

PLEASE COULD EVERYONE READ THIS EMAIL AND PASS THE INFORMATION ON TO EVERYONE IN THEIR CLUB WHO HAS ENTERED FOR THE GALAS THIS YEAR.

It was decided to alter our entry times to try and match those of the other districts. This has made a huge difference at the lower end. There could be up to 300 swims refused and each gala will be running at the maximum permitted by the ASA, which is 7 ½ hours a day. If this limit is not kept to, the ASA might not licence us to run next year.

Because of this the withdrawal rules will be run very strictly this year.

1 Withdrawals. A) Prior to the Gala days. Swimmers withdrawing from events in the first session of the day, and other events if known, can leave a phone or text message by 7.00pm at the latest on the day prior to the event in question. The message must state Name, Club and event(s) from which they wish to withdraw. A dedicated number will be advised with the details of accepted entries sent to clubs. B) Withdrawals on the day must be made by either phoning and leaving a voice or text message on telephone number to be advised OR at the pool by filling in a withdrawal form which will be available from the competitors stewards. Withdrawals can be made until the start of the warm up for each session. There will be separate forms for Males and Females. WITHDRAWALS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ONCE THE WARM UP FOR THAT SESSION HAS STARTED.

2 Swimmers who do not turn up for events, and who have not withdrawn officially, will be deleted automatically from the remainder of the championships. Unexpected circumstances will be on an individual basis at the discretion of the promoter. A letter will be sent to their club confirming this. Swimmers will not qualify for a refund in these circumstances.

3 Clubs are responsible for making sure that their swimmers are fully aware of withdrawal procedures.