

Wyndley Closure

Monday September 6th – Sunday September 19th (inclusive)

Members will probably be aware (July Newsletter) that Wyndley will be closed during the above period for the installation of a boom. This document will hopefully answer most of your questions regarding.....

a) the closure, and...

b) the sessions that the club will be providing during the closure.

We have done our best to accommodate as many members as possible, and realise that for the two week period, many members will be inconvenienced.

We hope that – with your understanding – this short term disruption will facilitate the installation of a structure which we anticipate will bring major benefits for Boldmere SC in the long-term use of our 'home' venue.

If your questions are not answered here, please use 'Contact Us' on www.boldmereswimmingclub.co.uk and we will do our best to respond promptly.

Thank you for your consideration and support on this matter, and for your ongoing support of Boldmere SC

Phil Littler (Chair)

Why a boom?

For several years Boldmere SC has campaigned for the installation of a boom at Wyndley's 33m pool. This will be a floating (moveable) structure which will – for the most part - be 'moored' to create two distinct pools (see position '1' on '[Wyndley Layout](#)'). In this 'normal' position it will create two pools whereby:

- 1)** With improved accessibility, teaching/coaching is more effective – with teachers/coaches being able to supervise all of their lanes/zones under their control more effectively – in both pools.
- 2)** A deep water Water Polo venue – with access on all 4 sides will be created.
- 3)** Different activities will be possible in the two pools – with minimal mutual interference.
- 4)** A viable competition pool can be 'created'. All significant competitive swimming events are held in Short Course (25m) and Long Course (50m) venues. As Wyndley's main pool is 33m long, it is not appropriate for most league competitions or meets. When the boom is moved to the shallow end of the main pool (see position '2' on '[Wyndley Layout](#)'), a 25m deep-water competition pool will be created – with starting blocks at both ends.

Why now?

The timing of the installation of the boom is outside our control. We had hoped that the boom would be installed during the summer holidays, but the Dutch manufacturers were unable to complete the fabrication of the components in time to meet such a deadline.

Why two weeks?

The installation process requires the draining (and refilling) of the pool. This cannot be done quickly as the tiles could lift off if there is a sudden decrease in water pressure (and the discharge of such a large volume of water into the public drains cannot be done rapidly!). Many of the fittings which will anchor the boom in its (two) positions can only be made to the poolside with the water drained.

What Sessions can I attend while Wyndley is closed?

The only sessions that will be cancelled - that we normally operate throughout the year - are those held at Wyndley. We have negotiated extra pool space/time at Stechford and Kingstanding, and will do our best to accommodate extra swimmers in sessions at other venues.

Swimmers who normally attend Wyndley sessions should *consult the ‘[Alternative Sessions](#)’ Sheet* to identify those sessions which might be a suitable alternative. Having done this, **you must ‘sign up’ for these alternative sessions on the BSC desk at Wyndley. **Please do not turn up (unannounced) at another session as the Session Leader will probably be unable to let you swim for Health & Safety reasons (overcrowding).****

The only BSC session at other venues to be ‘moved’ is:

The **Friday (7.30 – 9.30) Senior Midland Squad Session at Castle Vale.** This will move to **Stechford** at an earlier time (**5.00pm – 7.00pm**). This will enable the Junior/Senior County Swimmers who normally swim at **Wyndley (Fri: 8.30 – 10.00pm)** to swim at **Castle Vale (Fri: 7.30 – 9.00pm).**

Midland Squad Swimmers who are at Stechford during these two weeks do not need to ‘sign up’ for such sessions beforehand.

What happens after the boom is installed?

If all goes according to plan, **our ‘normal’ timetable will resume on Monday 20th September.** When the ‘dust has settled’ we will review our weekly programme and – with the boom in place - examine if we can restructure our timetable to make more effective use of the new pool configuration at Wyndley. No changes are envisaged before October.