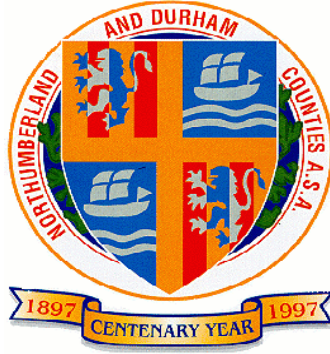


AUTUMN SERIES 2008



23 August 2008

Thank you for entering the N&D supported Autumn Series for 2008.

There has been a very similar response to that of last year's record entry. Acceptance reports are enclosed to cover all 3 weekends at Tynemouth (events 11 – 45), Middlesbrough (events 51 – 86) and Felling (events 91 – 125). Please notify me if there are any spelling or date of birth errors so these can be amended **before** the series commences. Please e-mail if you wish electronic copy.

Unfortunately there has been a very large number of rejections for the series for the following reasons:-

1. Submitted entry times faster than cut-off times for the series.
2. Swimmers entered in invalid events – e.g 9 year old entered in 100m event.
3. Swimmers entered who had competed individually at 2008 National Championships.
4. Several sessions (1,3,5,7,9,10,11,12) were oversubscribed. Therefore rejections were made as per series conditions and in some events only swimmers have been accepted who had entered all series categories. On the rejections report these swims are shown as having an entry time of 1:00.00.

A full rejections report is also enclosed for each club – a cheque is also enclosed for any club which has paid but the remainder will not be issued until entry fees are received.

To ensure warm-up is of benefit to competing swimmers, the distance events will be run separately with a warm-up held after them for the events in the remainder of the session. **Timings are attached for display to swimmers, parents and coaches. Please ensure all are aware that start time shown on accepted entries report is start time for the session. For sessions 3, 5, 7, 11 this is for distance swims.**

For all days, withdrawal forms must be submitted before the commencement of the appropriate warm-up. These will be available at each weekend. Clubs should withdraw swimmers not competing so that heats are not swum with empty lanes which is unfair on the swimmers in adjacent lanes to empty lanes and also extends the gala longer than necessary. This is extremely important on the distance events.

Coach passes, warm-up schedules, programmes, lunch tickets etc will be made available to coaches at each weekend according to the number purchased on the entry form.

We look forward to an enjoyable series for all swimmers. If you have any questions, please contact me on 01642 652668 or e-mail me on graemesmith57@ntlworld.com

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Session Timings

Tynemouth	Session1	0830	Warmup then start 0930
	Session 2	1330	Warmup then start 1430
	Session 3	0830 1105	1500 warmup, start 0900 Warmup for remainder of session, start 1200
	Session 4	1400	Warmup then start 1500
Middlesboro	Session 5	0830 1050	800 warmup, start 0900 Warmup for remainder of session, start 1150
	Session 6	1415	Warmup then start at 1515
	Session 7	0830 1015	1500 warmup then start 0900 Warmup for remainder of session, start 1115
	Session 8	1400	Warmup then start 1500
Felling	Session 9	0830	Warmup then start 0930
	Session 10	1330	Warmup then start 1430
	Session 11	0800 1005	800 warmup then start 0830 Warmup for remainder of session, start 1105
	Session 12	1315	Warmup then start 1415