

Forest of Bere Open Meet 2018

Promoters Conditions

This is a licensed level 3 competition (3SE180592) jointly promoted by Havant & Waterlooville and Winchester City Penguins Swimming Clubs, which are affiliated to the South East Region ASA. The competition is held under Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) laws and ASA Technical Rules of Racing.

Entries

1. Ages are as at midnight 31 December 2018.
2. Both lower and upper limit qualifying times apply (originated from the 2018 Hampshire County Championships and rankings) and swimmers must not enter an individual event if their time is already slower than the lower limit or faster than the upper limit stated in the Qualifying Times. All times submitted must be short course. (Long course times can be converted using ASA Performance Tables).
3. Entry times must have been achieved at a licenced meet since 1 January 2017. The promoters reserve the right to exclude any swimmer from an event (without refund of the entry fee) if it is found they have a faster time on the ASA Rankings that is outside the upper limit qualifying time for that event or do not have time on the Rankings that is above the lower limit time.
4. Swimmers will be distributed in heats from the submitted entry times. Improved times will not be accepted after the entries have been received. There will be no finals and all events will be swum on a heat declared winner (HDW) basis.
5. In order to ensure a safe and well run meet it may be necessary to restrict the number of entries accepted. If the whole competition or individual events are oversubscribed then entries will be restricted based on entry times. There will be no time trials available.
6. All swimmers must be aged 10 years and over and registered with the ASA as competitive swimmers with Level 2 Membership. It is the swimmer's responsibility to ensure his/her eligibility for each event.
7. Notification of acceptance/rejection of entries will be made electronically to each club. If entries have to be restricted because the meet is oversubscribed then those entry fees will be refunded. There will be no other refunds after the entry is received except for medical reasons where evidence can be provided of the inability to compete.
8. All club entries should be submitted electronically using Sportsystems Entry Manager and the club summary sheet send with payment by the closing date. An administration charge of 50p per event will be made for any entry not submitted electronically using Sportsystems.
9. All entries, whether electronic or paper, must be received **before midnight on the closing date 20 February 2018**. Payment (payable to WCPSC), and copy of the completed Club Entry Summary Form must be emailed to forest@wcpsc.org.uk or posted to Alison Oakley, WCPSC, The Cottage, Salisbury Road, Calmore, Southampton SO40 2RW. One cheque or bank transfer is required to cover all club entries and it must be received by 22 February 2018.

There will be no sign in for this meet. Team managers will be given a document to record withdrawals on the day of the meet. **Withdrawals must be made by the time the warm up for each session commences.**

All clubs submitting entries are requested to assist in the running of the meet by supplying details of any licensed officials who are willing to assist at this gala.

Any adult supervising swimmers on poolside must purchase a pass and must be a member of ASA.

Awards

Awards will be made in the age groups:- 10/11yrs, 12/13yrs, 14/15yrs and 16 yrs & Over. Medals will be awarded for the top 3 in each event and age category or on multi-disability basis. These can be collected after the event result is announced. An award will be made to individual male and female swimmers aged 13 and under and 14 and over achieving the highest individual FINA points score for an individual event. These trophies will be presented at the end of the final session.

Data Protection

Meet entries shall be managed on a computer. Your consent to the holding of personal information for the purposes of the Meet shall be treated as being given by the submission of your entries, as shall your consent for such details to be published both during and after the Meet.

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Disability Swimming

1. The conditions for Forest of Bere Open Meet 2018 shall apply to the Disability Swimming events except where varied by any of the following conditions.
2. Swimmers with S1 to S15 classifications will be accepted.
3. Competitors must be registered as competitive members of the ASA.
4. The meet does not have disability consideration times – swimmers may enter all events as long as they are within the upper limit times and they competed in the same event in their respective County Championships in either 2017 or 2018. However, the organisers reserve the right to reject swimmers from longer events after the closing date if demand exceeds the time available in the gala.
5. Personal care attendants will only be permitted for swimmers in the following classes: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5 and S11.
6. A swimmer in any of these classes may have both a coach and a personal care attendant present.
7. The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able-bodied programme. Swimmers will be integrated on a time-banded basis in all events.
8. Disability Swimmers will be included in the Multi-Disability results and placed within those results according to the number of British Disability Points gained.
9. Disability Swimmers will be included but not placed within the results for the appropriate age group in the able-bodied competition.
10. Where possible an official who holds the qualification of ASA Disability Official will act as a technical adviser in each of the sessions where disability athletes are entered.
11. Medals shall be awarded on a multi-disability basis to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event.

The decision of the referee on all aspects of the gala is final. Matters other than those under the control of the referee, not covered by these conditions, shall be decided upon and resolved by the promoters. By submitting an entry, participants have deemed to agree to such decisions.