

DASC CLUB GALAS 2008

More Information

General Information

We will hold 4 club galas (and a distance gala late in the year) in 2008, 2 before the summer holidays and 2 after. Each gala will be split into 2 parts - a novice gala and the main gala as in 2007, but the 2 parts of the galas will be held on separate Tuesdays.

Age as at: 31 December 2008

Main Gala

Who is it for?

- For all swimmers in C, B, A, Top squad and for Disabled squad.
- Any 8 & under swimmers in these squads may also swim in the 9&10 year events in the main gala as well as events in the Novice Gala. See Anne Robinson at least one week before the gala if you wish to enter.
- Swimmers from D3 may also enter the main gala. See Anne Robinson at least one week before the gala if you wish to enter.
- In Open events, a Junior swimmer is 16 or under on 31 December 2008.

What are the events?

- The programme of events will be the same as in 2007 except that
 - The Men's Open 400 Free will be replaced by Men's 200 Free to match the Women's Open event.
 - The events in the distance gala have yet to be decided.
- Disabled swimmers will swim in 50m events with the 9&10 year olds and 15&overs where possible and extra 50m events will be slotted into the programme as required.

Who swims what?

- All eligible swimmers will be entered for the appropriate events on the draft programme.
- In general, the Open 200m events will be open to those 11 and over, and in B squad or higher. The Open 100m events will be open to all swimmers of age 9 and over in C squad and higher. D3 swimmers may opt into the Open events.
- At the coaches'/organisers' discretion, swimmers who are not able to complete their agegroup 100m event (eg 100m Fly) may swim a shorter distance (eg 50m Fly) as a time trial only.
- Swimmers must compete in their agegroup event if they want to swim in the Open event(s). The only exception will be on medical grounds eg swimmers with injured knees will be excused from Breaststroke events. See Anne Robinson at least one week before the gala if you think you are exempt.
- All swimmers are encouraged to swim in the events they are entered for, but may withdraw if they wish to. See Anne Robinson at least one week before the gala if you wish to withdraw or to report any errors or omissions on the draft programme.

- Swimmers will be ranked in events according to known recorded Personal Best times from slowest to fastest. Where times are not known, swimmers will be ranked by squad (lowest to highest) and within each squad by age (youngest to oldest).
- The events and participants in the distance gala will be decided at a later date.

Trophies and Medals

- Club trophies (where available) for the winner of each event and medals for the first three swimmers in each event will be awarded as usual. Trophies are kept for a year (or more or less if order of events is changed)
- Trophy winners from 2007 to return their trophies on or before the evening of the appropriate club gala. (See noticeboard for details.) Trophies may be engraved, at the winner's expense, with the year and the winners' name, in a similar style to previous engravings on the trophy.

Club Championship Records

- See the noticeboard and club website for Club Championship records.
- Record times must be swum in the club galas only and in exactly the specified events.

Overall Club Championship

- In each Open event, points are awarded for the first 8 swimmers, regardless of age.
- The first swimmer scores 8 points, the second swimmer 7, the third swimmer 6 and so on with the 8th swimmer scoring 1 point.
- The Open events include 100m of each stroke, 200m IM and 200m Free, as well as 800/1500m Free.
- The points total for each swimmer is calculated and the male and female swimmers with the most points are the overall male and female Club Champions.

Please Note

Swimmers must have been full members of DASC (ie paid-up and completed membership and registration forms) for one month prior to competing in the main club gala for medals and points. Those who do not yet qualify for this may take part, but their swim will only be regarded as a time trial and will not count for medals or in the overall points table.

Volunteer helpers

DASC can only run the club galas if we have lots of volunteers to help us. Please sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard to help, even if you have not done so before.

ALL SWIMMERS

- Please check the draft programme to see what you have been entered. See Anne Robinson at least one week before the gala if you want to withdraw or to report any errors or omissions.
- Swimmers will be given cards for their events in advance of the gala. Cards must be posted by 6.00pm on the night of the gala if you intend to swim.