

BOBCATS MONSTER SPLASH - MEET COMMS Document

Bobcats welcome you to our first ever Monster Splash meet. If you have attended our meets before then you will be aware that they are always very busy, and this meet is no exception. We are welcoming teams with large numbers, but this should help to ensure there is a large togetherness but still lots of competitive racing across all age groups.

Those familiar with BOBCAT meets at Darwen will also know of the team seating arrangements, but to confirm... all teams will be situated in the sports hall all weekend. We do this to ensure swimmers, spectators, officials, and coaches all have sufficient space to be comfortable for the duration of the meet. Your cooperation is vital to ensure the weekend runs smoothly.

Withdrawals:

- e-mail bbmeetsecretary@gmail.com or text (07577415621) up to 60 minutes before the start of the session. Please state the swimmer's name, club name, event number, competition number and the name of the events wishing to be withdrawn from or...
- In person at the designated desk on the day using a withdrawal form up to 60 minutes before the start of the session.

Seating arrangements for teams

- All swimmers will be situated in the sports hall with designated areas provided for each team (there will be no poolside seating for swimmers).
- On arrival, swimmers, coaches, and team managers should go directly to their designated area in the sports hall and remain there unless they are getting changed, warming up or racing.
- We will have a team of Competitor Stewards / Marshalls situated in the sports hall and on poolside. Swimmers will need to report for marshalling with a towel and footwear in the sports hall and will then be sent in their heats to the team on poolside.
- Swimmers should ensure that they are dry and are wearing appropriate footwear before returning to the sports hall. This to reduce the risk of the steps becoming wet and to avoid risks of injury.
- Swimmers should not enter the spectator area during racing. To ensure the safety of all competitors, spectators must not enter the sports hall.
- We would like to remind clubs that they are responsible to ensure swimmers stay within the designated areas and abide by these rules.

Team Managers / Chaperones

- With teams being in the sports hall, we will need each club to offer support in looking after their swimmers. They will be responsible for ensuring swimmers report to marshalling at the correct time. The meet will be extremely busy, and we will be working to tight timescales in each session therefore, we will not be able to go looking for swimmers if they do not report to marshalling in time. If swimmers fail to report to marshalling, they will unfortunately miss their races, so it's important that Chaperones engage and are fully aware of where we are up to with events and heats.



- With the large numbers within teams we are issuing 3 x free team manager / chaperone passes to each club. These can be collected at the entry desk. If clubs can please arrange volunteers to help cover each session for your club, it would be really appreciated.

Coaches

- Please ensure young swimmers are supervised during warmup sessions, especially when getting in / out of the pool, and if sprint lanes are in operation. Warmups will be a busy period in the water and during transitions between warmup sessions. We recommend all swimmers keep it moving as much as possible. Please advise swimmers they must NOT climb over the timing pads or hang on the lane ropes.

- Lunch will be provided for all coaches with a valid pass (unfortunately, this does not include Chaperones). Please note, Lunch / Refreshments are served at the Darwin Aldridge Enterprise Studio' this is across the road from the sports hall and will be open from 8am to 3pm both days. Please make your way there for your lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available throughout the day.

Please Note... The lunchtime break period will be short due to the number of entries and timings associated to each session. We would therefore recommend that coaches stagger their breaks with other colleagues/club coaches to ensure that you each have a reasonable break time.

Spectators

Entrance fees are £10 per day, or £5 per session.

Programmes will be available for £2.

We also have some fantastic raffle prizes.

Cash or Contactless payments are accepted.

Live Results will be available at galaresults.com/

Live Streaming links will be made available on the day, with the link being added to our website: <https://uk.teamunify.com/team/bbsq/page/competition/bobcats-open-meets>

Swim Shop

Sports Fox swim shop will be in the café area all weekend and will have lots of fantastic swim gear and accessories, that would also be great Christmas presents.

Bobcats would like to thank you all again for joining us at our meet, we really want everyone to have the best time, and all enjoy the Halloween theme, and the many new features we are adding to the meet. We aim to make each meet bigger and better therefore we hope this one will be something special and everyone will have a meet to remember.

Please enjoy the weekend, and we look forward to seeing lots of great racing and most importantly all the swimmers having plenty of fun... see you all there.

Thanks Bobcats Committee