

## **Club Championships 26-28 November 2021**

**Venue** Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre, Beetons Way, IP33 3TT

**Car Parking** Olding Road Car Park, IP33 3TA (entrance just off ASDA roundabout but the steps at far end bring you out opposite the front of the Leisure Centre)

Please Note: the West Suffolk College Car Park is not available

**As a precautionary safety measure, all swimmers, spectators, volunteers, officials and team personnel are strongly advised to complete a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) before arriving at the venue. They should remain at home if the test is positive. If a family member has covid, please don't attend unless you have a negative PCR test.**

**No person should attend the meet if they are feeling in any way unwell.**

### **Swimmer entry**

Swimmers should arrive '**swim ready**' where possible but changing rooms are available if required by anyone travelling a long distance. On Friday, entry to the pool area will be from 5.15pm via the main sports centre entrance. If you arrive earlier please wait outside the leisure centre. All swimmers will be seated and marshalled in the pool area on Friday evening. Swimmers have access to the sports hall from 12.00pm on Saturday and 8.15am on Sunday via the fire door. Please do not arrive at the venue excessively early. Swimmers should wait in the sports hall throughout the competition and can bring a chair to sit on if they wish. Marshalling will be in the sports hall on Saturday and Sunday. Everyone will be expected to wear a **face mask** whilst in communal areas unless medically exempt. Swimmers will need to wear a mask whilst marshalling for races. We suggest swimmers bring spare masks in case they get wet. Swimmers are allowed to eat in the sports hall but we would request that they please use the rubbish bags provided. Swimmers must bring and wear appropriate **indoor footwear**, the floor can become extremely slippery when wet and we would like to avoid any unnecessary accidents. It may be cold so we also advise swimmers to have **warm clothing to wear between races**. Please ensure that each swimmer has a see-through **plastic bag** in which to store any clothes and shoes they bring onto poolside while they are racing. Boxes that we have used in the past will not be available. Swimmers should leave the venue when their racing is done for the day. Swimmers may use the changing rooms before going home.

### **Spectators**

We will be allowing spectators but request that **only 1 spectator per family** attends so that the seating area doesn't become crowded. We will be **live streaming** the event so that any family and friends unable to attend can watch. Please consider watching via the live stream in preference to coming to the venue.

As a precaution, we will be insisting that everyone at the meet, including swimmers, spectators and volunteers, wear masks inside the facility, except when they are swimming or where they are medically exempt. All spectators will be expected to **stay seated** while they are in the seating area. Please **do not stand near the poolside barriers** as the officials are working close to that area and we want to keep them safe. As much as we all want to cheer on our swimmers please refrain from shouting. Lots of clapping is definitely encouraged though 😊

On Friday, spectators and swimmers will be seated together in the seating area of the pool. On Saturday and Sunday the seating in the pool hall will be for spectators only. **On Saturday and Sunday entry to the pool hall for spectators will be via the fire exit** (not the main sports centre entrance). On Saturday and Sunday spectators are asked not to use the door into the corridor towards the sports hall as we will be using this corridor to allow the swimmers to move between the sports hall and pool area. If spectators need to leave the pool area we ask that they use the fire exit.

**In order to assist with the government track and trace system we ask that all spectators log their visit by using Abbeycroft's QR code which is displayed on the walls in the venue.**

**Spectator entry fee** £1 for Friday evening; £1 for Saturday; £2 for Sunday.

### **Withdrawals**

Withdrawals should be notified to [meets@westsuffolkswimming.co.uk](mailto:meets@westsuffolkswimming.co.uk) before Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. The start lists for the weekend's races will then be created and published on [www.westsuffolkswimming.co.uk](http://www.westsuffolkswimming.co.uk). Heats will be swum with empty lanes if swimmers don't attend.

### **Results**

A full set of results will be available on our website [www.westsuffolkswimming.co.uk](http://www.westsuffolkswimming.co.uk) as soon as possible. Live results will be on the Meet Mobile app throughout the weekend.

### **Live Streaming**

Links to the live stream will be available on [www.westsuffolkswimming.co.uk](http://www.westsuffolkswimming.co.uk)

### **Club Shop & Second Hand Sale**

If you have any unwanted swimming kit that is in a good enough condition to be reused, please bring it along. Things like swimsuits and fins are always in demand for growing swimmers. All proceeds will go back to the club. Some WSSC branded items will also be available to buy.

### **Swimmer's Swimmer Award**

2021 will see the return of the "**swimmer's swimmer**" award. Each swimmer will be allowed one vote each from a shortlist of nominees provided by the coaches. Slips will be available on the club shop desk. Please return completed votes to the club shop desk.

**We hope that all swimmers have an enjoyable meet!**