



## ESSEX AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

**As I have been ask a number of questions surrounding spectators at Block C I will try and answer all of those questions here**

- The 1 spectator per swimmer rule will be strictly enforced –  
**There will not be any exceptions to this**  
**(On the first entry)**
- Any Volunteers at Block C will be counted as the one spectator except for those involved in the ‘whipping area’ as they are unable to watch the event and therefore will be entitled to one spectator
  - Any reserved disabled seats will count as the 1 spectator
- Numbered tickets will be given out when the spectator joins the queue ALL spectators must be present at the time to gain a ticket therefore queue jumping will not be an issue as these tickets will be handed in upon entrance in numerical order-  
*This will also ensure that spectators entrance will not be delayed or take up any more time*
- **Spectators will then be ticked off against their swimmers name**
- ‘Extra spectators will be given a different coloured numbered ticket (that will be handed in upon entrance in numerical order) and then will remain in the queue therefore once again queue jumping will not be an issue
- ALL spectators Must be in the queue at least **15 minutes before** the start of the session as 10 minutes before the session starts the queue will be closed for 1 spectator per swimmer and the doors will then be opened for extra spectators up until we are full it will then be 1 in 1 out
- At the start of the finals the doors will be opened to the remaining queue and Relay Spectators who will all be able to gain entry at a discounted rate (at this time only)

- Spectators for relays will not be counted in the 1 spectator per swimmer and will need to queue in the 'Extra spectator queue all of whom will be allowed entry at the start of the finals  
( If space becomes available these restrictions will be lifted and all will be able to gain entry before this time)

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL RELAYS WILL BE SWUM AT THE  
END OF THE FINALS AND WILL BE HDW**

I really do apologise for having to put these restrictions on spectators but unfortunately my hands are tied and I really must be fair to everyone

My only alternative to this is to close the doors when we are full due to Health and safety, however I strongly believe that every single one of these swimmers is a 'superstar' in their own right and therefore deserves to have someone watch what they have worked so hard to achieve- I know that 1 spectator per swimmer isn't ideal but I cannot have a repeat of block A where some swimmers had 6,7,8 spectators there to watch them as this simply isn't fair to everyone

Unfortunately I cannot guarantee entry for 2 spectators per swimmer as this would put us a long way over our limit however this way all of the Spectators in the first queue will be able to get a seat regardless of the time that they started queueing as long as they are there 15 minutes before the start

I will then do my absolute best to get the rest of the queue in with everyone being permitted entry at the start of the finals without restriction

Work has already started on a way to solve this problem for next year so that everyone can watch their swimmer compete in a more comfortable fashion

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