

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 2nd – Sunday 4th April 2010

GENERAL CONDITIONS

LICENSED

This event is licensed at level 2 (license number 2SE0100) 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.

AGE GROUPS

10 years and under, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years and 16 years and over, as at 4th April 2010.

EVENTS OFFERED

- 50m Freestyle.
- 100m all strokes, plus IM.
- 200m all strokes, plus IM.
- 400m IM and Freestyle, youngest age group 12 and under.
- 800m and 1500m Freestyle for all age groups, swum as 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 must meet the qualifying times published.

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. 400m and longer distance events are Heat Declared Winner (HDW), and finals are not swum.

The finals are organised as follows:

- 50m events and 100m IM: 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 excluding IM: There are Age Group finals and Grand Finals for all strokes.
- 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.

The Grand Finals are the six fastest swimmers overall, regardless of age groups. If an Age Group swimmer qualifies for, and swims in a Grand Final, their age group award is "guaranteed" ..

For example, if fastest 15 year old swimmer competes in the Grand Final they will receive the Age Group Gold Medal, and the remaining Age Group finalists compete for positions 2-6. If you do not swim in the Grand Final the guarantee does not apply.

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.

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: £100 Winner-Takes-All.

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 finals, excluding the 16/over age group. If you swim in the Grand Final, your Age Group points are accrued. If qualify for the Grand Final, but swim in neither the Grand Final, nor the Age Group Final, you forfeit your points from the Age Group Final towards Top age group boy/girl.

The Top visiting 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, with the appropriate entry fee, to: **Reading Swimming Club, 9 Brunswick Lodge, 11 Brunswick Hill, Reading, RG1 7YT.**

Entry Fees are **£4.50** per swim for **50m, 100m and 200m events** and **£6.00** per swim for **400m, 800m and 1500m events**. **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 5th March 2010. 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.

Reading Swimming Club reserves the right to validate times against the ranking published by the ASA and/or to ask for proof of entry 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.

RESULTS

The results will be posted on poolside on the day, and also posted on the Reading Swimming Club website, <http://www.readingswimclub.org>. These will typically be posted later in the evening after each day's swimming.

ACCEPTED ENTRIES

After the closing date for entries, a list of accepted entries will be returned, together with entry information and meet instructions to the e-mail address will be used for this information. These will also be posted to the Reading Swimming Club web site. Refunds in respect of unaccepted entries will be returned with the coaches' pack at the meet, or by post afterwards, if not picked up.

COACHES' PASSES

Coaches' passes are available for poolside access for the whole meet. They are available with or without meals between all sessions (five meals in all), and all include a full set of programmes. Passes cost from £7 a day / £20 for all 7 sessions with no food, or £10 a day with food / £30 for the entire meet). *The asa stipulates a poolside supervision ratio of not more than 10 athletes to a coach/manager.*

ON THE DAY

This will be a card-less meet. Swimmers will be required to sign-in before the start of the warm-up for that session. Any empty lanes after sign in may be offered to Reading Swimming Club swimmers.

Please note that there are spectator entry fees for the morning and afternoon sessions, but spectator entry fees are not charged for the finals session on the Saturday or Sunday evening. Family tickets and multi session discount tickets are also available.

OFFICIALS

If you are a swimming official, qualified to work at a licensed meet, we would be very pleased to hear from you if you can assist us in one or more session. Please contact chairman@readingswimclub.org. *If a club supplies a Timekeeper and a Judge for a whole day, we will offer 2 free coach passes for that day (with refreshments)*. If you are working towards a qualification, and require mentoring, please contact us and we will try and help you.
