



OPEN MEET

Saturday 11 May 2024

License Numbers:

SESSION 1 – 15-23/24-UO17

SESSIONS 2 AND 3 - 15-23/24-UO17

Event Information

Date Saturday 11 May 2024

Venue Ards Blair Mayne Wellbeing & Leisure Centre, 1 Dairy Hall Lane, Newtownards BT23 4DB. The pool is 25m, 6 lane, electronic timing will be in use.

Age Groups There will be 8 age groups, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 10-12, 13-14 & 15+ year olds.

Events Individuals may compete in the following scheduled events:

Age 8 - 12 25m in all strokes

Age 9-12 100 IM

Age 9-15+ 50m in all strokes

Age 10–15+ 100m in all strokes, 200m in all strokes and 200m IM

(The number of heats maybe restricted for 200m races if the gala is oversubscribed – if this is the case spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis)

All events will be Heat Declared Winner

Entries Closing date for entries: **Monday 6 May 2024.**

Please email entries to ardscompsec@gmail.com

Withdrawals should be notified by 1700 on Wednesday 8 May 2024

The Club reserves the right to restrict entries to assist the smooth running of the Gala on a first come basis.

Clubs are responsible for checking their own entries and changes will not be made on the day.

No entries on the day. We will not accept entries from clubs with outstanding debt.

Entry Fees Individual events £6 (or €7) per event.

Fees must be paid by GBP on or before Friday 10 May 2024, no refunds.

Only method of payment is electronic transfer.

Fees payable to Ards Swimming Club:

Danske Bank – Sort Code 950679 / Account Number 90183563

Warm Up Info will be published with session report after all entries are in.

Awards

Medals will be awarded to the first three places in each event in:

Session 1: 8 years, 9 years, 10 years, 11 years and 12 years

Session 2/3: 9 years, 10-12 years, 13 - 14 years

Trophies will be presented for Top Boy and Top Girl in each age group in Session 1, based on points accumulated in all 25m events only.

Meet Results

The Gala results will be posted on the notice board during the gala and on Meet Mobile. A full list of results will be forwarded to Swim Ulster and Swim Ireland to allow updating of relevant databases.

General Rules

The Gala will be run under Fina/Swim Ireland rules. Discretion will be used with regard to the "One Start Rule" for Session 1 only.

Swimmers age is defined as, on 31st December 2024.

Starts will be over the top where possible.

Electronic timing system will be in use.

The Club reserves the right to alter the programme to assist the smooth running of the Gala.

Appeals shall be submitted in accordance with Fina/Swim Ireland procedures and will be handled by the Meet Managers and Referees.

Meet Safety

All accidents, however minor must be reported, in writing, to the Leisure Centre and Ards ASC. A copy of the Accident Report Form can be found at reception.

We would ask for the co-operation of swimmers, coaches, spectators and clubs in the application of the following safety measures. They are in place for everyone's safety.

General;

- Everyone attending the Meet must familiarise themselves with the locations and operation of emergency exits.
- Anyone observing anything they consider to be a safety hazard should report it to a Meet Official.
- All persons attending the Meet must take all steps to ensure their own safety and the safety of others.
- All walkways must be kept clear of bags, equipment, etc. it is your responsibility to do so.

Starting

- In the event of a false start, swimmers should perform a safe entry and not fall into the water.

Warm Up

- **There will be a 15 min warm up for each session.**

Around The Pool (e.g. spectator area)

- Swimmers are not permitted to enter dry areas without first having changed and put on footwear.
- Swimmers will not be allowed in the spectator gallery unless they are dried and have appropriate footwear. Swimmers are also reminded, changing is not permitted in the spectator gallery, please use changing areas provided.
- Swimmers are not permitted to climb over the rail.
- Glass bottles are not permitted outside designated refreshment areas. (i.e. Café)

Thank you for your co-operation in making our Meet a safe experience for all.

Cameras/Mobile Phones

The use of all photographic equipment is strictly controlled. All photographic equipment must first be registered at the program desk on entry.

Mobile phone usage is strictly forbidden within Ards Leisure Centre and this policy is actively enforced inside the Centre.

Miscellaneous

Any point not covered by the above will be at the discretion of the organisers. As appropriate, the Meet Manager's or Gala Referee's decision will be final.

Refreshments

Café will be open within Leisure Centre.

Order of Events

Session 1 Ages 8 – 12 (Novice)

Girls 25m Backstroke
Boys 25m Backstroke
Girls 25m Breaststroke
Boys 25m Breaststroke
Girls 25m Butterfly
Boys 25m Butterfly
Girls 25m Freestyle
Boys 25m Freestyle
Girls 100 IM
Boys 100 IM

Session 2 Ages 9 – 15+

Girls 200 IM
Boys 200 IM
Girls 50m Freestyle
Boys 50m Freestyle
Girls 200 Butterfly
Boys 200 Butterfly
Girls 100m Breaststroke
Boys 100m Breaststroke
Girls 50m Butterfly
Boys 50m Butterfly
Girls 100m Backstroke
Boys 100m Backstroke

Session 3 Ages 9 – 15+

Girls 200 Freestyle
Boys 200 Freestyle
Girls 50m Breaststroke
Boys 50m Breaststroke
Girls 200m Backstroke
Boys 200m Backstroke
Girls 100m Butterfly
Boys 100m Butterfly
Girls 200m Breaststroke
Boys 200m Breaststroke
Girls 50m Backstroke
Boys 50m Backstroke
Girls 100 Freestyle
Boys 100 Freestyle

Session times will be published when all entries have been received