**DURHAM CITY AQUATICS**

**MEDLEY CHALLENGE 2023**

Saturday 18 November 2023

At Freeman’s Quay, Walkergate, Durham, DH1 1SQ

Level 3 - License No: 3NE232225

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| Ages | Individual events for Open/Boys & Girls |  |
| 9 Years | 50m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free | To qualify for a 100m IM Final |
| 10 Years | 50m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free | To qualify for a 100m IM Final |
| 11 Years | 50m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free | To qualify for a 100m IM Final |
| 12 Years | 100m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free | To qualify for a 200m IM Final |
| 13 Years | 100m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free | To qualify for a 200m IM Final |
| 14 Years | 100m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free | To qualify for a 200m IM Final |
| 15 Years and Over | 100m Heats of Fly, Back, Breast and Free | To qualify for a 200m IM Final |

**This is a first come first served Gala** and the meet will close when the entry list is full or at 23:59 on Tuesday 7 November 2023, whichever is the sooner**; entries are accepted from 08:00 on Monday 16 October 2023.**

**Entry to this meet is based on a swimmer’s IM time only.**

Entries will not be accepted from swimmers who have swum faster than the enclosed cut off time for their respective IM. Swimmers without an IM time on the National Ranking will be allowed to enter. Entry times should be converted to 25m pool times by use of SE conversion tables.

**Age as on 18 November 2023 for all events.**

All events will be as per schedule of the meet with age groups combined; swimmers will be seeded according to entry times. Coach-approved estimated entry (e.g. training) times should be provided for swimmers who do not have an entry on the Swim England database; entries will be rejected if NO time is entered. For each age group, the 8 swimmers with the highest points total from the 4 heat events will qualify for the IM final in Session 3. **Note that the organisers reserve the right to reduce the number of lanes used for competition (and hence the number of finalists) should the number of available officials necessitate this.**

The entry fee is **£25 per individual**, which allows swimmers to enter all 4 heat events plus the IM final (should they qualify).

An Annual (returnable) Trophy will be awarded for the IM winner in each age group, with medals for the 2nd and 3rd placed swimmers and awards for each swimmer who reaches the IM final in their age group.

**Meet Conditions Durham City Aquatics Medley Challenge 2023:**

1. The meet will be swum under ASA Law & FINA Technical Rules and is licensed by Swim England NER as a Level 3 meet.
2. The pool length is 25m with 8 lanes & anti-wave lane ropes; the organisers reserve the right to reduce the number of lanes used should the number of available officials necessitate this.
3. Colorado Electronic Timing will be in operation with scoreboard display. Times displayed are for information only.
4. The age groups are Open/Boys & Girls: 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs and 15yrs & over with age on 18 November 2023.
5. 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.
6. Points are awarded for each age group in each event: 1st =10, 2nd = 9, 3rd = 8, 4th = 7, etc. to determine finalists for IMs.
7. For each age group, the 8 swimmers with the highest points total from the 4 heat events will qualify for the IM final in Session 3. **Note that the organisers reserve the right to reduce the number of lanes used for competition (and hence the number of finalists) should the number of available officials necessitate this.**
8. A trophy will be awarded for 1st place in each final with medals for 2nd and 3rd placed swimmers, with awards for other swimmers in each IM Final.
9. Entries are encouraged from disabled / para swimmers.
10. The flat entry fee is **£25.00 per individual**; every swimmer can compete in 4 events with the top swimmers in each age group competing in an appropriate IM Final. Paper entries are £27.00 per individual.
11. Coach passes are **£12.00** which includes start lists and lunch.
12. The Sports System Entry File should be submitted together with a completed Summary Sheet to:
dcasc-galas@outlook.com. Payment should be made by Bank Transfer at the time of entry; payment details are specified on the Summary Sheet. The closing date for entries is 23:59 on Tuesday 7 November 2023, or when the meet is full.
13. The meet organisers reserve the right to limit the number of entries to ensure meet timings can be maintained. All Entries will be treated as first come first served.
14. DCA reserves the right to fill empty lanes with Durham City Swimmers.
15. For safety reasons only swimmers who can perform a competitive start may perform a shallow racing dive from the starting blocks.
16. Results sheets will be sent to competing clubs after completion of the meet.
17. Withdrawals must be notified no later than 08:00 on Friday 17 November 2023.
18. No refunds will be issued for withdrawals after the closing date (which may be sooner than the advertised deadline of 17 November 2023 if the meet is full) other than for withdrawals on medical grounds supported by documentary evidence, e.g. doctor’s note, NHS COVID-19 Notification e-mail/text, etc. In this case, the swimmer will be withdrawn from all events.
19. Coaches/Team managers are responsible for ensuring competitors report to the marshalling area at the required time. Swimmers failing to report to the marshals in time for the race start may not be allowed to compete.
20. Access to poolside will be restricted to swimmers, coaches, officials and authorised helpers in line with Swim England Child Protection Policy. Official passes shall be worn at all times on poolside.
21. No unaccompanied swimmers allowed.
22. Swimmers are advised to use lockers; DCA or Freemans Quay Management cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to spectators or swimmers equipment.
23. All swimmers leaving poolside must have appropriate clothing and footwear.
24. Anyone found damaging or misusing property or equipment at the host venue may be disqualified from any further involvement in the competition and may be subject to further action from the Pool Management.
25. Anyone wishing to use any type of image recording device must register at the entrance and comply with the current Swim England Wave Power Guidelines on Photography (copies can be found at [WavePower](http://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/)) and adhere to the rules and standard operating procedures of the venue.
26. Only the DCA official photographer is allowed on the poolside.
27. No person may, for commercial purposes, take photographs or use any video recording equipment at the event without written permission of the organisers.
28. Mobile phones or other (digital) recording devices are **not allowed to be used in the changing areas.**
29. The Lead Official will be: Mr. Stephen Ward (dca.steveward@gmail.com).
30. All competing Clubs are invited to provide officials to ensure the smooth running of the meet.
31. The referee’s decision is final.

