

Boldmere SC 09 Open Meet Feedback

'Well done on your open meet. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole weekend, and thought it was run to a very high standard. Congratulations to all of your backroom staff who work so hard - without anyone seeing what they actually do.

Regards',

Ian Carden (Visiting Referee, Warwickshire ASA Swimming Secretary and County Championships Meet Promoter)

'Congratulations to all the swimmers who took part - for their performance(s) . . . and to Boldmere SC for hosting a fantastic meet'.

Carl Grosvenor (Visiting Coach: City of Birmingham SC)

What a well-organised open meet! My 9Yrs old daughter could not wait to get here for both days'.

Wonderful Atmosphere!

S.J.W.

'An excellent meet . . . yet again'.

L.B. (Northgate)

'Thanks very much for a lovely weekend, the organisation, food, shirts and wine were excellent as usual.

Thanks to all of you at Boldmere for supporting our (Worcester) open meet both with swimmers and more importantly with officials. Please do pass on my thanks to the rest of your team, especially the two Daves! (Chief Referees)'.

A.T. (Visiting Worcester SC Official)

'Organised to perfection! I had good feedback from officials around the pool who commented that they enjoy coming to Boldmere meets as they are organised so well. From the swimmers' reactions... they enjoyed the spotlights on them in the final heats and for the presentations'.

S. H. (Meet Photographer)

'Many Thanks for the opportunities that you provided for me to be mentored'.

(Visiting Trainee Official)

'Just to say what a 'fab' meet . . . Excellent organisation . . . we really enjoyed it'.

H.P. (Alsager)

'Codes (A to H) for Age Groups (9Yrs to Open) is not clear in the Programme'

(Visiting Parent)

Organisers' Response: A Valid point. A key to the Age Codes will be included in the programme for future meets.

'The cost of entry and programme is too expensive'

(Anon)

Organisers' Response: We monitor the charges at similar meets. We try to strike a balance between staging a meet of high quality for which charges are broadly similar to other meets, and raising some funds for the club (to keep membership fees down). The overheads to stage such a meet are substantial. Hire of Pool and PA system, Awards, ASA Fees and Printing Costs, (the main items of expenditure) for this meet total circa £5,000.

'Undoubtedly a meet of high quality, but in order to do my job (better) as a coach (and give more useful feedback to the swimmers), I would like to be able to occupy a more central (poolside) position. . . where I can observe starts/turns/finishes more closely, and take accurate splits....and give immediate feedback to the swimmer(s)'.

(Visiting Coach)

Organisers' Response: We appreciate your point . . . but we are constrained by the size and configuration of the facility. We have not received such comments from coaches at any of our (3) previous meets, and the same procedure is in operation at the City of Birmingham 4-day Easter Open (and most major swimming championships). Those coaches who have additional adults to supervise their swimmers could occupy a central front row seat in the Spectators' Gallery (which should resolve the issues that you raise). We will consider reserving a number of such seats for use by coaches at future meets.