



Dougie Mac's Big Swim 2026 – Terms & Conditions

Thank you for joining **Dougie Mac's Big Swim**. This is a **charity fundraising event!** We're thrilled to have you join us in making a difference. These terms and conditions are designed to ensure that everyone has a safe, enjoyable and meaningful experience.

By registering for/participating in the event, you'll not only be supporting the hospice but also agreeing to these terms and conditions. Together, we can create an unforgettable event that supports Dougie Mac.

1. Event Information

Dougie Mac's Big Swim is an exciting fundraising event where participants can swim their chosen distance at **Fenton Manor** on **Saturday 18th July**.

OR

Complete their swim at any pool of their choice anytime throughout **July and August**.

2. Registration and Eligibility

- Registration is online at www.dougiemac.org.uk and people can register someone else on their behalf. The entry fee is £15, which covers the cost and associated costs of putting on the event. All registered participants are encouraged to raise as much money as possible for the hospice through sponsorship.
- This event is open to all; children must be accompanied by an adult following the ratios and abilities set out by the pool they are using and must remain there throughout the event.
- Parents or legal guardians must enter under 18s for the event and in doing so give consent to participate on their behalf. Date of birth is captured at the point of registration and entered onto our supporter database (see privacy policy).
- Entries are non-refundable and non-transferable, except under special circumstances agreed by the event organisers.

3. Health and Safety

- General safety guidelines:
 - Know your limits – choose a distance you can complete; this is not a race or an endurance test.
 - Selected distances can be completed over multiple sessions.
 - Pool safety – by taking part you agree to follow the safety regulations and instructions of the pool you are swimming at.
 - This event is not suitable for non-swimmers.
 - If you have any accessibility needs, please get in touch with us to ensure we can accommodate your requirements.

4. Participant Conduct

- This is a charity event raising money for Dougie Mac. We expect everyone to behave in the spirit of the event and be polite to fellow participants, supporters, volunteers, staff, service providers and neighbours.
- Alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted at this event.
- Dogs are not permitted at this event.

5. Liability

- Dougie Mac has public and employee liability insurance to cover this event in line with these T&Cs.
- Suppliers also provide a sufficient level of insurance to cover their activity at the event.

6. Fundraising

- Dougie Mac are regulated by the [Fundraising Regulator](#) and follow the [Fundraising Code of Practice](#).
- All monies raised through sponsorship and other charitable activities should be donated to Dougie Mac no later than **30th September 2026**.
- Our preferred way of fundraising is through JustGiving and joining our event page through this platform.
- Setting a target to fundraise helps to increase what you raise. We encourage participants to set a target of at least £50 to raise vital funds for hospice care.
- Collections are not permitted poolside.

7. Event Changes or Cancellations

- We only ever cancel or postpone an event as a very last resort. We will notify participants via email and social media and if postponed your place would automatically be moved to the new date. If a new date is not available, we may transfer your registration to another event or the same event the following year (following discussions with participants).
- There are no refunds for registration fees.
- Sponsorship money belongs to Dougie Mac whether the event takes place or not. Details can be found in the [Code of Fundraising Practice](#)

8. Photography and Media

- Photography may take place at the event; due to the nature of the event explicit permission will be sought. We therefore ask participants not to photograph the event poolside or in changing rooms.
- Third-party media outlets (including social media users) may also cover the event, and Dougie Mac takes no responsibility for their use of images or footage.

9. Privacy

- By registering for this event, you agree that we may collect and use your personal data to manage the event and communicate with you as a participant; your information will be stored on our secure supporter database.
- We may contact you about this event and other Dougie Mac initiatives that we think may be of interest. If you provide a date of birth indicating you are under 18, we will not use your data for this purpose.
- In case of emergency your information may be passed onto first aid suppliers and emergency services as well as for any reason we are legally required to do so.
- You can read our full privacy notice at: www.dougiemac.org.uk/privacy-notice/

10. Agreement

- Registering for and participating in this event confirms you have read, understood and agreed with these terms and conditions.
- You also acknowledge that you take part in this event at your own risk and that Dougie Mac is not liable for any loss, injury or damage that may occur, except where required by law.
- If you are registering on behalf of other participants (e.g. friends, family or under 18s), you confirm that you have their permission to provide their details and accept these terms on their behalf.

Contact details:

For queries about the event please contact the Fundraising Team on 01782 344304 or by emailing events@dmhospice.org.uk

