L1 Spring Open
23rd and 24th March 2024
Licence Number - 1SE240177

MEET CONDITIONS

VENUE: Surrey Sports Park, Guildford. The pool length is 50m, 8 lanes, and will be equipped with electronic timing with full display, anti-wave lane ropes and backstroke ledges.

AFFILIATION: Guildford City SC is affiliated to Swim England South East Region. The meet will be held under Swim England laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of racing. The meet is licensed at Level 1 under licence no. **TBC** for entry into National, Regional and County Championships.

AGE GROUPS: Age groups are: 10-12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17+.

Ages as at 31ST December 2024

COMPETING CATAGORIES: Swimmers will be required to swim in one of two groups, Female or Open/ Male swimmers. - '*The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female'.*

EVENTS: Events will consist of 50m, 100m and 200m all four strokes, 400m, 800m/1500m freestyle and 200m and 400m Individual Medley.

There will be a Junior Final (ages 14 and below) and a Senior Final (ages 15+) for all 100m, 200m and 50m events, All remaining events will be heat declared winners in each individual age group.

If there are 8 swimmers or less in any junior or senior event where medals are due to be decided by a junior or senior final, subject to the Promoter's decision the medals for that event may be decided by the heats and the final will not take place.

Events will be seeded into heats from submitted times with slowest heats swum first. Heats will be swum in a spearhead formation. In events where there are finals, the last three heats will be cyclically seeded.

It is the responsibility of swimmers to report to the stewarding area in sufficient time for each event. Guildford City SC cannot be held responsible for any swimmer missing the start of their particular heat.

ENTRIES:

Opening date for entries is**: Midday 11th February 2024**

Closing date for entries is: **Midday 25th February 2024**

Entry Times must be swum at a Licensed (level 1 – 4) meet and published on British Swimming Rankings. Entries must meet the published minimum qualifying standards and all such entries will be considered.

The objective of the Meet is to provide the opportunity for swimmers to gain qualifying times for British Swimming Summer Nationals and Swim England National Summer Championships 2024
Entries may be restricted in order to keep the session times within appropriate timescales. The acceptance of competitors will be based on fastest times submitted by age group with the exception of the 800m and 1500m Freestyle events. For these events the acceptance of competitors will be based on fastest times submitted in junior (14 and below) and senior (15 and above) categories.

Details of accepted and rejected entries will be posted on our website as soon as possible after the closing date. Rejected entries will be refunded.

There will be no refunds for withdrawals after the initial closing date other than: Withdrawals for medical reasons that are accompanied by the appropriate certification.

In the event that the meet is oversubscribed, a reserve list will be operated at the meet in order to insulate against the effect of late withdrawals and to maximise opportunities for swimmers to participate. Swims for these accepted reserve applicants cannot be guaranteed. Entries from reserves that do not swim at the Meet will be refunded after the Meet.
If the meet is undersubscribed the same reserve list will also be opened to the wider swimming community. Anyone on the reserve list must be within the qualifying times.
Any available spaces may be filled at the promoters discretion. Successful applicants will be informed as soon as possible after the closing date.

The Promoter reserves the right to allow additional entries that are slower than the qualification times if the meet is not full by the closing date for entries.

Time trials may also be considered if space available after entries have closed, subject to space and at the Promoters discretion. Time trials will be charged an entry fee of £10/swim

The submission of entries, either electronically or by entry form indicates acceptance of the Meet Conditions.

Entries with long course times (short course conversions will be accepted) should be submitted using the Hy-tek electronic entry file available to download via www.gcsc.co.uk.

Individual Entries

Guildford City will no longer accept individual entries from external Club Members ages 17 and under, due to the new Swim England policy regarding Team Manager/Coach & Chaperones. **However, should another Club entering the open meet be willing to assume responsibility for the swimmer at the open meet, we would require both the Visiting Club and the Parent/guardian of the swimmer to complete and sign a form setting out their responsibilities. The individual swimmer must also have a responsible adult who is not poolside acting in loco parentis at the open meet. Please contact: claire.walsh@gcsc.co.uk for more information. If the relevant criteria has been met the forms will be sent via our Adobe Software. They can be completed and signed using a mobile phone.** Otherwise, we will only accept bona fide Club entries and individual entries for swimmers aged over 18 years old. Please see Swim England's Policy regarding supervision of swimmers - Coaches / Team Managers and Chaperones.

Swim England releases new policy on club supervision ratios (swimming.org)

ENTRY FEES: Entry fees are **£9.50** per event except for the 800m freestyle & 1500m freestyle which will be **£15** per entry. Individual entries not submitted as part of a club electronic file will incur a **£15** admin fee per swimmer.

Payment to be in accordance with the instructions on our website.

The entry fee includes a levy of 35p per event payable to Swim England South East Region. It also includes spectator entry (see below).

SIGN IN: This is a SIGN IN gala. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to sign in for events they wish to compete before warm-up of the corresponding session. Failure to sign in will result in eviction from the race. The sign in desk will be located near the entrance to the changing village.

SECONDARY STROBE: A secondary strobe will be provided where it is requested by the athlete at the time of entry".

SAFEGUARDING THE RUNNING OF THE MEET: All clubs submitting entries are requested to assist in the running of the meet by supplying details of any Licensed officials who are willing to assist at this Gala.

OVERSEAS CLUBS: The Promoter reserves the right to give preference to Club entries from overseas clubs where the pre- booking of flights is required to travel to and from the Meet. All entries must meet the published qualifying times, proof maybe requested. Application must be by email to the Meet Administrator on claire.walsh@gcsc.co.uk The Promoter recommends that no travel or accommodation arrangements are confirmed until the club receives written confirmation of entry. GCSC cannot be held responsible for any costs so arising.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to the top three placed swimmers in each age group in the heats of each individual event.
Presentations will not be made. Awards should be collected from the awards table.

Top Visiting Club Award
Points will be awarded to the top eight swimmers in each age group who fall within the qualifying times, 8 points being awarded for first place, 7 for second and so on down to 1 point for eighth place.

POOLSIDE PASSES: Poolside passes for Coaches are available at a cost of £25 per day or £40 for the weekend.
Poolside passes include admittance to all sessions, programmes, food/refreshments and results.

A free poolside pass will be provided to any club entering 30 swimmers or more or providing licensed officials for all 5 sessions.

OFFICIALS: Names and contact details for officials should be provided by the person responsible for submitting the entries and forwarded to Gcscofficials@hotmail.com

PARKING: Is free of charge, however, the amount of parking may be restricted due to other events running at the venue. Parking will be in the lower car park and marshals will be on hand to assist if necessary.

SPECTATORS: Spectator seating is limited at Surrey Sports Park and admission for Spectators may be restricted accordingly.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: No outdoor shoes to be worn poolside. Swimmers must not leave poolside without wearing clothes and suitable footwear.

SECURITY: Persons are requested not to leave belongings unattended. As space at Surrey Sports Park is limited, swimmers will not be allowed to bring large bags on poolside. Belongings should be placed in the lockers in the changing area (£1 charge which is refunded on leaving).

DATA PROTECTION: Entries and results will be managed via computer and available via the internet.
By submitting entries, consent is thereby given, as required by the Data Protection Act, to the holding of personal information on a computer. Personal data, including submitted and recorded times, will be available during the meet.

ADMINISTRATION: For all information regarding this meet, please see www.gcsc.co.uk.

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For queries and submission of electronic entries, individual Entry Forms, cheque payments and application for poolside passes should be sent to: Claire.Walsh@gcsc.co.uk

For all other enquiries, please email the meet promotor Sarah Trotman at s.v.trotman@gmail.com

