

PRESS RELEASE**RUGBY ARTISTIC SWIMMERS SHINE AT SWIM ENGLAND NATIONAL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025**

Rugby Artistic Swimming Club delivered a stellar set of performances at the Swim England National Age Group Championships, held at the iconic London Aquatics Centre – the venue for the 2012 Olympics. With only 190 swimmers nationwide qualifying for this prestigious event, Rugby's 18 athletes showcased their skill, resilience, and teamwork, achieving impressive results against the UK's best.

Day 1 kicked off with the highly competitive Figure event. In the Youth category, featuring 114 swimmers, Rugby secured four places in the top eight, with Frankie Klym earning a superb bronze medal. In the 12 and under category, Catherine Yu was Rugby's highest-ranked swimmer, finishing 32nd in a strong field.

In the 12 and under duet, Lottie Wilkins and Sophie Croft delivered a confident performance, securing 8th place in a tightly contested event. The Youth Combo team followed with an outstanding rendition of their Beetlejuice routine, narrowly missing the podium with a 4th-place finish. The team—Saranne Black, Mellinda Bogdanova, Lucy Gates, Amelie Jeary, Darcey Townsend, and Isobelle Watkins—produced their best swim to date, significantly improving on their recent regional performance.

Day 2 brought even more success. In the Youth solo event, Molly Doolin impressed with a strong swim, finishing 4th. Keva Ennis delivered a flawless routine, earning zero base marks and claiming a brilliant bronze medal in her first year in this age category.

The Youth duet competition saw Lola Huett and Klym enter the routine event as leaders after the Day 1 figure results. They maintained their position with an outstanding performance, securing the national title and becoming 2025 champions.

Rugby's 12 and under free team—Wilkins, Croft, Caitlin-Rose Smith, Amelia Storr, Elsa Gaskin, Catherine Yu, Izzy Maglione, and Seren Humphry—delivered an electrifying routine, overcoming a 6th-place figure ranking to claim the bronze medal.

Closing the competition, Rugby's Youth Free Team of Huett, Klym, Doolin, and Ennis—also performing to Beetlejuice—secured gold with the highest routine score in their category.

Rugby Artistic Swimming Club's athletes once again demonstrated their talent and dedication, achieving outstanding results and representing their club with pride.

The club was delighted to welcome the Mayor of Rugby, Councillor Simon Ward, to a training session at The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre, where he had the opportunity to see the swimmers in action and congratulate them on their success.

Head Coach Hannah Secher expressed her delight in the team's performances, thanking the swimmers, coaches, and supportive families for their hard work and commitment.

For those interested in trying artistic swimming, Rugby Artistic Swimming Club welcomes new members of all ages. Contact Head Coach Hannah Secher at rugbysynchro.headcoach@gmail.com or visit www.rugbysynchro.co.uk for more information.

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About Rugby Artistic Swimming Club

Rugby Artistic Swimming Club is dedicated to promoting and developing artistic swimming, formerly known as synchronised swimming. A friendly and inclusive club welcoming swimmers from as young as six years old. The club fosters teamwork, creativity, and resilience encouraging a lifelong passion for the sport.

Following a hugely successful competitive season in 2023/24 – Rugby Artistic Swimming Club ended the season being crowned champions at the Swim England Artistic Swimming Combo Cup in a thrilling finale at Ponds Forge in July 2024. For more information visit: <https://www.swimming.org/artistic-swimming/rugby-win-combo-cup-2024/>

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