



Surrey County Water Polo & Swimming Association

To all Surrey clubs

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Dear Surrey club members

After a very informative coaches' meeting in March this year, the Surrey Age Group Committee have listened to the suggestions and requests and have made some changes from how the meets were run in 2009.

Surrey Age Group Championships 2010

As promised, entry times and promoter's conditions are being published much earlier than last year, to give clubs the opportunity to define their competition programmes and club championships in readiness for the Surrey Championships. A licence has been applied for but the number has not yet been received, it will be published on the website as soon as it is available.

I am pleased to announce that the promoter's conditions, including programme of events and entry times, are now available on our website www.surreyswimming.org. I encourage you to read them carefully, as there are several points that have changed from last year.

Here are the most notable changes:

- The competition dates have moved so that the competition's final date is 28 March 2010.
- ALL entry times MUST be attained at a licensed meet since the last day of the 2009 competition.
- There will be finals for 50m and 100m events.
- Due to pool availability and swimmer numbers, 50m events and relays will take place at Crystal Palace.
- A new relay event, 4 x 200m freestyle, is being trialled – it will not score points for any trophies.
- The first warm-up of each day starts at 9 am. Warm-up and start times for later sessions will be announced as soon as entry numbers are confirmed.

I would also like to remind you that the Championships cannot run without people to fill both technical and non-technical roles on the day. I urge you to volunteer to help in whatever capacity you can. We need volunteers for all manner of jobs, including selling programmes, marshalling the swimmers, distributing drinks on poolside, operating the computer equipment and other jobs, as well as technical officials such as timekeepers and judges. It would be really positive to see volunteers from as many clubs as possible from all across the county, rather than from just a small handful of clubs.

If you are able to offer your help, please contact Di Gamble (for technical officials: bobdigamble@aol.com) or Joan Swain (for non-technical officials: joanswain@totalise.co.uk).

Hytek entry files will be available shortly and will be published on the website.



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Surrey Development Meet 2010

The full promoter's conditions for the Surrey Development meet will be released shortly, but I can tell you in the meantime that the events are the same as last time:

- Freestyle 50m, 100m & 200m
- Backstroke 50m & 100m
- Butterfly 50m & 100m
- Breaststroke 50m & 100m
- Individual Medley 100m & 200m

The event will take place at Guildford Spectrum on 16 and 30 January 2010. *Upper* qualifying times are equal to the qualifying times for the **Surrey Age Group Championships**. Lower qualifying times will be published shortly, along with the full promoter's conditions.

As for the Championships, we always need volunteers to help the meet to run so I encourage you to volunteer to help in whatever capacity you can. If you are able to offer your help, please contact Di Gamble (for technical officials: bobdigamble@aol.com) or Joan Swain (for non-technical officials: joanswain@totalise.co.uk).

I am really looking forward to watching more amazing swimming in the 2010 competitions and I wish all the swimmers the best of success for the coming year.

Best regards,

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