

BCM SWPA SPRING MEET General Information 2024

- 1 The Promoter of this event is Bolton Central Lancashire & Manchester SWPA (BCM SWPA)
- 2 The event is licensed by Swim England at Licence Level 3 for entry into County and Regional Competitions and will be a Short Course event.
- 3 The competition will be held under Swim England Laws & Technical Rules.
- 4 Venue: Wigan Life Centre, College Avenue, Wigan WN1 1NJ
- 5 Dates: 23rd and 24th March 2024
- 6 On both days warm ups will be from 8.00am & 1pm or a later time to be confirmed with the accepted entries
- 7 ENTRY FEE £5.00 per event, invoiced to clubs as soon as possible following the closing date.
- 8 All Entries to: As per 2024 Club Entry Form.
- 9 Entries will open for acceptance at 6pm on Monday 12th February. Entries will be on a first-come-first-served basis and will close at 11.59pm on Sun 25th February or whenever the meet is full. **NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED**
- 10 All entrants must be a member of an affiliated club to BCM SWPA and registered with Swim England at Club Compete (Cat 2) for that club.
- 11 Each event will be open to Female and Open/Male categories. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, or the club entering a swimmer in the 'Female' category, the swimmer/club confirms that their birth sex is female.
- 12 The promoter reserves the right to reject entries if events are oversubscribed or safety regulations regarding numbers on poolside dictate. If the meet is oversubscribed then the first-come-first served basis will initially be used to reduce entries. It may also be necessary to reduce entries by reducing the consideration time or by any other method thought appropriate. Entries will be considered from swimmers who meet the consideration times. Swimmers that don't have a formal time from the Swim England rankings may submit a time based on a realistic forecast of current form. This will enable more accurate seeding for the swimmer.
- 13 Entries from registered Disability Swimmers are welcome.
- 14 A totally Cardless system will be used. After the closing date for entries confirmation of entry will be posted on the website and in addition the Competition Secretaries will receive by e-mail confirmation of which events their club's swimmers are swimming plus details of how to withdraw from an event should the need arise. Competition Secretaries will also receive an invoice for the total once entries have been accepted. In the event of any rejections full refunds for rejected events will be paid back via the club.
- 15 All events will be seeded on submitted times and all events will be Heat Declared Winner.
- 16 Swimmers must report to the Competitors Stewards when instructed to do so. Any swimmer not reporting in time may be excluded.
- 17 The promoters reserve the right in the interests of time to operate 'OVER THE TOP' starts.
- 18 Results sheets will be posted in a position where spectators and swimmers can see the final positions for each event. A complete list of Start Lists and Results will be available via the website. Unfortunately owing to the very poor signal at Wigan this will probably be done retrospectively.
- 19 **Coach Pass**
Up to 2 passes for Coaches or Team Managers will be free per club. Any extra passes will incur a cost of £10.00 per person.

- 20 No Coach/Team Manager will be allowed on poolside unless they are in possession of a Coach's Pass which must be applied for at the time of submitting the Entries. Up to three additional Passes may be purchased. The Pass may be transferred to another Coach/Team Manager during the day. Anyone not displaying a valid Pass will be asked to leave the Poolside and each club is limited to a maximum of 5 passes. The payment for the Pass will entitle the holder to a Programme plus a Heat Start List.
- 21 The events available to each Age Group are as follows:-
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| 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/Over | 50m Free, Back, Breast, Fly |
| 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/Over | 100m Free, Back, Breast, Fly, Ind Medley |
| 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/Over | 200m Free, Back, Breast, Fly, Ind Medley |
- 22 The age groups are 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs & over. **Ages of swimmers are as at midnight on 24th March 2024.**
- 23 No formal presentations will be made however medals will be available for collection during each session.
- 24 All Age Group winners will be on a heat declared winner basis.
- 25 The first three (3) swimmers in each Age Group will receive medals.
- 26 The promoters reserve the right to refuse admission to any person.
- 27 Any situation not covered by the above information or Meet Conditions will be at the discretion of the promoters, who also reserve the right to make any changes that may be considered necessary for the smooth running and discipline of the event.
- 28 The Small Pool at Wigan Life Centre will be available during each session for continuous warm up and warm down supervised by coaches/team managers. In the event of any mis-use of this facility, Wigan Life Centre staff & the promoters reserve the right to close it at any time to some or all swimmers.
- 29 **SPECTATORS;** Spectators may be limited on the day if required. This will be done on a first come first served basis. Camping/portable chairs are not allowed in Wigan Life Centre.