

Leicestershire Pathway Mini Meet Series 2017/18

City of Leicester Swimming Club

Introduction to the Mini Meet Series

The Mini Meet series comprises of three time-trials for 9-11 year olds with a FINA point based award system. Swimmers aged 8 may enter only if aged 9 by the final date of the series. The series will provide swimmers with results based on the FINA points scoring system.

Aims

The aim of the Mini Meets is to provide young swimmers with the ideal environment to gain valuable experience of Open Meets on a small scale and to give the coaches an opportunity to assess their progress. Meet attendance will allow the City of Leicester Coaches to monitor each swimmers progress through the Mini Meet series. Parents will be encouraged to develop skills as trainee officials and helpers in running the series if pool side resources allow. Satellite clubs will be offered the opportunity to send a coach to the meets in order to provide an insight into talent identification and the larger performance pathway in Leicestershire.

Rules

- Closing date Friday 1st December 2017
- Entries will be on a first come first served basis (once the meet is full, any further entries will be rejected) and ages will be calculated as at 10th June 2018
- Open to swimmers registered with Leicestershire ASA affiliated Clubs **ONLY**
- Swimmers are encouraged to enter all rounds and are expected to swim BOTH events.
- The Mini Meets will be held under ASA laws and ASA Technical Rules and is a **CARDLESS** event and will be licenced at Level 3.
- Events will be swum as mixed age groups and swimmers will be seeded by entry time. Subsequent rounds will have entry times updated from the **Mini Meet Series**.
- Swimmers that are part of the Leicestershire Swimming Talent Pathway are excluded from the competition unless identified as part of their development.
- Swimmers of who have qualified for Regional championships the previous or current season are excluded from the competition.

The Mini Meet Programme

Round 1 & 2 will take place at Hinckley Leisure Centre, Round 3 will take place at Braunstone Leisure Centre using Electronic timing with scoreboard display. Each meet will be run card less. Swimmers should arrive at least 15 minutes before the warm up. Start time will be around 30mins after advertised warm up time. Events will be 200m Freestyle and 100m Individual Medley.

Dates for Rounds are:

Round 1: Saturday 16th December 2017, warmup starts at 5.30pm (3EM171676)

Round 2: Saturday 10th March 2018, warm up starts at 5.30pm (3EM180036)

Round 3: Saturday 9th June 2018, warm up starts at 5.30pm (3EM180037)

Awards

Individual

The following awards will be presented at the end of the Round 3 based on best Age Group swimmers: Top 3, boys and girls in each AGE GROUP for 9, 10, & 11 years. Mini Meet Series points scoring system: Points will be awarded based on the Fina points scoring system. The more events/rounds a swimmer compete in the better the chance of scoring high overall points. Total points after both rounds will determine the overall winners in each age-group.

Club

The following club award will be presented at the end of Round 3 based on the best stroke technique. City of Leicester & County coaches will determine the overall winner.

Entries

The entry fee is £20.00 per swimmer, which covers ALL events for both rounds. Spectator entry will be £2.00 per person per round. The following conditions will apply to ALL swimmers' entries:

- (a) All swimmer must be eligible according to ASA Law.
- (b) All swimmers who enter this competition **MUST BE** ASA Registered Members (ASA Category 2) of a Club which is affiliated to the Leicestershire ASA on the **CLOSING DATE** of the competition.
- (c) No entry will be accepted without the swimmer's current ASA registration number and no late entries will be accepted.
- (d) Swimmers who have applied for ASA membership and are awaiting receipt of a registration number may enter the Competitions provided a photocopy of the registration form is submitted by the entry by the Swimmers' club otherwise the entry will not be accepted.
- (e) The minimum age for competition is **9 years of age on 9th June 2018** (refer to ASA Law 410).
- (f) Original entries will be seeded on submitted times, the slowest time swimming first.
- (g) Entries received will be subject to space & time conditions.
- (h) Entry times do not have to be ASA Ranking times but should be verified by the Club's Head Coach. Any entry times and swimmers will be verified against ASA Rankings times achieved from the 9th June 2017 and any

swimmers who have achieved regional championship qualification times (in any event) will not be permitted to enter. All events will be seeded on submitted times.

