

## Open Meet 2010 – Level 2 and 3

### Promoter's Conditions and Competition Information 2010

1. The Competition will be held under ASA Law and Technical 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 : 2WM0042 (Level 2) and 3WM0043 (Level3)
  4. **The meet is designated by the ASA for entry into National Qualifying Times for the LEVEL 2 EVENTS ONLY**
  5. Venue: Stechford Cascades, Station Road, Birmingham B33 8QN on 2nd – 5th April 2010
  6. Times are as stated on the programme of events but may vary and will be notified on the club website.
  7. Warm up may be split at the organiser'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 OR LEVEL 3 BUT NOT THE SAME EVENT (i.e. stroke/distance), PROVIDED THEY MEET THE NECESSARY QUALIFYING STANDARDS.**
  14. All ages are 'Age on Day' as at 05/04/2010
  15. Age groups are 9/10; 11/12 and 13 and over
  16. All swimmers must be members of a club affiliated to the ASA.
  17. Entries will be restricted and accepted on an entry time basis for each age group – see 'Acceptance Criteria'.
  18. A Results service will be operated
  19. 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.
  20. Entries that are incomplete, illegible or sent without the correct entry fee may be rejected.
  21. Entries for this meet will be held on computer and as required by the Data Protection Act 1984 permission to hold such personal data will be deemed to have been given by the submission of an entry.
  22. Email entries are only accepted once payment has been received.
  23. Separate level 2 and level 3 results files in the required format will be provided to the ASA Rankings Database
  24. Technical Official provision will be in accordance with level-2 requirements
25. **IMPORTANT NOTE**  
The Saturday to Monday part of this meet **will not run on a secondary entry basis except for the 400m freestyle events (where a secondary entry is required)**.
  26. For the Friday distance part of the meet there will be a secondary entry. There may be nominated reserves for this section and we will attempt to fill all lanes on the day.
  27. **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 that will be stated 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 VITAL THEREFORE THAT ENTRY TIMES SUBMITTED. ARE ACCURATE.**
28. Lists of finalists will be posted as soon as they are available.
  29. Finalists must report to the entry stewards 30 minutes prior to the session. Finalists not checking in may be excluded and reserves allocated a place.
  30. **ALL SWIMMERS QUALIFYING FOR FINALS MUST NOTIFY THE MEET ORGANIZERS DIRECT WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE QUALIFIERS. AFTER THIS TIME FINALS PLACES WILL BE OFFERED TO THE RESERVE SWIMMER(S).**
  31. Swimmers and coaches will not be allowed on the pool side except for warm up or swim down.
  32. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at Stechford Cascades and must wear footwear when leaving the Poolside.
  33. Entry to the cascades Leisure Pool is not allowed other than by the normal payment facility at reception.
  34. 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.
  35. 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.
  36. 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. 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 10 years by the time of the relevant district championship in the same year
4. The 1500m and 800m freestyle will be separate gender events.

### 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

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

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### **Additional Information about the Level 2 and Level 3 City of Birmingham Open Meet, Easter 2010**

#### **What is different in this Open Meet for 2010?**

The 2010 meet will feature both level 2 and level 3 competitions taking place at the same time.

#### **Why two levels at one meet venue?**

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 analysed 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.

#### **What's the difference between level 2 and level 3?**

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.

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

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.

#### **How will the meet be run?**

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.

#### **What about the finals?**

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.

#### **Will there be awards for younger age group swimmers?**

Yes.  
We haven't finalised 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).

#### **Are there mixed gender events?**

No.  
The 1500 and 800m free will be swum as separate gender events (this is a FINA directive) this year rather than mixed as we have done in the past.

#### **How does this help clubs?**

Clubs can now send their whole range of swimmers 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.