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SKINS NIGHT BULLETIN



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The Royal Dutch Swimming Federation (KNZB) proudly presents the first edition of the RQM Skins Night, taking place on Thursday 16 April 2026, as the official kick-off event of the Rotterdam Qualification Meet weekend.

The Skins Night is a spectacular, high-energy elimination event, separate from the regular RQM competition (17–19 April 2026).

Participation is open to national and international swimmers who meet the qualification criteria.

Qualified swimmers will be published at: livetiming.knzb.nl

Sportbedrijf Rotterdam & The KNZB are happy to welcome foreign teams to the Netherlands!

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Schedule

BUTTERFLY

6.00 pm - Start of the butterfly skins

- Presentation women
- Presentation men
- First race women (10 swimmers)
- First race men (10 swimmers)
- Second race women (7 swimmers)
- Second race men (7 swimmers)
- Third race women (4 swimmers)
- Third race men (4 swimmers)
- Price ceremony women en men

BACKSTROKE

6:20 pm - Start of the backstroke skins

- Presentation women
- Presentation men
- First race women (10 swimmers)
- First race men (10 swimmers)
- Second race women (7 swimmers)
- Second race men (7 swimmers)
- Third race women (4 swimmers)
- Third race men (4 swimmers)
- Price ceremony women en men

BREASTSTROKE

6:50 pm - Start of the breaststroke skins

- Presentation women
- Presentation men
- First race women (10 swimmers)
- First race men (10 swimmers)
- Second race women (7 swimmers)
- Second race men (7 swimmers)
- Third race women (4 swimmers)
- Third race men (4 swimmers)
- Price ceremony women en men

FREESTYLE

7:10 pm - Start of the freestyle skins

- Presentation women
- Presentation men
- First race women (10 swimmers)
- First race men (10 swimmers)
- Second race women (7 swimmers)
- Second race men (7 swimmers)
- Third race women (4 swimmers)
- Third race men (4 swimmers)
- Price ceremony women en men

End of the session at 7:30 pm

Heats per gender wil start each 3 minutes. Swimmers that will proceed to the next round will have +- 2.5 minutes to walk back to the start side and prepare for the next race.

Elimination

10 swimmers start the first 50m race

After race 1 → 3 swimmers are eliminated (10 → 7)

After race 2 → 3 swimmers are eliminated (7 → 4)

Final race → Top 4 compete for final ranking

Start interval: Each round starts every 3 minutes.

Lane assignment: Based on entry times.

Tie-break procedure

In case of a tie determining elimination, both swimmers will proceed to the next round.

In case of a tie determining prize money, both swimmers will share the combined prize money of the two places.

Callroom

Swimmers must report to the call room 10 minutes before the start time of their stroke as noted in the schedule in this document.

Qualification times

Qualifying times must be posted in a World Aquatics sanctioned, observed or approved competition between Januari 1, 2025 and April 6, 2026. The fastest 50m LC times, will be accepted as entries and it is mandatory times can be verified either via www.swimrankings.net or provided result-files/websites.

Times of a start swimmer in a relay, except for a mixed relay, will be accepted if these are authenticated and verifiable in the official report.

Split times (of individual numbers) may be used to achieve the time standard. They will be accepted if they are certified as such and are verifiable.

The qualification time equals the regular RQM 50m qualifying time for that stroke.

Swimmers can only compete in one stroke.

KNZB reserves the right to add swimmers who do not meet the qualification criteria.

Skins selection

Top 10 swimmers will be selected based on entry time. In case of a tie, there will be a draw.

- The 10 fastest swimmers per stroke will qualify.
- Per stroke, 2 reserves will be appointed.
- Qualified swimmers published on livetiming.knzb.nl.

Deadline

Entry Deadline: Tuesday 7 April 2026 – 23:59 (CET)

Entries must follow the regular RQM entry procedure.

Entry Fees

Selected swimmers (Top 10 per stroke): €5 entry fee

Reserves: No entry fee

Reserves who are activated: No entry fee

Rejected entries: No entry fee

Invoices will be sent to participating clubs.

Reserves

The reserves will be informed at least 1,5 hr in advance before the start of the session.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals must be reported to nkinschrijvingen@knzb.nl as soon as possible.

Prize Money

During this skins event, a total of € 2.400 of prize money will be presented.

The top 3 swimmers of each last heat per stroke will win. Prizes will be the same for men and women.

First place: € 150

Second place: € 100

Third place: € 50

Ceremony

After each stroke, there will be an ceremony. Directly after the finish of both men's and women's final race. The ceremony will take place at the finish side on the pool deck.

Accreditation & access

All athletes & coaches can visit the RQM Skins Night using their RQM accreditation. Athlete seating can be used. An accreditation does not grant access to the regular spectator stand or VIP stand.

Spectators

Spectator tickets are available in the official RQM ticket shop at knzb.nl/tickets

Tickets for the RQM Skins will be sold for € 5 per person. The ticket sales start Monday 9 March 2026.

Rules & regulations

Officiating will be in accordance with the World Aquatics rule book, with in addition specific regulations on competitions by the Dutch KNZB rule book. Organization reserves the right to adjust the format if necessary.

Heroshots

It's possible to record a short video in our hero shot recording room. This video will be used in the swimmers presentation at the start of the stroke.

Venue

Zwemcentrum Rotterdam

Annie M.G. Schmidtplein 8

3083 NZ Rotterdam

50m competition pool (10 lanes)

Electronic timing (Omega)

Separate 25m warm-up pool