



Rushmoor Royals L1 Spring National Qualifier Open Meet 22nd, 28th & 29th March 2020, 1SE200609 & 1SE200610

Meet Rules and Promoter's Conditions

- Venue:** Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre
The pool length is 50 metres, 8 lanes with anti-turbulence lane dividers and Omega electronic timing. The minimum pool depth is 2 metres. A secondary strobe light is available for a lane where a deaf swimmer (S15) is starting.
- Affiliations:** Rushmoor Royals SC is affiliated to Swim England South East Region and the meet will be held under Swim England Laws and Swim England Technical Rules. The competition will operate under the 'One Start Rule', and in the interests of time, 'Over the top' starts may operate at the discretion of the referee.
The meet is licensed at level 1 being held on 22nd, 28th & 29th March 2020 under licence numbers 1SE200609 & 1SE200610.
- Age Groups:** **The age groups are: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17/over.**
Swimmers must be a minimum of 10-years of age at 31st December 2020.

Entries: Selection of swimmers will be based on their submitted entry time for each event. The submitted entry time shall be based on a 50m pool; all short course times to be converted by the use of the Swim England conversion program. The entry time must be faster than the **qualifying time** as defined in the attached table. Entry times **MUST** have been obtained at a licensed meet (level 1-4) since **1st March 2019** and be published in the Swim England rankings (or the equivalent for overseas entrants).

Overseas competitors must provide documentary evidence of their entry times, which must be from a Meet with electronic timings. This evidence must be provided to the Meet Administrator before the Meet closing date.

All entries (whether Club bulk entries or individual entries) must be submitted via the on-line system with payment by the closing date of 26th February 2020.

Entries may be restricted in order to keep the session times within appropriate timescales. The acceptance of competitors will be based on fastest times submitted by age group, girls and boys.

If the meet is under-subscribed we may extend the closing date and/or accept time trials.

Time Trials: At the Promoters discretion we may accept time trials prior to the Meet or on the day. If the meet is under-subscribed we may extend the closing date and/or accept time trials.

Clubs will be provided with a list of swimmers whose entries are accepted as soon as possible after the closing date by email. Accepted entries will also be posted on the website.

Entry Fees: Entry fees are £12.50 for the 1500m and 800m distance events. £8.50 for each of the other events. Payments to be made on-line in accordance with the instructions on our website by the closing date.
Time trials will be charged at £1 more than the original race entry fee to cover administration costs.

Refunds will only be given in the following circumstances:

- Where it has been necessary to restrict entries
- Any swimmer withdrawing prior to the closing date will receive a full refund.
- After the closing date and up to the day before the gala, refunds can only be provided on receipt of proof of injury/ medical condition through a doctor's certificate (or equivalent).
- Due to any exceptional circumstance that is deemed appropriate by the Promoter.

No refunds will be given for incorrect entries and the Promoter's decision is final.

Poolside Passes: Coaches/Team Managers will not be allowed on poolside without a pass. Poolside coaches/team managers need to be Swim England registered and hold a valid DBS check. Coaches Passes may be applied for at a cost of £5 for the distance session; £25 per day (28/29 March) or £40 per weekend (28th & 29th). A Coach's Pass includes admission to poolside, refreshments, and food between the sessions.
Chaperone passes are available to attendants of disabled swimmers for access to the changing rooms.

If parents of swimmers attending the Meet as individuals (not with a Club) wish to be poolside they must pay for a pass as above. Parents & chaperones must have a valid Swim England registration number. Please note that heat sheets will only be provided for those displaying poolside passes.

Events: Each event will be seeded and the final heat will be spearheaded. Events will incorporate all age groups and age group winners will be **on HDW (heat declared winner) basis for all events.**

Time trials may be available to swimmers at the promoter's discretion, seeded in the first heats.

The 800m Freestyle & 1500m Freestyle events will be swum as mixed events with girls and boys swimming together.

A warm up session will be available before the start of each session.

A sign-in system will operate. Swimmers must sign in for the events 15 mins before the relevant warm-up. Swimmers, who do not sign-in on time, will not be accepted for that event. If you know in advance that you won't be swimming, please notify us so that your place can be offered to another swimmer.

Awards will be given to the first three swimmers in each event in each combined age group (as in Age Groups above). No medals, in addition to age-group medals, will be issued to multi-classification swimmers.

Awards can be collected from the Medal Table during the course of the meet; they will not be sent on.

Officials & Helpers:

The Swim England and their Open Meet Licensing Boards do not look favourably on any Open Meet that cannot provide the appropriate number of licensed and qualified officials to ensure the competition meets the license requirements. The ultimate sanction could be that the meet would be downgraded to a lower license level and the times recorded by swimmers would not be allowed into 'rankings' as at that date/level.

For this reason, we request that each club provides as many Licensed Officials as possible, to cover ALL sessions fully (NB the 1500m & 800m Freestyle events constitute 1 session). Clearly, if "visiting clubs" cannot assist with the provision of licensed officials or appropriately qualified Judge Level 1 candidates, then the club cannot guarantee the license level required by the Swim England SER Licensing Board.

Volunteer helpers from all Clubs are also welcomed.

RRSC strive to provide a professionally run Meets and rely on the valuable contribution of officials and volunteers who give their time to support us: if you have a child swimming, please offer to help.

Spectators: Admission for spectators will be £3 for the 1500/800m session (March 22nd); £5 per session or £8 per day (28th/29th March).

Programmes will be available to download from our website before the meet: paper copies will not be provided.

Data Protection

Entries may be held on a computer solely for the purpose of this competition and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018 and in line with GDPR 2018, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry.

By submitting an entry, entrants are accepting that their photographs may be taken and used to promote the sport and the club, and/or made available for download and purchase. All photography will conform to the Swim England photography and photographing swimmers policy. Individual parents of swimmers under 18 years of age on the day of competition have the right to withhold consent, by advising the meet promoter by email (promoter@rrsc.co.uk) prior to the event.

Rushmoor Royals SC adheres to the Swim England **Child Protection Policy Recommendations and Aspire Garrison Pool Procedures**. Any person wishing to engage in any type of photography (Video, Zoom, Close Range Photography, or using a mobile phone camera) should register their details with staff at the spectator entry desk before carrying out any such photography (as per Aspire Garrison requirements).

Safety:

Everyone attending the event must familiarise themselves with the location of the emergency exits, which must be kept clear at all times. Everyone is asked to observe all normal precautions in the pool area and when moving around the Sports Centre. Swimmers must not get out of the pool (after their race) until authorised to do so by a referee. For Health and Safety reasons during the race sessions, swimmers must not walk through the area demarcated by barriers for the referees or up the steps by the computer desk. Swimmers must not leave poolside unless they are wearing clothes and shoes having dried themselves.

In each case, the referee, the promoter and the pool management have complete discretion to make any decisions over health and safety matters which may arise on the day.

Security:

Persons are requested not to leave their belongings unattended and to ensure valuables are placed in a locked locker or kept with someone for safekeeping. Lockers are available between the changing rooms and pool, and should be used to minimise poolside clutter. We request that big bags are left in the lockers leaving just small bags for poolside.

RRSC and/or Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre management will NOT be held responsible for loss of personal property. Any property left behind from this Meet, must be collected within 2-weeks of the final event, or it will be disposed of.

The changing rooms and other facilities are open to other users of the Garrison Sports Centre.

Any matter not covered by these conditions or by Swim England laws or technical rules will be at the Promoter's discretion. The Promoter may amend the schedule of events to ensure the smooth running of the meet.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO MOVE THE SESSION TIMES TO LATER THAN PUBLISHED IF INSUFFICIENT ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED.