

Competitions Explained

Yeovil District is a competitive swimming club – although you are not forced to compete if you do not wish to. The following explanations offer an insight to the types of competitions we are involved in, with Gala Etiquette explained on the next page.

Club Championships

These are within club competitions where all members of the club are invited to take part. Swimmers decide what strokes/distances they want to compete in and points are awarded for positions 1-5 within each age group. A trophy is then awarded for first place in each age group. These are awarded at a presentation evening/BBQ.

Inter-Club Galas

These are informal competitions between clubs. They vary from an all age gala to a junior gala (12 and under), and from experienced galas to novice galas. Yeovil District Swimming Club will select the team and if selected you will be required to indicate whether you will attend. Swimmers are picked for strokes/distances based on the coaches decisions and they aim to give a fair number of swims to each swimmer.

League Galas

As part of YDSC swimmers may be selected to compete in the National Swimming League Galas, Southern Junior League etc. Swimmers are picked on times they have achieved at other competitions throughout the year. Swimmers are selected to give the best possible points total for YDSC at the selected Gala

Open Meets

These are competitions in which swimmers enter individually. Swimmers are charged for each race that they enter and prices vary with the level of competition. Some of these meet's can only be entered if the swimmer has achieved certain qualifying times and other meet's have no faster than entry times. Swimmers race against other swimmers with similar times in an attempt to gain personal best times (PB's). It is the responsibility of the parent/swimmer to enter the child into open meet's, however as a guideline the competition calendar and who should be entering which competition can be found on the club notice board. Information and entry forms for these meets can be found on the club notice board prior to the entry deadline.

How to enter an Open Meet

You will receive a meet entry form from your child's Squad Rep then check the web site for the meet information. Check to see whether your child has the relevant qualifying time, fill in the meet entry form and hand it back to the Squad Rep with the correct fees.

Swim Meets

Swimmers must accept that this is a competitive squad and be available for Galas when selected and should compete at all the meets advertised for their squad wherever possible and in any case Somerset County Championships, ASA South West qualifiers and National qualifiers.

Swimmers should be competing in a range of events and should liaise with coaches when entering meets with regards to the entries. (Meet packs will contain guidelines)

Swimmers wishing to compete at events outside of the competition programme should liaise with their coach before submitting any entries.

Swimmers should remain with the team throughout the event, unless permission is given to go to another area, and this includes seeing parents/guardians. Parents should not approach coaches during sessions, or in front of any swimmers.

All swimmers are to wear club hats when competing and a club t-shirt or hoodie/tracksuit when on poolside.

No swimmer is permitted to leave the team seating area prior to consulting a team manager

Team galas ALL swimmers MUST stay to the end of a gala to cheer on the team.

Parents/guardians are not allowed in the swimmers seating section and should sit with the other parents. (Promoter and Meet Conditions)

Racing costumes (only worn when the swimmer moves into the higher squads) should only be worn for the race. Training costumes should be worn for the warm up and you should change after the warm up.

Parents Gala Information

LC = Long Course 50m Pool SC = Short Course 25m Pool

HDW = Heat Declared Winner

All parents/swimmers should keep a record of their child's times for entry to open meets. It is your responsibility that the times are filled in correctly on the entry forms.

Wherever possible swimmers are selected for galas according to age and ability.

Where times are uncertain, swimmers may be timed during training session to gain a better idea of speed.

No swimmer has preferential treatment when being chosen for galas. Decisions are based on attendance in training, and swimmers performance in the water at the time of choosing.

Any parent wishing further explanation should speak to the committee in the first instance.

If you are unsure whether you should enter your child into an open meet please speak to your child's coach