



READING SWIMMING CLUB

Reading Easter Open Swim Meet

Affiliated to the South East Region
(Under ASA Laws and Technical Rules of swimming)



EASTER WEEKEND, Friday 21 – Sunday 23 March, 2008

GENERAL CONDITIONS

LICENSED

This event is licensed at level 2 (license number 2SE8062) by the ASA for entry into the National Competitions and Championships.

VENUE

Central Pool, Reading – 25m, 6 lanes, electronic timing, anti-turbulence lane ropes, supervised swim down facilities.

AGE GROUPS

10 years and under, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years and 16 years and over, as at 23rd March 2008.

EVENTS OFFERED

- 50m Freestyle.
- 100m all strokes.
- 200m all strokes, plus IM.
- 400m IM and Freestyle, youngest age group 12 and under (BAGCATS).
- 800m and 1500m Freestyle for all age groups, Mixed Male and Female.
- 50m Freestyle skins for the 50m Freestyle Grand Finalists.
- 50m Medley skins for the 200m Individual Medley Grand Finalists.

All entries should lie between the qualifying times and cut off times published, however times faster than the cut-off time may still be accepted, provided there is room in the event.

Heats will be seeded in entry time order regardless of age group, *i.e.* heat 1 is the slowest 6 accepted entries.

FINALS

Finals are swum for all 50m, 100m and 200m events. 400IM and longer distance events are Heat Declared Winner (HDW), and finals are not swum.

The finals are organised as follows:

- 50m events: The 6 fastest swimmers overall compete in a Grand Final (on Friday). The finalists also swim in the 50m (Freestyle) skins on Saturday evening
- 100m events: There are age group finals for all strokes. *In addition* the 6 fastest freestyle swimmers overall compete in a Grand Final for the 100m Freestyle.
- 200m events: The 6 fastest swimmers overall compete in a Grand Final. The 200m IM finalists also qualify for a 50m medley skins competition on Sunday evening.

If a swimmer withdraws from a final, the next fastest swimmer available will be invited to swim in the final.

Finals are swum on the same day as the heats, except the 200m Breaststroke (Heats Friday, Finals Saturday)

PRIZES

Trophies and cash prizes are awarded on the outcome of the Grand Finals. Medals are awarded for all Age Group Gold, Silver and Bronze positions.

Medley and Freestyle skins Winner-Takes-All £100

Additionally there are awards for Top Boy and Girl in each age group, and Top Visiting Club.

The Top boy/Top girl results are taken from the results of the Grand Finals ONLY.

The Top age group boy/girl results are taken on the basis of the age group results, excluding the 16/over age group.

The Top club is evaluated from the age group final positions, excluding grand finals. Therefore we encourage competing in both Age Group finals and Grand finals to position swimmers and clubs for the top awards.

Reading Swimming Club reserves the right to change or withdraw the prize money amounts.

ENTRIES

Completed entry forms must be returned, together with a stamped, A5 (A4 if more than 8 swimmers please) self-addressed envelope (for the return of entry details) and the appropriate entry fee, to: **Reading Swimming Club, 6 Hawley Close, Calcot, Reading, RG31 7ED.**

Entry Fees are **£4.50** per swim for **50m, 100m and 200m events** and **£6.00** per swim for **400m, 800m and 1500m events**. *(This includes £0.25 designation fee levied by the ASA for every accepted entry.)*
PLEASE MAKE SURE THE CORRECT FEE IS PAID FOR THE SWIMS REQUIRED.

Remittances should be made payable to Reading Swimming Club and crossed. Club entries should be collected together and sent with one cheque for the requisite sum, rather than a series of smaller cheques.

The closing date for entries is Friday 21st February 2008. Entries before that date would be appreciated. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organisers, but not to the detriment of entries received on time.

Entries will be processed so that at least the 12 fastest entries in each age group for the 50m and 100m events, and 8 fastest in each age group in 200m events, and 4 fastest in the 400m and longer events will be guaranteed acceptance.

Please note that spectator entry fee for the Morning and afternoon sessions, but spectator entry fees are not charged for the finals session in the evening.

ACCEPTED ENTRIES

After the closing date for entries, a list of accepted entries will be returned (in the SAE that you enclosed with the entries), together with entry information, meet instructions and refunds in respect of unaccepted entries. If provided, the e-mail address will be used for this information.

COACHES' PASSES

Coaches' passes are available for poolside access for the whole meet. They include a full set of programmes, results and refreshments between all sessions, five meals in all. Passes for single day poolside access will be available on request on a pro-rata basis (3-day pass £40, one-day pass £15).
