



# Stevenage Swimming Club Invitational Development Meet 2020

Licence No 4ER200471

**Saturday 7th March 2020**

Stevenage Swimming Centre (St Georges Way, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 1XY)

**Pool opens to swimmers at 5.15pm**

**Warm up 5.30 pm**

**First event 6.15 pm**

## **Development Aims of the Meet**

The intention for holding this meet is to provide an opportunity for local clubs, including the host club, for competitive racing for swimmers just below county qualification level. The aim is to encourage the development of these swimmers through competition with others swimmers of a similar level of ability. To maintain the development aims of the event, the following qualification criteria will be utilised;

Swimmers having achieved a full Qualification time for the Hertfordshire County Championships 2020 OR competed in the County Championships with a 'Consideration Time' in an event in this meet, will not be eligible to compete in that event. (E.g. A swimmer that had achieved a full Qualifying time or competed in 50m breaststroke would not be eligible to compete in the breaststroke event). A swimmer that had achieved a 'Consideration Time' in an event but did not compete at the County Championships MAY swim in the event.

In addition to providing a development event for swimmers, it is also proposed that the event will provide a development forum for the training of officials. Endeavours will be made to afford the best possible opportunity for the development of officials for both the hosting and invited clubs which it is proposed will include structured training opportunities for entry level officials. Stevenage Swimming Club hope to encourage as many qualified officials, officials in training and would be officials as possible from attending clubs to come to the event. The intent would be to maximise the potential for mentoring of officials in training during the event.

It is intended that the structured training will comprise a Time Keepers course to be held on the afternoon of Saturday 7th March, immediately before the event, in the Stevenage Swimming Pool meeting room. Further details of the proposed training opportunities and information on how to register to attend will be provided to the invited clubs in due course.



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## Meet Information

### Pool

- 6 lane 25M level deck pool
- Anti - Turbulence lane ropes

### Event

- Age groups as; 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14. Age as at 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019
- Awards will be made to the top 3 swimmers in each age group for each individual event. All results will be decided on a heat declared basis.
- Entry is open to members of Stevenage Swimming Club and up to seven other Hertfordshire ASA affiliated clubs from the Hertfordshire area by invitation only. Invited clubs should confirm acceptance of the invitation to take part by 21st December 2019 at the latest. Entry fee is £4 per event.
- Clubs entering more than 5 swimmers should do so using Hytek Team Manager or Team Manager Lite. An entry form will be made available to invited clubs.
- Once the number of clubs accepting invitations is known, the Promoter will decide upon the maximum number individual race entries per club. Closing date for entries will be Monday 10th February 2020. In the event that there is remaining space in the gala for further entries after the closing date, the promoter reserves the right to accept further entries from invited clubs only.
- Clubs submitting an entry should make payment by bank transfer or with one cheque, not individual cheques. Remittances should be made payable to Stevenage Swimming Club.
- The meet will run without competitor's cards; however any withdrawals should be reported by email to [galaentries@stevenageswimclub.org.uk](mailto:galaentries@stevenageswimclub.org.uk) prior to the event or on the day before warm up by using the withdrawals form.
- Spectator admission will be £5 per person (under 16's free) Programmes will be available online.
- Vending machines are available on site with refreshments.
- Hot drinks or glass containers of any kind are not permitted on poolside.
- Parking is limited and you will not be able to park on the grass verge outside the complex; alternative parking is within 5 minutes walk of the swimming centre.



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## Programme

The meet will take place at Stevenage Swimming Centre on Saturday 7th March 2020. Pool opens to swimmers at 5.15pm, warm up at 5.30pm and first race at 6.15pm. The Meet will be held in one session the length of which will be determined on the amount of entries received but is expected to last no longer than 3 hours.

