

Promoter's Conditions and Competition Information, Open Meet, Easter 2011.

1. The Competition will be held under ASA Law and ASA Technical Rules incorporating FINA swimming rules.
2. The meet is held subject to the permissions granted and requirements of the ASA Technical Swimming Committee in July 2009 allowing level-2 and level-3 licensed competitions to be run concurrently at the same venue. These will be self contained events for each of the license levels granted (see note of explanation at the end of this document).
3. The License numbers for the meet are: 2WM-1138 (Level 2), and 3WM-1139 (Level3).
4. The meet is designated by the ASA for entry into National Championships; for the level-2 events only.
5. Venue: *Stechford Cascades*, Station Road, Birmingham B33 8QN on 22nd – 25th April 2011.
6. Times are as stated in the programme of events but may vary and will be notified on the club website.
7. Warm up may be split at the organizer's discretion.
8. The pool is 25m 6-lane with anti-wave lane ropes and electronic timing.
9. All starts will be from the deep end.
10. The 'One Start Rule' will apply.
11. Over the top and side by side (for backstroke) starts will be used.
12. The small pool will be available for supervised warm up/swim down.
13. Competitors may enter events at level-2 and level-3, but not in the same event (i.e. stroke/distance); provided in all cases they meet the necessary qualifying standards.
14. Level-3 results showing improvement beyond the relevant 'Maximum Qualifying Times', will be monitored. Should an entry time be slower than a competitor's personal best as shown on the ASA Ranking database, the Promoter may at his discretion render such competitors ineligible to swim in a final; or for an award in an HDW event.
15. All ages are 'Age on Day' as at 25/04/2011.
16. Age groups for Boys & Girls are 9/10; 11/12 and 13 and over, with the following exceptions:-Boys 1500 & 800-FS 11/12, 13/30; Girls 1500 & 800-FS 10/11 & 12/30.
17. For 1500 & 800-FS events only, the Promoter may, at his discretion, decide to swim these as mixed-sex events; dependant on the level of entries received.
18. All swimmers must be members of a club affiliated to the ASA.
19. Entries will be restricted and accepted on an entry time basis for each age group – see 'Acceptance Criteria'.
20. A Results service will be operated.
21. The entry fee will be £5.00 for each event entered.
22. Refunds for rejected entries will be made in the first instance at the meet. Non-collected returns will then be made by post, in the first instance to the club.
23. Entries that are incomplete, illegible or sent without the correct entry fee may be rejected.
24. Entries for this meet will be held on computer and as required by the Data Protection Act 1998 permission to hold such personal data will be deemed to have been given by the submission of an entry.
25. Electronic (by e-mail or .XLS file) entries are only accepted once payment has been received.
26. Clubs wishing to make block entries using MS Excel must email the Entries Secretary, Andy Jackson, for the necessary files and instructions for the completion and return of entries using this method.
27. Separate level 2 and level 3 results files in the required format will be provided to the ASA Rankings Database.
28. Technical Official provision will be in accordance with level-2 licensing requirements.
29. Strobe lights will be used from time to time throughout the meet, to enhance the atmosphere, and to 'highlight' swimmers prior to the final heat of HDW events; and for all finals.

IMPORTANT!

30. The Saturday to Monday part of the meet will not require secondary entry, other than for the 400m-FS.
31. For the Friday distance part of the meet there will be secondary entry for all events. There may be nominated reserves for this section and we will attempt to fill all lanes on the day. N.B. secondary entry means 'posting card/checking in'; before the advertised event start time.
32. **All details of acceptance/rejection will be posted on the club web site (<http://www.swimbirmingham.org.uk>) and no details will be sent by post.** All details must be checked and any changes notified immediately. Swimmers should report for their event at the times notified on the web site information. Where there are withdrawals the heat will be swum with empty lanes. The meet will be timed on the submitted entry times. **IT IS THEREFORE VITAL THAT ENTRY TIMES SUBMITTED ARE ACCURATE.**



33. Lists of finalists will be posted as soon as they are available.
34. Finalists must report to the entry stewards 30 minutes prior to the session start time. Finalists not checking in may be excluded and reserves allocated a place.
35. All swimmers qualifying for finals must notify their intention to swim, direct to the meet organisers, within 15 minutes of the announcement of the qualifiers. After this time finals places will be offered to the reserve swimmer(s).
36. Swimmers and coaches will not be allowed on the pool side except for warm up or swim down.
37. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at *Stechford Cascades* and must wear footwear when leaving the Poolside.
38. Entry to the *Cascades Leisure Pool* is not allowed other than by the normal payment facility at reception.
39. Admission to the pool for spectators will be on a day only basis and spectators will be required to wear a wrist band to show the correct admission fee has been paid.
40. The supervision of swimmers at all times is the direct responsibility of the club for which the swimmer entered. In the absence of a club official the responsibility then resides with the parent/carer. This responsibility applies especially to periods when no competition is taking place, for example, between sessions.
41. Anything not covered by these notes will be decided by the Promoter.

