



Portsmouth Northsea 1st Chance County Qualifier
Short Course Level 3 Meet
Friday 14th/Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th October 2022
License number: 3SE222046

Promoters Conditions

- 1) The competition is an open and will be swum under Swim England Laws and Swim England Technical Rules. The promoter is Portsmouth Northsea Swimming Club.
- 2) Venue: The Mountbatten Centre, Alexandra Park, Portsmouth PO2 9QA
- 3) Pool: 8 Lane 25 metre pool, with electronic timing and anti-turbulence lane ropes. Electronic timing will be in use. Swimmers must not leave the pool by climbing over the time pads. At the referees discretion we reserve the right to use over the top starts
- 4) A secondary strobe light will be available at this meet.
- 5) The competition will be open to age groups 9,10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16+. Ages will be **at midnight Sunday 16th October 2022.**
- 6) **Qualifying Standards:** Upper qualifying times only will apply. All swimmers who are slower or have no times are eligible to enter. The promoters reserve the right to exclude any swimmer from an event if it is found they have a faster time on Rankings, **since 1st September 2021.** If space is available time trials may be accepted at the promoter's discretion.
- 7) This is a **first come, first served meet.** The promoter reserves the right to limit entries if the meet is over subscribed. Rejections will be made when the volume of entries exceeds the time allowed under Swim England rules for competitive meets or the pool booking times and in line with the following criteria:
 - a. Reducing the number of heats to comply with session timing using the first come first serve criteria
- 8) Portsmouth Northsea SC reserves the right to close the meet or individual events within the meet earlier than the specified closing date. In the event that the meet is oversubscribed, a reserve list will be operated at the meet in order to insulate against the effect of late withdrawals and to maximise opportunities for swimmers to participate. Swimmers whose entries are initially rejected will be invited to apply for inclusion on the reserve list. The period for application will close 5 days after publication of the initial list of accepted and rejected entries. The reserve list will be seeded based on a first come first served basis. If swims become available before warm-up for each session of the meet, they will be offered to those highest on the reserve list. Swims for those accepted reserve applicants can not be guaranteed. Entries from reserves that do not swim at the Meet will be refunded after the Meet.
- 9) **Entries** should preferably be made electronically by downloading the Hy-Tek file which will be made available from the PNSC website – <https://uk.teamunify.com/team/pnsc/page/home> or can be requested from meets@pnsc.org.uk . The completed files, along with completed entry summaries, report and fee entry and any other queries should be emailed to meets@pnsc.org.uk. Late entries may

be considered if the meet is not full. Clubs are requested to pay electronically once the invoices have been sent. Paperwork must be emailed to meets@pns.org.uk. Individual paper entries must be emailed and payment sent electronically once the invoice has been sent. Please be aware that Hytek entry files will be given priority and entered 1st.

Open Date for Entries: 1800 hours Friday 16th September 2022.

Closing Date: 1800 hours Friday 30th September 2022.

