

Affiliated to M.A.S.A., K.C.A.S.A., S.E.S.E.R, R.L.S.S.
Black Lion Level 3 Development Meet
Saturday 7th March 2020

Licence No: 3SE200491

MEET RULES, CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

The competition will be held under Swim England laws and technical rules of swimming. This event is licensed at Level 3 for entry into Level 1 & 2 meets and Regional Championships. Officials will be obtained from the National & Regional lists of qualified personnel.

FACILITIES The meet will take place at the Medway Park, Mill Road, Gillingham, Kent on Saturday 7th March 2020. The pool is a 6 lane, 25 metre facility fully equipped with electronic timing, display board and anti-wave ropes. Parking is available in the large pay and display car park adjacent to the Leisure Centre. Refunds for up to 4 hours parking are given in the sports centre upon presentation of the parking voucher obtained with the ticket.

ENTRIES Swimmers must be, or have applied to be registered with the Swim England. Swimmers may only enter events in their own age group. **Ages are at midnight on 7th March 2020.**

AGE GROUPS The age groups are 9 years, 10 years, 11years, 12 years, 13years, 14 years, 15 years and over.

EVENTS The events are 50m and 100m in all 4 strokes, and 100m Individual Medley.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES The entry fee is £6 for all events. The entries are on first come first served basis.

Entries must be no faster than the Upper Qualifying Time (UQT) published for each event. Upper Qualifying Times are short course. Time trials for swimmers whose times are faster than the UQT may be permitted and any entries received that are faster than the UQT will automatically be entered as Time Trials meaning that the swimmer will swim for time only and will not be eligible for an award. In the event that the Meet becomes oversubscribed then Time Trial entries will be rejected first. Any

further rejections will be based on the date entries were received. Any entries not accepted will be refunded in full.

Entries must be submitted either electronically using SportsSystems Meet Manager to **blscopen@gmail**. The electronic entry file can be obtained from the same email address or from our website www.blscswim.club.

Individual entries can be send using official individual entry form to **blscopen@gmail** or if paying by cheque to: **Dr C. Cooley, 47 Layfield Road, Gillingham, Kent. ME7 2QY**. Entries must include the entrant's Swim England registration number, date of birth, and entry times, together with all entry fees. Entry times submitted should be those achieved in a 25m pool.

The closing date for entries is midnight on **Saturday 12th February 2020**. No entries will be accepted after the closing date, unless due to the promoter's error or omission. Entries will not be registered unless accompanied by the correct entry fee. Cheques must be made payable to Black Lion Swimming Club. Completed entry forms should be sent in one envelope per club. Details of accepted entries will be emailed to club's representatives. Refunds will be issued for rejected entries only by one cheque or by BACs to each club and sent to the contact named on the entry summary sheet as soon as possible after the closing date.

COACHES PASSES Coach's passes are available at a cost of £12.00 per person per day. This fee includes a daily programme, a full set of results sheets and lunch. A maximum of 3 passes may be issued to each club. For child protection reasons, these must all be pre-ordered at the time of submitting entries. Coach's passes will be collected on the day of the gala.

SIGNING IN Upon arrival swimmers will need to sign in at the front desk for every event that they intend to swim. Signing in sheets will be removed at the start of the warm-up for each session. Failure to sign in, may result in exclusion of the competitor.

WARM UP Coaches must supervise their swimmers at all times during the warm up. A warm up schedule will be available no later than 15 minutes before the start of each warm up session at the starting end of the pool.

RACE PROCEDURES It is the responsibility of the competitors and coaches from participating clubs to ensure that all swimmers are competent to the standard of the Swim England Competitive Start Award. All events are heat declared winners. Heats will be swum with all age groups combined and swimmers seeded by entry times. All heats will be spear-headed. Starts will be at the deep end of the pool and over the top starts will be used for all events except backstroke. Swimmers must leave the pool using the steps at the side of the pool and must not climb over the electronic timing pads at the end of each lane.

We will endeavour to make secondary strobe provision for deaf swimmers. A secondary strobe is

classed as, "A strobe light, in addition to that included in the AOE starting system". It must be part of the AOE system and should be able to be moved to a lane where a deaf swimmer (S15) is starting.

RESULTS Competitor's times will be computer processed using the Sportsystems operating system. These results will then be displayed both on poolside and upstairs in the balcony area and on line at www.swimresults.co.uk Following the meet, all results will be published on our website <https://blscswim.club> as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to have these emailed directly must leave their details at the information desk. Meet results will also be sent to the Swim England to be included on their official rankings list.

AWARDS Awards will be given to the top six placed swimmers in the 9, 10 and 11 years age group in each individual event and for the top three placed swimmers in 12, 13, 14, 15+ years age groups in each individual event. There will be no official presentations so all swimmers must collect their medals from the awards desk.

OFFICIALS It is appreciated if attending clubs could provide a licensed official to assist with the running of the event.

Each club entering six or more swimmers are requested to supply at least two officials who can act as Time Keeper and/or Judge.

SPECTATOR ADMISSIONS Admission prices are as follows: Adults £5.00. Concessions £3.00. Children are free. Programmes are £1 for the day.

RAFFLE Raffle tickets will be available to purchase at £1.00 per strip.

PHOTOGRAPHY Anyone wishing to take still or digital photography (including the use of mobile phones to do this) must do so in accordance with the Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy and procedures (Wavepower). Flash photography is prohibited at all times.

SAFETY For the purposes of child protection, no persons, unless officials, staff, coaches or team managers displaying a valid pass, shall be allowed on poolside. Competitors are advised not to leave their belongings unattended and to ensure that valuables are placed in a secure locker or deposited with someone for safe keeping. Neither Black Lion Swimming Club nor the pool management will be held responsible for property that is damaged, lost or stolen. Swimmers must not leave the poolside without wearing a top, shoes, and having dried themselves off. Swimmers are advised to remove all jewellery to prevent accidental injury to themselves.

DATA PROTECTION All entry information and results will be managed on a computer system. By submitting entries, consent is thereby given, as required under the Data Protection Act, to the holding of personal information on a computer.

BEHAVIOUR Coaches and team managers are at all times responsible for the conduct of the swimmers in their care. The promoter reserves the right to refuse admission or to ask any persons to leave during the event.

Any conditions not covered in the above information will be at the discretion of the promoter of Black Lion Swimming Club. By entering this event, competitors and coaches agree to abide by these conditions. Any queries should be made via email to Paul Caller – blscopen@gmail.com