**PRE MEET INFORMATION PACK**

WARM WELCOME

HELLO and THANK YOU for choosing to join us at the 2nd annual Wigan Summer Sizzler, we can’t wait to get the racing and fun started on Sunday 1st June 2025!!!

We could have never imagined that the gala would become so popular and we know that this is going to create a great atmosphere throughout the day.

We have lots planned for the day and would like to take the time to thank all the coaches, team managers, officials and volunteers for giving up their time to make sure this gala can run.

We would also like to thank and welcome the following businesses to the Wigan Life Centre to make sure the day is that little bit better:

1. Key Photography Wigan
2. Mak Swimwear
3. HEAD Café

Please have a read of all the information included in this information pack and if you have any questions please email meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk

Once again we look forward to welcoming you to the Summer Sizzler!!!!

WIGAN SWIMMING CLUB

EVENTS AND APPROX TIMINGS

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| Sunday Morning Warmup Times |
| Girls 9 to 12 08.00 to 08.12am |
| Girls 13 and Over 08.12 to 08.24am |
| Open/Male 9 to 12 08.24 to 08.36am  |
| Open/Male 13 and Over 08.36 to 08.48am |
| Approx Start Time 08.50am |
| Approx Finish Time 12.30pm |

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| EVENT NUMBER | EVENT NAME |
| 101 | Female 200m Free |
| 102 | Open/Male 50m Fly |
| 103 | Female 50m Fly |
| 104 | Open/Male 100m Back |
| 105 | Female 100m Back |
| 106 | Open/Male 50m Breast |
| 107 | Female 50m Breast |
| 108 | Open/Male 100m Free |
| 109 | Female 100m Free |
| 110 | Open/Male 100m IM |

In the last few minutes of each warmup we will open a number of sprint lanes to ensure all swimmers have practice starts.

There will be a small break within the session we are expecting this to take place after event 106. This break has been incorporated into the Approx finish time already.

EVENTS AND APPROX TIMINGS

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| Sunday Afternoon Warmup Times |
| Open/Male 9 to 12 13.10 to 13.22 |
| Open/Male 13 and Over 13.22 to 13.34 |
| Girls 9 to 12 13.34 to 13.46  |
| Girls 13 and Over 13.46 to 13.58 |
| Approx Start Time 14.00 |
| Approx Finish Time 17.30 |

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| EVENT NUMBER | EVENT NAME |
| 201 | Open/Male 200m Free |
| 202 | Female 50m Back |
| 203 | Open/Male 50m Back |
| 204 | Female 100m Fly |
| 205 | Open/Male 100m Fly |
| 206 | Female 50m Free |
| 207 | Open/Male 50m Free |
| 208 | Female 100m Breast |
| 209 | Open/Male 100m Breast |
| 210 | Female 100m IM |

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There will be a small break within the session we are expecting this to take place after event 206. This break has been incorporated into the Approx finish time already.

COMPETITOR AND COACH INFO

* All teams will be allocated a place on poolside. Both the competition pool and the small pool areas will be used! Team names will be placed on the wall to indicate your base for the day!
* The small pool will be available for swim downs.
* Coaches and team managers are asked to make sure the small pool is used for the purpose of swimming down only please!
* Poolside passes are to be collected and worn at all times by coaches and team managers on poolside. These can be collected from the desk set up at the turn end of the pool.
* Swimmers, coaches and team managers are reminded that it is there responsibility to make sure swimmers arrive in the marshalling area in plenty of time before their heat.
* There will be spot prizes throughout the day!
* Swimmers when you are walking through the building please make sure you are dry and have adequate clothing and footwear on to avoid any accidents thank you!
* Everyone is reminded that NO phones should be out/in your hand for any reason within the changing area!!!
* We politely ask that swimmers do not walk in front of the referees at any point. When swimmers have finished their race we ask that they walk around the pool back to their team and not in front of the starting area.
* When entering the pool we ask that no one stands on the timing pads. The timing system at Wigan is brand new including the pads and we would like to keep them looking and working well!!!!
* NO poolside entries will be accepted.
* **\*IMPORTANT\* There is a swimmer competing who has a nut allergy! We ask that no one brings any peanuts or anything made with peanuts on to poolside!!!!**

WITHDRAWL INFORMATION

If a swimmer wishes to withdraw from some/all events please follow the procedure set out below:

**BEFORE THE MEET:** Email meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk up to 8pm on Saturday 31st May 2025.

**DAY OF THE MEET:** Please collect, fill out, and hand back a withdrawal form from the timing desk in the far corner of the pool at the start end! We ask that withdrawal forms for the morning session are handed in no later than 08.00am although this information will hopefully have been received the night before as stated above and no later than 13.10 for the afternoon session.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

We have tried to make sure that the day is a fun filled day with as much packed into it as possible!