- 10) **Entry Fee: The entry fee is £7 for all 50s, 100s & 200s , £9 for all 400s and £12 for 800s and 1500s.**
Individual entries will be charged an administration fee of £10 per swimmer.
- 11) The submission of entries, either electronically or via entry form indicates acceptance of the Meet Conditions.
- 12) **Data Protection:** Entries will be held on a computer solely for the purposes of this competition. Consent, as required by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. This data will be held at least 1 year. Data and results will be shared with the British swimming for rankings and the competitors own swimming clubs. Results will be posted at the pool & on the website.
- 13) Once accepted entries have been posted on the PNSC website, it will be the responsibility of the club/Individual representative to check entries, inform all swimmers of their entries and notify the meet secretary immediately of any errors. Once entry times have been accepted no changes will be made unless with agreement of the meet secretary.
- 14) This meet will operate without entry cards. Withdrawals can be made up until 1800 via email sent to meets@pns.org.uk on Thursday 14th October 2022. After this time withdrawals must be made on the official withdrawal forms using a Q code which can be found in posters around poolside and in the technical office. Coaches **must** submit withdrawal forms electronically for any swimmers not competing to the meet computer room 40 minutes before the start of each session. This notification will help to minimize heats with empty lanes. PNSC reserve the right to implement a fine of £5 per event if withdrawals are not reported. There will be no refund of entry fees to swimmers who withdraw from event, unless the withdrawal is for medical reasons and a doctor's note is supplied. Refunds will be made where a swimmer is rejected from the meet due to it being over-subscribed.
- 15) Competitors must report to the Competitor Stewards when they are called. Any competitor not reporting in time **may** be excluded. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to report to the stewarding area in sufficient time for each event. Portsmouth SC cannot be held responsible for any swimmer missing the start of their particular heat.
- 16) Coach's packs are available for £30 for the weekend. They include start sheets, lunch and refreshments. If a club has 10 or more swimmers entered, it is recommended that there is one pass per 10 swimmers.
- 17) Only swimmers and coaches with passes will be allowed on poolside. Swimmers and coaches will need to sign in. Poolside coaches need to be registered with Swim England (or equivalent national swimming organization) and hold a valid DBS check and safeguarding course. If parents of swimmers attending the meet as individuals (not with a club) wish to be poolside they must pay for a coach's pass of £30 for the weekend or £10 for an individual day. They must also have a valid Swim England membership number and valid DBS.
- 18) Chaperone passes are available if swimmers require assistance in the changing rooms and will allow access to the spectator area. The cost is £5 per day and the chaperone has to have Swim England

membership (or equivalent national swimming organization) & valid DBS. If a swimmer requires additional assistance on poolside please contact the meet organizers in advance

- 19) Awards will be made to the top 3 in each event on a heat declared basis. Medals can be collected from the medal table. Heat results will not be announced but results of each event and details of winners will be posted around the pool and on Meetmobile as soon as they are available.
- 20) Portsmouth Northsea SC Open Meet Management Staff and BH Live reserve the right to remove any person from the facility, whose behaviour is either against the pool rules or the efficient running of the meet. This applies to use of the pool, the changing rooms, toilets, reception, cafe and other areas of the facility. Coaches, Team Managers and chaperones are responsible for their swimmers at all times.
- 21) 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. Portsmouth Northsea SC Open Meet Management Staff and/or BH Live will not be held responsible for loss of personal property. Any property left behind from this Meet must be collected within one week, uncollected items will be disposed after this period.
- 22) All meet participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at the Mountbatten Centre and must have footwear when leaving the poolside. Everyone attending the event must familiarise themselves with the location of the emergency exits, which must be kept clear at all times. Swimmers must be fully clothed on the balcony. Due to limited spectator seating we kindly request that seats are used for spectators only.
- 23) Due to limited space poolside we kindly request that swimmers only bring small bags poolside and use the lockers provided and that no land training equipment (such as medicine balls, skipping ropes, mats, etc) is used on poolside during racing as this is a distraction to officials and a potential hazard. Chairs should only be brought on poolside for coaches' use only but they must be located in areas where they don't interfere with officials.
- 24) There will be a charge to enter the building past the reception area. Programs will only be available through MeetMobile.
- 25) All clubs submitting entries are requested to assist in the running of the meet by supplying details of any licensed or trainee officials who are willing to assist at this gala. Any meet that does not have the number of officials required by the licensing board run the risk of it being downgraded. Name and contact details for officials should be completed by the person responsible for submitting the entries and forwarded to officials@pnsc.org.uk.
- 26) Warm Up: Swimmers and coaches must ensure that they take no action that would endanger themselves or others. Sprint lanes will be announced. A warm down facility will be provided for swimmers to use directly after their event for a limited time only. This facility will be withdrawn if it is abused so coaches' co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.
- 27) Any point not covered in these rules is at the discretion of the organizers. In extenuating circumstances and due to situations out of the clubs control during the competition the promoter reserves the right to make changes to the running of the meet.