

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SWIM ENGLAND – SWIMMING COMPETITION RULES

DEVELOPMENT MEETS

1. Swimming Development Meets shall be conducted annually upon dates to be fixed by the Swimming Committee of the Association and confirmed by the Executive.
2. **ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY**
 - 2.1 All swimmers must be registered as Category 2 with Swim England and have their cards available should they be required. Where possible entries must be accompanied with a Swim England ID (registration) no. Where an entry is not accompanied by the Swim England ID, proof must be submitted with the entry that they have applied for registration. Any swimmer who does not provide Swim England ID or proof that they have applied will not be allowed to swim.
 - 2.2 A swimmer may only compete in the name of one club at the Competition.
 - 2.3 Time trials may be available for swimmers on the day. The maximum accepted for any event will not exceed a number that will allow all 8 lanes to be used for each heat needed to accommodate those swimmers whose entries have been accepted. Time Trials will only be offered to those already entered to swim in the competition. Any swimmers not already entered into the competition will not be accepted for time trials.
 - 2.4 A swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on the last day of the competition year (31st December).
3. **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (MALE AND FEMALE)**
 - 3.1. Ages will be as determined by the Swimming Committee.
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4. **ENTRIES**
 - 4.1 Entry fees shall be as authorised by the Executive.
 - 4.2 Entries shall be made on the official form or in the official format.
 - 4.3 Entries, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, shall be received by the Swimming Age Groups Competitions Secretary by the specified closing date.
 - 4.4 For all individual events the Swimming Committee shall set upper times for each standard.
 - 4.5 In the interests of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the Competition, the Swimming Committee reserves the right to restrict the number of entries in any event. In such cases the swimmers with the fastest submitted times inside the upper standard times will take preference.
5. **MEET PROCEDURE**
 - 5.1 If included in the programme there shall be separate 1500m and 800m events for males and females although they will be swum combined, 1500m Freestyle will be limited to 4 heats, 800m Freestyle will be limited to 6 heats.
 - 5.2 With the exception of 1500m and 800m, this meet will operate as a **CARDLESS** meet. Entries will be pre-seeded before the meet. Please use the withdrawal forms enclosed with the pack to withdraw any swimmers. On the day any withdrawals must be made 30 minutes before the start of each session. **Failure to withdraw in adequate time may result to the club being fined £5 per swimmer per event and £10 per team for relays unless there are mitigating circumstances.**
 - 5.3 Swimmers should report to the Marshals as directed by the announcer.
 - 5.4 The results of all events will be determined on the Heat Declared Winner principle and will be separately declared for each age group.
6. **AWARDS**
 - 6.1 Medals shall be awarded in each standard to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed swimmers in each event and rosettes to those swimmers placed 4th to 8th (or to the maximum number of lanes in the pool).
 - 6.2 To qualify for a placing a swimmer must have achieved a time not faster than the upper time for that standard.
 - 6.3 A swimmer achieving a time faster than the upper time for the highest standard will be given a "speeding ticket".
 - 6.4 A swimmer whose entry time is within any of the lower standards but achieves a time faster than that standard will be awarded a "speeding ticket."
7. **COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS**

Any swimmer failing to comply with any of the conditions shall be disqualified and shall forfeit any fee paid.

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8. TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES

Clubs are reminded of their duty of care to their swimmers during a meet and that they should have with them full contact details of parents/guardians for all swimmers attending the meet. They should also hold any details on medical conditions that may be deemed necessary. Coaches/Team Managers will only be allowed on poolside if visibly wearing a pass.

To apply for a new Coach Pass: Follow [link](#):

(https://uk.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=reczzmcauk&_staid_=93954). Coaches and Team Managers should be club trained personnel and registered members of Swim England. Untrained parents without a current DBS certificate are not allowed to take charge of swimmers' on poolside.

9. DISPUTES

Any dispute for which the foregoing conditions do not provide shall be determined by the Swimming Committee.