

BOBCATS Racing for Regionals – MEET COMMS Document

We hope all teams have had a successful County Championships, swimmers are refreshed and ready to swim fast. Our Racing for Regionals events is always busy and this year we are welcoming some new teams to Darwen, this should help to ensure competitive racing across all age groups.

Those familiar with BOBCAT meets at Darwen will be aware of the team seating arrangements, all teams will be based 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 Please state the swimmer's name, club name, event number, competition number and the name of the events wishing to be withdrawn from or...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.

Session Information:

	Session 1 4 th Mar	Session 2 4 th Mar	Session 3 5 th Mar	Session 4 5 th Mar
Warm Up	7:40am	12:40pm	7:40am	12:55pm
Racing Starts	9:00am	2:00pm	9:00am	2:15pm
Estimated Finish Time	12:00pm	5:00pm	12:00pm	5:00pm

Clubs are allocated specific warm up times, please click on the [Warm Up Schedule](#) for further information.

Seating arrangements for teams

- All swimmers will be based 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 based in the sports hall and on poolside. Swimmers will need to report for marshalling 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.
- 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.

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Team Managers / Chaperones

- As teams will be in the sports hall, we will need each club to offer some support in looking after their swimmers, ensuring they report to marshalling at the correct time.
- We are therefore issuing 2 x free team manager / chaperone passes to each club. These can be collected at the entry desk. **If clubs can please arrange for a volunteer or two 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.
- 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 Darwen 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.

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/

Swim Shop

MAK Swimwear will be in the café area all weekend,

Thank you again for joining us at our meet, we really want everyone to have the best time. We hope you all enjoy the weekend, and we see lots of great racing and most importantly the swimmers have plenty of fun... see you all there.

Thanks
Bobcats Committee