Results

Results sheets will be displayed during each round on poolside for coaches and swimmers and the balcony for parents then on the City of Leicester Swimming website www.cityofleicesterswimmingclub.co.uk

Officials and Helpers

Each visiting club should provide at least one judge (registered judges or registered J1 trainees) and a timekeeper (must have completed the timekeeper course) for every round. Please provide contact details for your officials' secretary when returning entries. If it will not be possible to meet this request it is essential that this is made clear when returning entries. Alternatively email COLSC Secretary at colscsecretary@gmail.com. Each club must provide one coach and one team manager on poolside.

It is the responsibility of each Club's committee to ensure that their Coach & Team Manager are responsible for their swimmers on the poolside, including behaviour, dress and code of conduct towards other competitors, officials and meet organisers at all times. Clubs are responsible to ensure that:

- (a) any of their swimmers leaving the pool deck are suitably dressed, this extends to all club representatives,
- (b) at each session, the selection of team managers for their swimmers and to ensure that such team managers are DBS certified and are of the same gender(s) of the swimmers competing. LASA's preference is that this person has completed the ASA Team Managers course.
- (c) their Coach and Team Manager will supervise their swimmers during warm up, and any of their swimmers using warm up/down facilities. Clubs are responsible to ensure that their swimmers have reached the standard of the ASA Competitive Start Award.
- (d) their swimmers and chaperones comply with any supplementary facility conditions i.e. no hot drinks, food, or glass containers, of any sort, will be taken onto the pool deck area, or into the cubical/rooms designated for changing in.

Code of Conduct

All Swimmers shall comply with the LASA Code of Conduct. THE LASA Code of Conduct can be found on the LASA Website (www.leicestershireasa.org)

Health Declaration

To ensure that adequate safety procedures and protocols are observed, and the safety and well-being of all Swimmers, all associated medical conditions must be declared and held by the Club, including emergency contact details, any health conditions, known medications and/or intolerances or allergies which the Club should be aware of.

Dress Code

All swimmers must be wearing their Entry Club's approved kit on poolside and their Entry Club's Swimming Hat or suitably unbranded Swimming Hat when competing in these competitions (i.e. non-competing Club's Hats are not acceptable). Swimmers must be suitably dressed when leaving Poolside/Changing Rooms. There is to be no changing on poolside, changing rooms **must** be used to change (including from warmup to competition costumes). Swimmers must be suitably dressed (shoes and clothes) in the Spectator areas (i.e. swimming costumes are not suitable attire for spectator areas). Swimmers and chaperones are advised that in the event of an evacuation of any facility being necessary access to have suitable footwear from the pool deck.

Child Protection Policy & Photography

In line with recommendations in the ASA Child Protection Policy, the Promoter reminds that persons wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography from the spectator areas ensure they meet the ASA Child Protection Policy. The Leisure Centre(s) have their own local regulations on this subject, which may supersede this condition and must be complied with, if in doubt, please ask the Leisure Centre staff before carrying out such photography. Anyone not complying will be asked to leave the spectator gallery. Requests for photography on poolside must be agreed with the Promoter in advance:

- (a) Flash photography at the start of a race is prohibited. Anyone not complying will be asked to leave the spectator gallery.
- (b) LASA reserves the right to take and publish still or video photography during the meet. Any request not to be photographed **MUST** be documented on the swimmer's entry and be received by the Promoter before the Competition commences.

Data Protection

Entries may be held on a computer solely for the purposes of these Competitions and consent, as required by the Data Protection Act 1998, to the holding of personal information on a computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry.

Other

- (a) The electronic scoreboards show **provisional** results only. The final positions and times will be shown on the result sheets, which will be made available during the Competitions and on the website after the event at www.cityofleicesterswimmingclub.co.uk.
- (b) The Promoter cannot be held responsible for the loss of or damage to personal property and the Promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any spectator, coach or swimmer.
- (c) The Hirer's facility conditions including health and safety will supersede where required (e.g. no. of swimmers per lane during warm-up footwear, chairs & food on poolside, emergency evacuation, evacuation procedures, photography, etc). **Note:** there are **no food** on poolside policies at the Leisure Centres.
- (d) Anything not covered by the above will be acted upon at the discretion of the Promoter, errors and omissions excepted.