

Swimmer 4	
Signature of swimmer	
Name of swimmer	
Date	

Swimmer 5	
Signature of swimmer	
Name of swimmer	
Date	

Swimmer 6	
Signature of swimmer	
Name of swimmer	
Date	

DECLARATION FROM WITNESS 1	
I certify that to my personal knowledge the above information is correct. I am aware of the rules governing the recognition of relay swims.	
Signature of witness	
Name of witness	
Date	



DECLARATION FROM WITNESS 2

I certify that to my personal knowledge the above information is correct.
I am aware of the rules governing the recognition of relay swims.

Signature of witness	
Name of witness	
Date	

DECLARATION FROM WITNESS 3

I certify that to my personal knowledge the above information is correct.
I am aware of the rules governing the recognition of relay swims.

Signature of witness	
Name of witness	
Date	

Swim Details

Date of swim						
Time		hrs		mins		secs
Watch 1		hrs		mins		secs
Watch 2		hrs		mins		secs
Watch 3		hrs		mins		secs

Is this a record claim	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this an inaugural swim?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If the answer to either of the above is YES, please give the date that the BLDSA was given advance notice.		



Rules for Recognition of Relay Swims and Records

1. A **Witness or witnesses** (as required) acceptable to the BLDSA shall be present during any Relay Team Swim for it to be considered for recognition. The witness shall be agreed by arrangement with the Hon. Recorder **prior** to the swim taking place.
2. Each team shall consist of two to six swimmers all of whom must be members of the BLDSA.
3. The names of the two to six swimmers shall be given to the witness before the start of the swim. Thereafter there shall be no substitution whatsoever.
4. Each swimmer shall swim for one hour each time he/she enters the water.
5. Team members shall rotate in the same order throughout the swim.
6. On receipt of a time signal, a takeover must be made within five minutes of the preceding swimmer's hour ending. During the 'takeover' the new swimmer shall swim up from behind the preceding swimmer.
7. Pace making is not allowed.
8. Members of junior teams must all be under 16 years on the day of the swim.
9. No swimmer under 12 years of age on the day of the swim may take part. Proof of age may be required where the witness is in doubt about the age of the swimmer.
10. The minimum distance for which a Relay Certificate will be issued shall be 10 miles/ 16km for a one way swim or 5 miles/ 8Km each way in the case of a multiple way attempt.
11. Only the breaststroke or freestyle strokes will be recognised for record purposes.
12. Light sticks must be used by all swimmers during the hours of darkness, at least two being in use during takeovers.
13. The swimmers must not receive support from any floating or fixed object and shall not use any aids to swimming other than a standard costume, cap and goggles.
14. A Non-traditional costume sometimes called a wetsuit may be worn if notified in advance to the recorder and this will be recorded and certified as such.
15. A Non-traditional costume or wetsuit may be worn by one or more swimmers if notified in advance to the recorder; this will mean that the whole swim will be recorded and certified as a Non-traditional relay swim.

Claims for record times (including inaugural times for a new course)

16. The swim must be observed throughout by an additional witness over 18 years of age acceptable to the Association. Requests for acceptance should be made in writing via the BLDSA at least four weeks prior to the attempt.
17. Three synchronised watches must be used.
18. The official time must be the arithmetic mean of the three times.
19. If the fastest of the three watches varies by more than one minute in two hours from the second fastest, then the fastest time must be ignored. The official time will be the arithmetic mean of both remaining times.
20. A record will not be recognised unless the new time reduces the previous record by at least one minute.
21. In the case of strokes other than freestyle, the additional witness must be approved by the BLDSA to act as the observer of stroke.



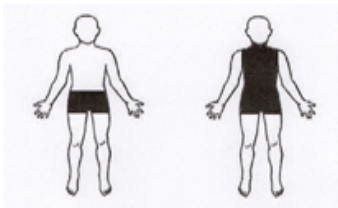
BLDSA Swimwear Rules

Swimmers shall not use any aids to swimming other than one sleeveless and legless costume, one cap and goggles.

Sleeveless shall mean the costume must not extend beyond the end of the shoulder onto the upper arm and legless shall mean the costume must not extend lower than the crotch onto the upper leg.

No neoprene or other insulating/buoyancy enhancing material may be used for any purpose, including caps.

No costume must extend outside the highlighted area detailed in the picture below.



Any other costumes, clothing or floats and the swim will be recognised as Non-traditional and the certificate annotated as such. See rule 15 for full details.

Please give a copy of the rules to your witnesses and support crew.