As previously mentioned both Mak Swimwear, HEAD Café, and Key Photography Wigan will be set up in the North Gallery throughout the day.

As many of you will already know Mak Swimwear are a swimwear company who are based out of Preston and continue to go from strength to strength. They really have burst on to the scene not just here in the North West but all over the Country and that is mainly down to their amazing personalities and making sure that they do everything they can to help you out! We are extremely lucky and grateful to have Mak with us, so please make sure you go and have a look at their great range of everything swimming or just pop along to say hello!

We also welcome HEAD Café to the Summer Sizzler! This Café is based on the premises of the HEAD hair salon which is based in Wigan. They arrive today with an array of tasty treats, snacks, sandwiches and hot and cold drinks and will be based in the North Gallery. Please make sure you pop along and have a quick chat, whilst treating yourself to something delicious!

Both Mak Swimwear and Head Café will accept both cash and card throughout the day.

Finally both upstairs in the North Gallery and on poolside will be our official photographers Key Photography Wigan! They will be making sure to catch all of the action throughout the day. Pictures will be available to buy online shortly after the gala!

There is more info and instructions regarding photography on the day below!!

Throughout the day we will have our announcer and commentator Lee C on the mic and music to keep you up to date with all the live action and making sure everyone has a great time. Lee has been commentating at both the Lancashire Counties and North West Regionals for the last couple of years. However at this gala he is also looking to make sure that everyone gets in on the action. Mexican Waves, party dances, and games with prizes and that’s just the Spectators (haha)!

On the day you will need to head up to the first floor to find the spectators area. On making your way into the North Gallery you will be met by our volunteers.

Spectators entry fees for the full day will be £8 with under 12 going free! If you are only there for the morning session then £3 will be returned to you on receipt of your wristband as long as the wristband is handed back to the desk before the start of afternoon warmup. Afternoon session only will be £5.

The club will be running a raffle and you will be able to purchase tickets at the same time as you pay for your wristband.

The club will have the option to pay by card but signal within the building is not always the best, so we would suggest bringing some cash with you as a backup.

**We have one favour to ask! The pool operator has asked that no camping chairs or anything similar are used anywhere in the building please!!!**

Finally a couple of tips for you!

Firstly as we have already mentioned we will be very busy on the day and the spectators area will be very busy. PLEASE make sure you are not putting bags or clothing on seats you are not sat on THANK YOU!

**Carrying on with the point above the gala itself is very busy! We would ask if that at all possible that we keep the numbers of spectators to 1 per swimmer but a max of 2. We know that this may not be possible in all cases and we will not turn families with siblings away, but if at all possible we can ask we keep those numbers to a minimum that will help with space within the spectators areas.**

Secondly parking around the pool can be tricky at times! If you follow this link [wigan-map-joint.jpg (2345×3032) (wiganswimming.co.uk)](https://wiganswimming.co.uk/summer-sizzler/images/wigan-map-joint.jpg) you will find a map of the surrounding area of the pool. Car park A is not always open at the moment so we would suggest avoiding that one. Car park B is the closest of the car parks but is chargeable 24 hours a day 7 days a week. However both Car parks C and D are free of charge to use on a Sunday. There are a limited amount of disabled spots around the pool as well, these can be found on both Hewlett Street and Library Street.

PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE DAY

Many of the parents of the older swimmers competing will know that before the pandemic pretty much every gala had poolside photographers who would catch some unbelievable action shots of the swimmers.

Once we returned to racing action after the pandemic this seemed to have become a thing of the past!

However over the last 12 months the action capturers are becoming more prominent on poolside at galas once again and we are happy to have Key Photography Wigan with us, to help parents get some of those action shots that are just no possible from the spectators gala.

Some parents may not wish for their child/children to be photographed.

If this is the case please complete the Non-Consent form on the next page and send it to meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk and we will make sure no photos are taken of the named swimmer.

Throughout the day the photographer’s will be getting all the best shots of the competitors who have given permission to do so!

If you believe you would like to purchase photos of your swimmer competing throughout the day please click on this link [HERE](https://keyphotographywigan.co.uk/Swimming/SnapMe.html) and fill out the relevant info before the gala.

Unless we receive a Non-Consent form, by entering our gala you are giving consent for pictures to be taken of your child whilst competing which could be used in official photography/video that is authorised by Wigan Swimming Club!

Photography Non-Consent Form

 SUMMER SIZZLER

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| D.O.B |  |
| ASA Number |  |
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| Event Numbers |
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I refuse permission for the taking and/or publication of images of my child by the photographer that has been made official by Wigan Swimming Club and the Summer Sizzler Gala.

Signed

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Date