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Acceptance Criteria.

Eligibility

1. The meet is open to all swimmers who are members of a club affiliated to the ASA or to the relevant national governing body if this is not the ASA.
2. All swimmers must be at least 9 years of age on the final day of the meet (25 April 2011). Age groups are 'Age on Day'.
3. 100m (except 100m IM) events are not open to swimmers of 9 years (in accordance with the ASA strategy "Success is Long Term"). Boys aged 10 will be accepted for 100m events provided they will be 11 years by the time of the relevant 2011 Regional Age Group Championships.

Principles for acceptance of entries

1. The general basis for acceptance is to maximize the number of swimmers who can compete within the published time constraints of the programme. The emphasis is generally to attempt to maximize the number of distance swims especially for the younger age groups.
2. The meet(s) will run as a level 2 and level 3 licensed meet with:
 - a. Level 2 minimum (slowest) qualifying times as stipulated by the ASA.
 - b. Level 3 with maximum (fastest) upper limit the same as (a) above.
 - c. Level 3 with minimum (slowest) qualifying times based on 15% of the national qualifying time.
3. See separate qualifying times tables for details.
4. Accepted entries will be based on fastest time. However any rejections are to be on a proportional basis of the age group entry for any event within each level (2 or 3).

Determining Finalists, (Subject to the provision of clause-14 above)

1. For events of 50m and over not designated as HDW, there will be separate level-2 and level-3 finals.
2. All finalists will be the fastest six swimmers from the heats for each level. In the event of two or more swimmers recording the same times a swim off will be held.

Additional Information.

Q Why two levels at one meet venue?

A The new ASA regulations from September 2009 set specific minimum qualifying times over which the City of Birmingham Swimming Club has no control as we did in the past.

We have analyzed our records for the last few years and found that these minimum times for level 2 would exclude a number of swimmers who traditionally attend this open meet as their times would be too slow.

In order to be able to ensure that the maximum number of swimmers can enter the meet we have been granted permission by the ASA Technical Committee to run both a level 2 and level 3 meet at the same time.

We also believe that this provides the opportunity for clubs to send their full range of swimmer to a single meet, helping to build on club spirit and reduce the burden to travel to different level meets over the Easter period.

Q What's the difference between level 2 and level 3?

A The main difference, apart from the minimum QTs for level-2 and maximum QTs for level-3, is that a time gained in a level-3 event cannot (even if quick enough) qualify the swimmer for National events. Only the level-2 events can gain National Qualification directly.

Q Do swimmers have to enter all events at the same level?

A No. Swimmers can 'mix and match' their entries dependent upon their qualification. For those events where swimmers meet the minimum QT for level 2 they should enter those events (as they are too fast for the level 3 event). Where swimmers have other events where they do not meet the level 2 minimum, they can enter at level 3. For example, a swimmer may have level 2 times for the 100 and 200m freestyle, but only level 3 times for the 100 fly and 200IM. In this case the swimmer can enter the freestyle at level 2 and the fly and IM at level 3.

N.B. Swimmers with faster than (level-3), or slower than (level-2) entry times; will automatically be entered into the correct level.

Q How will the meet be run?

A There will be level 2 and level 3 events for the full programme which remains largely unchanged from recent years providing the full breadth of possible events.

The heats of each event (such as 200 free for level 2 and level 3) will be swum combined together against entry time. Therefore in any heat swimmers will always be swimming against swimmers of the same entry time regardless of which level they entered or the age of the swimmer. This should provide better competition for the swimmers.

Q What about the finals?

A Each event at level 2 and level 3 will have its own separate final except for the 1500, 800 and 400m free and 400IM which will have separate Heat Declared Winners. These separate finals will replace our 'Junior' and 'Senior' finals of the past.

Q Will there be awards for younger age group swimmers?

A Yes. We haven't finalized this but feel that there should be an awards incentive for the younger swimmers who may not make a final at either level. This is likely to be in the form of a 'HDW' style award for the 9/10 and 11/12 age groups in each level. A swimmer who qualifies for a final will not be entitled to this award (as they will get one for being in the final).

Q How does this new format help clubs?

A Clubs can now send a wider range of competitive ability to a single meet. This may be especially helpful in terms of coach/chaperone resourcing rather than having to spread the resource across separate meets.

The swimmers do not have to be capable of level 2 times for every event as they can 'mix and match' levels dependent upon their standard. Competition (in heats and finals) will always be against swimmers of a similar time standard.