

## **OPEN MEET RULES AND INFORMATION**

### **GENERAL**

1. This Christmas Cracker level 3 licensed open meet will be held under ASA laws and ASA technical rules and these promoters conditions. The meet will be run as an "age on the day" for swimmers on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014.
2. The competition will be held in an 8 lane, 25m deck level pool with anti-wave lane ropes. The depth of the shallow end is 1.1m. The blocks are 700mm above the water line at the deep end of the pool. Omega electronic timing will be in operation.
3. All events will be heat declared winner.
4. It is the responsibility of all clubs and coaches that swimmers are competent to the standard of the ASA competitive start award, all swimmers must be registered with the ASA.
5. Swimmers MUST not climb out over the timing pads or sit on the lane ropes.
6. Any person wishing to engage in any video or photography must register their details at the entrance to the spectators' area, before carrying out any such photography. This is in line with the ASA child protection policy.
7. ALL clubs entering 10 or more swimmers will be expected to provide at least 1 licensed official to cover all day- **This is a condition of entry**

### **ENTRIES**

8. All entries will be £5.00 per race. Coaches passes are £10.00 for the day, which includes entry to the pool, a programme of events for the whole day and a buffet lunch. Only swimmers and those displaying a coach pass will be permitted on poolside. Maximum of 2 passes up to 20 swimmers.
9. All entries must be received by the closing date of FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis, so clubs and swimmers who get their entries in early will have no rejections subject to them reaching other criteria, see note 12.
10. No late entries will be considered. Entries may be submitted: electronically – SportsSystems files will be posted on our website to be sent to [openmeets@braintreeswimming.org.uk](mailto:openmeets@braintreeswimming.org.uk); manually – complete the entry forms and send them to us via email. Entries submitted in this way will incur an additional £1.00 per swimmer administration charge.
11. Cheques should be made payable to BBSC and sent to us by post with a copy of the entry summary. Please send a single cheque to cover all the entries for your club, upon receipt the entries will be confirmed via email.
12. As soon as possible after the closing date, we shall email the respective clubs a list of the accepted/rejected entries together with the check-in procedure and any other information you will need.

### **AGE GROUPS**

13. Age groups are based on the swimmers age on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The age groups for both boys and girls will consist of 7 individual age groups: 9, 10, 11,12,13,14,15 & over.

### **THE COMPETITION**

14. As this competition will be run as a card less meet all swimmers or their coach must report to the competitor's stewards on entry to the pool and sign in for each session, before the session's warm up commences.
15. Each event will be swum as heat declared winner for each of the above age groups.
16. All events will be spearheaded seeded on submitted times for all heats.
17. The promoter reserves the right, in the interests of time, to operate over the top starts where possible.
18. No added swims or time trials will be available at the meet.

### **AWARDS**

19. Awards will be made to the first 3 swimmers of each age group.

20. Trophies will be awarded to the overall Top Boy and Top Girl. The basis for this will be the points gained in the individual age group events. In the event of a tie we will count back the number of first places, then second places and so on. Points will be awarded as follows 1<sup>st</sup> – 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8points, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6 points, 4<sup>th</sup> – 5points, 5<sup>th</sup> – 4points, 6<sup>th</sup> – 3 points, 7<sup>th</sup> – 2 points and 8<sup>th</sup> 1 –point

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

21. The meet entries will be managed on a computer, BBSC use SPORTSSYSTEMS. Your consent to the holding of personal information for the purposes of the meet is deemed to be given by the submission of your entries.
22. Competitors must report to the marshalling area. It is the swimmers/coaches responsibility that they report to the marshals on time.
23. Results will be available on the BBSC club website as soon as possible after the meet.
24. Spectator admission will be £5.00 for the day, concessions £3.00 per day.
25. The Gogglebox swimwear shop should be available on the day.
26. The promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any spectator, coach or swimmer.
27. Any issues not covered by the above will be subject to the discretion of the promoters who also reserve the right to make changes that may be considered necessary for the smooth running and discipline of the event.