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**Fareham Nomads Valentine Meet 11th and 12th February 2023**

**Promoters Conditions**

This competition is promoted by Fareham Nomads Swimming Clubs, which is affiliated to South East Region Swim England, and is held under the Swim England laws and Swim England Technical Rules of Racing.

## Entries

Acceptance of Entries: This is a licensed level 3 competition (xxxxxxx). Upper limit qualifying times apply and swimmers must not enter the individual event if their time is already faster than that stated in the Qualifying Times. All times submitted must be short course. Long course times can be converted using Swim England Performance Tables. Ages are as at February 12th 2023.

The promoters reserve the right to exclude any swimmer from an event if it is found they have a faster time on the Swim England Rankings that is outside the upper limit qualifying time for that event.

All swimmers must be aged 9 years or over on 12th February 2023 and registered with Swim England as competitive swimmers with Club Compete Membership. It is the swimmer's responsibility to ensure his/her eligibility for each event. **Entries will be accepted on a ‘first come, first served’ basis.** Please note, however, that some events and sessions may become fully subscribed sooner than others. Acceptance into all events applied for cannot therefore be guaranteed**.** If space permits time trials may be accepted at the discretion of the promoter.

A secondary strobe light will not be available at this meet.

The entry cost is £7 per event. **If individual paper entries are submitted, a £5 levy is charged per event as an administration charge.**

Electronic entry files are the preferred method of entry for this meet. Electronic entry files and instructions will be distributed on request. If you do not receive electronic entry files, please contact openmeets@farehamnomads.co.uk. Alternatively Individual Entry Forms may be submitted electronically. All entries must be submitted with a completed Club Entry Summary Form and a printout paper copy of the entries report.

Coach’s packs are available for £30 for the weekend (or £15 if only attending 1 day). They include a program, 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.

**Entries will open on 3rd December at 12pm**. All entries, whether electronic or paper, must be received **before midnight on the closing date 7th January 2023**. Payment by bank transfer or cheque (payable to FNSC) and copy of the completed Club Entry Summary Form must be posted to Stephanie Davies, 2 Heather Gardens, Fareham, PO15 6JB. If paying by cheque, one cheque is required to cover all club entries and it must be received by 14th January 2023.

Swimmers will be distributed in heats from the submitted entry times. Improved times will not be accepted after the entries have closed. All events will be swum on a heat declared winner (HDW) basis. All heats will be spearheaded. All starts will be at the deep end of the 25m pool.

Confirmation of entries shall be sent electronically to each club at the email address provided on the team summary form. Team managers will be given a document to record withdrawals on the day of the meet. **Withdrawals must be made by 12pm on the 10th February.** All clubs submitting entries are requested to assist in the running of the meet by supplying details of any licensed officials who are willing to assist at this Gala

## Awards

Medals will be presented to the top 3 competitors in each individual event for each age group. These can be collected from the announcer’s desk.   
Masters events will be award to the top 3 Male and top 3 Female swimmers for each event and not split into age groups

**During the Meet**

Competitors must report to the Competitor Stewards when they are called. Any competitor not reporting in time may be excluded. Only swimmers, coaches, Team managers and Helpers with passes will be allowed on poolside. Poolside coaches need to be registered with Swim England (or equivalent national swimming organization) and hold a valid DBS check. 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 (0r £15 if attending for only 1 day). They must also have a valid Swim England membership number.

## Rules for the Skins Competition

1. There will be two age groups (Ages as at 12th February 2023):

Junior – 13 yrs and under

Senior – 14 yrs and over

1. For each age group the eight fastest swimmers in the 200 metres individual medley will be invited to take part (including Time Trials if they have been permitted). Reserves will be selected, and swimmers will be advised when the 200IM results are available. In order to ensure that all lanes are occupied please indicate within 30 minutes of the skins competitors being announced of your intention to take part.

1. There will be seven rounds, each round will comprise of a 50 metre race. Swimmers will be spearheaded for the first round in accordance with the times achieved in the 200m I.M. the first six rounds will be swum in the same lane, the final round the swimmers will be moved into lanes 4 and 5..

1. The stroke to be swum will be determined by drawing a coloured ball from a bag prior to the start of each round. The stroke drawn will be announced as soon as it is drawn and again immediately following the whistle, prior to each round. There will be seven balls in the bag 2 x Fly, 2 x Breaststroke, 2 x Backstroke and 1 x Freestyle. Once a ball has been drawn out it will not be replaced.

1. The stroke selected must be swum in accordance with the Swim England Racing Technical rules.

* 1. The starting sequence in the first round will be in accordance with the Swim England Racing Technical Rules. The starting signal of each subsequent round will be given exactly 3 minutes after the start of the previous one.

* 1. In the second and subsequent rounds there will be no preparatory command "Take your Marks." This will be replaced by a whistle blast 10 seconds before the starting signal, which will be given by the klaxon. In the event of a failure of the starting signal this will be replaced with a shout of “Go” from the starter.

1. Any swimmer starting before the starting signal will be disqualified unless they return to the end of the pool and start normally.

1. The AOE (electronic timing) will be used to determine the finishing order; the slowest swimmer will be eliminated in each round. In the event of a failure of the AOE then manual placing’s will be used. In the event that one or more swimmers have been disqualified for an early start or other infringement of the ASA Racing Technical Rules then the slowest swimmer will not be eliminated.

1. In the event that two or more swimmers are eliminated then the subsequent rounds shall continue without elimination until the appropriate round. For example if two swimmers are disqualified for a false start in round one, no swimmers will be eliminated in round 2. One swimmer will be eliminated in round 3 as normal.

1. In the event of a tie for last place, both swimmers will continue into the next round. In this event two swimmers will be eliminated from the next round.

In the event of a tie in the final there will be a further round, the stroke being determined in accordance with rule 4 - the starting sequence to be accordance with rule 6.2.

1. It is the individual swimmer's responsibility to be in their starting position at the start of each round. The starting signal will not be delayed in the event that a swimmer is missing, or has suffered some other "gear" failure.

1. Any swimmer receiving countdown assistance prior to the start will be disqualified.
2. The winner will be the swimmer who is placed first in the final round. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st place - £15, 2nd place - £10, 3rd place £5

The winner of each individual round will get £5

In the event of a tie the prize money will be equally split.

The balls drawn from the bag will represent the following strokes:

White: Freestyle

Yellow: Backstroke

Orange: Breaststroke

Blue: Butterfly

The decision of the referee on all aspects of the gala is final. Matters other than those under the control of the referee, not covered by these conditions, shall be decided upon and resolved by the promoters. By submitting an entry, participants have deemed to agree to such decisions.