

This is a Licenced Level 4 Gala by Swim England – Licence Number: It is subject to Swim England Laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of Racing

1. This Gala is to be held at Richmond Swimming Pool, Old Station Yard, Richmond, DL10 4LD. The pool is 25m of variable depth with 6 lanes and anti-wave lane ropes. A separate swim down facility is NOT available at this venue.

2. There will be NO electronic timing system in place. RDASC will comply with the Swim England Open Meet Licensing Criteria for a Level 4 Meet, as a minimum standard.

- 3. The Lead Referee prior to the gala will be John Flynn who is contactable at <u>i.flynn@ntlworld.com</u>
- 4. Age Groups/Events and awards will be:
 - 8 years and under: 25m freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly
 - 9 years and over: 50m and 100m freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly 200m freestyle and 200m IM

Awards: 9/10 yrs, 11/12yrs, 13/14yrs and 15yrs and Over

7. Disability competitors:

- Swimmers with a disability will swim under IPC Rules.
- Qualifying times for disability competitors are not required, however entry times will be submitted for the purpose of seeding the heats.
- All Coaches, Chaperones and Personal Care Attendants must confirm to the Swim England Child Protection Procedures and hold a current DBS certificate.
- The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able-bodied programme. As such, there will be no separate events for swimmers with disabilities. All swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to their entry times. Disability swimmers will also be included within the results for their age group.

8. Richmond Dales ASC complies with Swim Englands Transgender and Non-Binary Competition policy. The Female category at this event is for birth sex females only. By entering the Female category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.

9. All entries must be agreed by the swimmer's Coach and processed through the online Membership Portal.

10. Ages are as at <u>5 January 2024</u>.

11. Please identify your swimmer's availability by **Thursday 30th November** @ **1800hrs**, so Coaches can complete all entries by **Thursday 7th December 2023**.

Closing date for all entries is **Thursday 14th December 2023.**

12. Entry Fees are **£4.50 per swim** for ALL events.

13. Spectators are not permitted within the venue on either evening.

14. Heats will be seeded according to submitted entry times.

15. Once the Gala has closed, refunds will only be given if the withdrawal is on medical grounds and is accompanied by an appropriate medical certificate.

16. For safety reasons, only swimmers who can perform an ASA competitive start may perform a shallow racing dive from the starting blocks. Where possible, over-the-top-starts will be used during the Gala. Swimmers are requested to remain in the water after each event, until asked to leave the pool.

17. Anyone found to be damaging or misusing property or equipment at the host venue may be disqualified from any further involvement in the competition and may be subject to further action from the Pool Management.

18. Richmond Swimming Pool will not be held responsible for the loss or damage to swimmers' property. Swimmers are advised to use the lockers in the changing rooms and not to leave their belongings unattended in the changing rooms.

19. The Data Protection Act 2018 requires us to provide you with certain information and to obtain your consent before processing data about you. Processing includes: obtaining, recording, holding, disclosing, destruction or retaining information. We require certain personal data for the purposes of making entries to the competition, managing the Meet and the submission of results to British Swimming Rankings. The information provided by you will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Consent to process such personal data is deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Where the personal data of competitors, officials and coaches/team managers has been passed to us by a third party, such as a Club rather than by the individuals themselves, we rely on the third party to ensure that consent has been obtained.

20. Any points not covered in these Meet Conditions will be at the discretion of the Meet Organisers.

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