The Neate Meet 2018

Rules and Conditions

1. The competition will take place at Abbeycroft Leisure: Bury St Edmunds Leisure centre on Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th October 2018 and is licensed by the ASA at level 3 under license number 3ER180724. The meet will be run in accordance with ASA Laws and Technical Rules, Licensing criteria and the rules and conditions of this competition.

2. Age groups are 9,10,11,12,13,14,15 and over. (Note that age restrictions apply to some events). Awards will be made for the three top placed swimmers in each age group. All events will be Heat Declared Winners (HDW). Ages are as at 7th October 2018. An award will be made for top visiting club and to the highest scoring boy & girl using Hytek cumulative points system. The Don Neate Trophy will be awarded to the overall highest scoring swimmer at the gala.

3. The pool is 25m and 6 lanes with anti-turbulence lane ropes and use of electronic timing. The depth of the pool at the shallow end is 0.9 m. diving at this end of the pool is not permitted.

4. Entrants must be ASA Category 2 registered, belong to an affiliated club and enter in the name of one club only.

5. A swimmer must have a valid entry time for each event and upper time limits are used. Qualification times must have been achieved within the previous 12 months, although conversion times to 25m can be used.

6. The promoter reserves the right to limit entries and the number of heats in any event to maintain a balanced programme. In the event that entries are rejected, fees will be refunded by a single cheque or bacs payment to the club in question.

7. In the event the gala is undersubscribed at the closing date, the promoter will continue to accept entries up until the competition starts.

8. Those swimmers in possession of an ASA certificate of swimming disability or those swimmers whose ASA membership details record a disability sport class are welcome to enter the competition and should notify the promoter.

9. Electronic entry is preferred and an entry file set will be available for download from the website. Entry forms and payment must have been received by the closing date of **17th September 2018**. They should be fully and correctly completed or the promoter reserves the right to reject the entry.

10. Refunds will only be made for swims if there is a valid medical reason for withdrawal, up to one week before the gala. The promoter's decision is final.

11. The entry fee will be £4.50 per event. Cheques should be made payable to "West Suffolk Swimming Club". Electronic entry is preferred and an entry file set will be available to download from the website. Clubs should complete the club summary form, information on paying by bank transfer is included on the form.

12. Lists of accepted /rejected entries will be posted on the website (www.westsuffolkswimming.co.uk) as soon as possible after the closing date and emailed to club representative if required. It is requested that any errors are notified to the promotor prior to the meet.

13. All swimmers will be expected to register upon arrival where their swims will be checked individually by WSSC staff. Competitors who have not registered by the designated time, will not be accepted for that session's events.

14. Every swimmer should have a named coach/ appropriately approved adult to be responsible for ensuring that swimmers are present for their swims during the day, or to submit a withdrawal slip at the start of each session. Failure to complete a withdrawal slip may result in a charge being levied. Competitors should report to the stewards no later than two events prior to the start of their event or 10 minutes before the start of the first event of any session.

15. Coach passes will be available for purchase. Details will be available on the club summary form. Coach passes cannot be purchased upon the day of the meet. Offers to officiate or request mentoring should be directed to officials@westsuffolkswimming.co.uk

16. A charge will be made for spectators and programs with details available as soon as possible after the closing date. Please note, spectator seating is limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis.

17. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operations at Abbeycroft Leisure: Bury St Edmunds Leisure centre. For health and safety reasons, large rucksacks and bags must be kept in the hall although lockers are available for use in the changing rooms for a small refundable deposit. Swimmers and spectators are reminded that property should not be left unattended at any time. Neither the promoter nor west Suffolk swimming club will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet.

18. We ask all swimmers and spectators wishing to take photographs and videos to ensure that they are aware of the ASA guidelines and respect them. A copy of the guidelines are available to view at http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/safeguarding-children/ (Wavepower p76-77). In particular we draw your attention to the need to seek the permission of a parent or guardian of any child contained in an image BEFORE posting it on social media. Please note that, other than the official photographer, devices such as cameras, phones and tablets are not allowed to be used inside the barriers on poolside for safety reasons.

19. No cameras, video or digital capturing devices (including mobile phones) may be used in the changing area. This policy will be enforced and any person found to be contravening this policy will be asked to leave the gala without refund.

20. Results will be posted on the website (www.westsuffolkswimming.co.uk) as soon as possible after the event and emailed to those nominated club representatives upon request. Results will also be sent electronically to the ASA in accordance with the license requirements.

21. Any matter not covered by these conditions will be determined by the promoter and Referee, subject to ASA Laws, Regulations and the ASA Technical Rules of Racing.

22. Entries to the meet will be held on a computer and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 1998 to the holding of personal information on computer, will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Personal data will be available for inspection during the Meet on the application to the Promoter.

23. The Promoter is Andrea O'Connor, 14 Whitby Road, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 2EU, enquiries via email: meets@westsuffolkswimming.co.uk