A controlled warm up system will be operated. Warm up will commence at 17.30. Warm up will be divided into separate sessions for girls and boys with 20 minutes each.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS	
1	Girls all ages 100m Individual Medley
2	Boys all ages 100m Individual Medley
3	Girls all ages 50m Breaststroke
4	Boys all ages 50m Breaststroke
5	Girls all ages 50m Backstroke
6	Boys all ages 50m Backstroke
7	Girls all ages 100m Freestyle
8	Boys all ages 100m Freestyle
9	Girls all ages 50m Butterfly
10	Boys all ages 50m Butterfly
11	Girls all ages 50m Freestyle
12	Boys all ages 50m Freestyle



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## Conditions

1. The Promoter; Chris Mann, Club Treasurer, Stevenage Swimming Club
2. The competition will be held under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules.
3. A level 4 license has been applied for to the ASA
4. Competitors must comply with the Conditions set out below.
5. Swimmers must be a category 1 or 2 ASA Registered member of an invited club in order to compete.
6. Swimmers having achieved a 'Qualification Time' for the Hertfordshire County Championships 2020 OR competed in the Championships with a 'Consideration Time' in a corresponding event at this meet, will not be eligible to compete in that event. (E.g. A swimmer that had achieved a qualifying time in 50m Breaststroke would not be eligible to compete in the breaststroke event) A swimmer that had achieved a 'Consideration Time' in an event but did not compete at the Championship MAY enter the corresponding event.
7. This competition is open to swimmers with disabilities. ASA disabled swimmers are invited to swim and should provide their classification. Ages shall be taken as at 7th March 2020.
8. Invited clubs should confirm acceptance of the invitation to take part by 21st December 2019 at the latest. Once the number of invited clubs accepting the invitation is known the Promoter will set a limit on the individual entries available to each visiting club. The Hosting club reserves the right to reject entries after the initial invitation acceptance date, if events are over-subscribed. Rejections will be on an event by event basis where clubs have exceeded the maximum individual entry limit to ensure that the session does not over run its allotted time.
9. The closing date for entries from Clubs accepting the invitation to take part will be Monday 10th February 2020. The Promoter reserves the right to accept entries from invited clubs after the closing date in order to ensure the meet is full. These will be accepted on a first come first served basis from invited Clubs and only where there is room in the relevant event.
10. Competitors will be listed on the programme in graduated time order, slowest first. Swimmers who do not submit an entry time for an event will be accepted but will be seeded slowest in the early heats of the event.
11. All events will be run as timed finals. Awards will be given to the top three swimmers in each band age group for all individual events.
12. Warm ups will be divided into two 20 minute sessions. Girls and Boys separately.
13. Only competing swimmers, officials, and accredited coaches/team managers will be allowed on poolside.
14. Coach passes are free, but please advise in advent how many are needed.
15. Only under exceptional circumstances, and only with the permission of the Referee, will a swimmer be allowed to swim out of the pre-determined order.
16. Swimmers must wear suitable clothing and footwear on poolside. Swimmers wearing wet clothing are **NOT** allowed in the spectator seating area.
17. In the event of a false start swimmers must perform a safe, shallow entry dive and NOT fall into the water. The referee reserves the right in the interest of time to operate 'Over the Top Starts' if required.



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18. 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
19. The promoter reserves the right to refuse entry to any person.
20. The promoter cannot accept liability for any losses or damage to property that may occur
21. 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 application to the Promoter.
22. Anyone attending the gala wishing to use camera, video or digital image-capturing devices (including mobile phones and tablet devices) may do so without the need to register their details with the meet organiser.
23. Participants and spectators are requested to follow the ASA guidelines for photography and use of photographs on social media. The ASA Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Wavepower 2016-19 Section 2 provides guidance on the use of social networking (page 72-75) and guidance on photography (page 76-77). <http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/safeguarding-children/>. Both sets of guidance apply if social media platforms are being used to share images or recordings either after the meet or during live streaming of the event. Note that any photography in the changing rooms is absolutely forbidden by both the club and the swimming pool management