



15<sup>th</sup> Presidents Gala Open Meet  
20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
Competition Conditions and Programme of Events

General Conditions

1. The meet is licensed at level 3 and will be operated in accordance with FINA Law and Swim England Technical Rules. Licence number
2. Please be aware in line with Swim England's launched of its revised transgender policy (1<sup>st</sup> Sep 23), any reference to 'Boys' or 'Male' in the gala or related documentation will follow the meaning of 'Open/Male' in regard to the transgender policy, details of which can be found here: - <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/transgender-competition-policy-update/>  
Please note: The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' or 'Girls' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
3. The primary purpose of the meet is to provide a competition of a full range of events (50-1500m). It will include a "skins" event for 12/ under Open and 12/under Girls which will be taken from the fastest swimmers in the 100 I.M. There will be a 13/over Skins for Open and 13/over Skins for Girls taken from the fastest 200 I.M event. The skins may be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the promoter.
4. The closing date for entries is 18 August 2024, or once the gala is deemed to be full on a 1st come 1st served basis. Please note that the gala entries will be closed once the gala is full.
5. Age on the day will be as of midnight 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
6. An entry fee of £5.50 event, £9 for 800m & 1500m applies and must be received with the entries. Entries not submitted by sport system entry file are £7 or £11 for distance swims.
7. Late poolside or improved entries will not be accepted
8. Entries will be accepted from swimmers registered with Swim England, or equivalent national associations, or coaches advised times or those with no time. Time Only swims will be accepted at the discretion of the Gala Director.
9. Workington ASC reserves the right to refuse entries due to time constraints and the health and safety of the swimmers. Entries will be rejected across all events at the promoter's discretion.
10. The competition will include the following age groups for each sex: 9,10,11,12,13, 14, 15/over.
11. All events are classed as 'Heat Declared Winner' and seeded by entry time
12. Events will be available for Open and Girls for all strokes - 50m all strokes, 100m all strokes, 200m all strokes, 400m Free, 800m free, 1500m free, 100m I.M. 200 IM & 400m I.M. As outlined in para 2 the 100 IM and 200 IM will provide entry into the Skins Competition.
13. Age groups will be separated for results and awards purposes
14. Results will be published in time order
15. Over the top starts will be in operation during the meet
16. Awards will be made to the first 3 swimmers in each age group in each event

17. There are consideration times (upper limit) for this meet. Submitted times MUST be equal to or slower than the upper limit time. The requirement of having achieved a consideration time relies significantly on the integrity of the coaches, swimmers and parents to submit correct truthful information. Random checks will be made against the current Swim England database.
18. Any matters not covered by these conditions or information will be at the discretion of the meet organiser
19. Coaches passes and lanyards must be worn and be visible at all times.
20. Coaches Passes, including any individuals supporting the club, will be £10 for the weekend without lunch or £22 if lunch is required
21. Swimmers must be supervised on poolside with a qualified coach or team manager / adult who holds a current valid CRB/DRB check.
22. Strobe lighting will be available throughout the meet on the starter machine.
23. Only swimmers who are competing in an event in a given session will be allowed onto poolside during that session.
24. No parents, or spectators, will be allowed on poolside unless providing a support role to the gala director

#### Meet Procedures

1. The secondary card system will NOT be in operation
2. Entries may be made by sending the appropriate Sportsystems entry via an email
3. Entries on paper (in support of the email entries) must also be included with the appropriate entry fee within 3 days of submitted entries
4. There will be no refund of entry fees if the entries have been accepted, unless supported by a doctors letter
5. Swimmers who withdraw from an event may be re-instated without penalty if the gala has not been deemed full or passed the closing date.
6. Swimmers must present themselves to the Competitors Stewards one event prior to their event
7. It is the swimmers responsibility to be at the start in time for their race

#### Programme of Events

See attached

Contact details for queries [Workingtonasc@outlook.com](mailto:Workingtonasc@outlook.com) and information via the WEBSITE [www.workingtonasc.com](http://www.workingtonasc.com)

#### COVID-19, Social Distancing and items out of our control

This competition is being planned on the assumption that some social distancing rules may be introduced for “high risk” indoor activities, such as swimming competitions.

If there are no restrictions in place, the number of swimmers that can be accepted will be adjusted accordingly.

Because of the uncertainty about the level of restrictions that will be in place at the end of Sept, there is a possibility that this event may not proceed as planned, and the event may be cancelled or changed at short notice.

**\*\*Therefore, we recommend that nobody commits to non-refundable travel or accommodation arrangements\*\***

The club will not be held responsible for any costs incurred due to the event being cancelled.

## Data protection

*Entries to the meet will be held on computer and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of an entry.*

*You agree that we may publish your Personal Information as part of the results of the competition. Your information will only be shared in relation to your participation in the event, e.g. the list of entrants, results and event reports and may be shared on the website, social media pages or in emails sent by the organiser. We may pass such information to the governing body or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of insurance, licences or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Information may include but not be limited to name, club affiliation, race times, age category and para swimming classification(s).*