



Dundee City Aquatics

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Website <http://www.dundeeaquatics.btik.com/>

Competitions

The Coaches for each Squad meet regularly to look and decide what are the best competitions for swimmers to take part in.

When looking at this, we look at the ability of the swimmers and the age of the swimmer. The rule of thumb in regard to Competition should be maximum of one per year of the swimmers age, especially when young.

e.g If 11 should do up to 11 competitions per year

The competitions are selected on what is felt best for the swimmers and their development, and we do not want swimmers burning out at an early age.

Swimming is a long term sport and our aim as a Club is to provide opportunities for our swimmers to develop in line with Long term athlete development principles, as best that we can.

We ask that parents and swimmers do not enter competitions out with those that the coaches have decided.

How to enter a competition....

We are aware that each year new swimmers come along and swimmers start to be identified for competition; to save any confusion we have tried to address some frequently asked questions:

Q: *How do we enter our child into a swim meet?*

A: The club coaches identify which meets we are attending for the year, then when the entry information comes in, we consider which swimmers are ready to compete in that meet and we consider the level of meet to see if it is appropriate for the swimmer's ability.

The last thing the club wants to do is put swimmers off swimming and competing, which has happened when children are entered into a meet of the wrong standard or too early. We would rather swimmers were still with the club enjoying the sport at 16 than hating it and leaving before they are 12.

Q: *Is this so for all meets?*

A: No.

League teams are selected in December, and all selected swimmers are expected to take part throughout the year.

Also the Annual Club Gala, which takes place in November, is open to all swimmers in the club.

Q: *If, as a parent, we are unsure about our child taking part, what do we do, or whom do we contact?*

A: If you have any questions please speak to one of the coaches or feel free to contact them directly (*PTO*)

Heather Albin on:

Home 01382 779794 (Not often there but a message can be left)

Work 01382 431852 or Email heather.albin@dundee.gov.uk

Drew Burnett on:

Home 738076

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Q: How do we enter the galas identified?

A: The entries secretary (Dave Clark) or a coach will give an entry slip to your child or yourself. You are then asked to tick or fill in your child's PB into which stroke / distance that they wish to enter, and then return completed form to Dave.

The entry fee should be paid to Dave as soon as possible after the acceptances have been announce. This information along with the closing date for entries are all on the entry slip. Information regarding forthcoming meets is also on the Club website.

All cheques should be made payable to 'Dundee City Aquatics.'

Q: What happens if we miss the closing date?

A: Unfortunately if you forget to hand your form in or it is late, the entry cannot be processed.

This closing date is to allow the entries secretary time to collate all the information onto the correct entry forms and to send them off to the meet organiser.

Q: Does this mean that all entries are automatically accepted?

A: No.

The club which is organising the meet, will get back to the entries secretary approximately 2 weeks before the meet takes place. Depending on the number of entries received they will either accept or reject some entries. This will be notified to our Club entries secretary.

All information regarding Meets and accepted swims can be viewed on the DCA website and on the notice boards, approximately 10 days before the meet.

Q: What if, on the day of any gala, whether it is away or a league match, the swimmer is unable to attend, who do we inform?

A: If it is for an away gala, you should contact the coach who is attending the gala either at home or on their mobile, or let someone else know who is also going. In some cases it may be that you have to contact the pool where the gala is being held and ask them to pass a message on to the Club.

Q: How and when are league teams selected, and how do I know if my son / daughter has been selected for one of these?

A: All league teams have to be selected and registered with the District Leagues convenor by the end of December.

Swimmers selected for a league match will be contacted by phone or email by the Team Manager or Coach of that league team.

The team selection is always displayed up to 2 weeks prior to the date on the club notice boards and on the website

Q: What and when is the Annual Club Gala?

A: Every December or late November the Club organises and runs an Annual Gala for the membership of the Club. Swimmers are asked to submit entries; forms for these are usually available from coaches or from the website form the month of October.

The Club and Coaches like to encourage as many swimmers as possible to enter this relaxed, fun event.

For league matches all 'call offs' should go to the Team coach or the Team Manager. All this information will be on the Club website and notice boards at the Olympia and Dundee College.