Note that restrictions affecting the running of the gala (e.g. limits on number of competitors and/or spectators) may be imposed at short notice by (local) authorities to limit the spread of CoVid-19; clubs will be contacted at the earliest possible opportunity should this be the case.

**Any points not covered here will be at the discretion of the meet organisers.**

**Any queries should be directed to: Marc Dubbeldam at** dcasc-galas@outlook.com**.**

**Qualifying Times**

Swimmers must not have swum faster than the times below after 1 January 2022:

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| **Durham City Aquatics *Medley Challenge* 2023**Upper Limit TimesSwimmers must NOT have swam faster than the times below |
| Girls |  | Open/Boys |
| 200m IM | 100m IM | Age Group | 100m IM | 200m IM |
|  | 01:30:00 | 9 Years | 01:30:00 |  |
|  | 01:24:00 | 10 Years | 01:24:00 |  |
|  | 01:18:00 | 11 Years | 01:18:00 |  |
| 02:30:00 |  | 12 Years |  | 02:30:00 |
| 02:24:00 |  | 13 Years |  | 02:24:00 |
| 02:20:00 |  | 14 Years |  | 02:18:00 |
| 02:18:00 |  | 15 Years & Over |  | 02:12:00 |

**Programme of Events**

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| Session 1 | Events - Warm Up @ 8.00 a.m.Start @ 9.00 a.m. | Session 2 | Events - Warm Up @ TBCStart @ TBC |
| 101 | Girls 11 Years & Under50m Butterfly | 201 | Girls 11 Years & Under50m Breaststroke |
| 102 | Open/Boys 11 Years & Under50m Butterfly | 202 | Open/Boys 11 Years & Under50m Breaststroke |
| 103 | Girls 12 Years and Over100m Butterfly | 203 | Girls 12 Years and Over100m Breaststroke |
| 104 | Open/Boys 12 Years and Over100m Butterfly | 204 | Open/Boys 12 Years and Over100m Breaststroke |
| 105 | Girls 11 Years & Under50m Backstroke | 205 | Girls 11 Years & Under50m Freestyle |
| 106 | Open/Boys 11 Years & Under50m Backstroke | 206 | Open/Boys 11 Years & Under50m Freestyle |
| 107 | Girls 12 Years and Over100m Backstroke | 207 | Girls 12 Years and Over100m Freestyle |
| 108 | Open/Boys 12 Years and Over100m Backstroke | 208 | Open/Boys 12 Years and Over100m Freestyle |

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| Session 3 - Warm Up @ TBC, Start @ TBC |
| 301 | Girls 9 Years 100m IM Final |
| 302 | Open/Boys 9 Years 100m IM Final |
| 303 | Girls 10 Years 100m IM Final |
| 304 | Open/Boys 10 Years 100m IM Final |
| 305 | Girls 11 Years 100m IM Final |
| 306 | Open/Boys 11 Years 100m IM Final |
| 307 | Girls 12 Years 200m IM Final |
| 308 | Open/Boys 12 Years 200m IM Final |
| 309 | Girls 13 Years 200m IM Final |
| 310 | Open/Boys 13 Years 200m IM Final |
| 311 | Girls 14 Years 200m IM Final |
| 312 | Open/Boys 14 Years 200m IM Final |
| 313 | Girls 15 Years & Over 200m IM Final |
| 314 | Open/Boys 15 Years & Over 200m IM Final |

The pool opens for swimmers at 07:30; spectators / supporters are admitted from 08:00. Timings of the Sessions will be confirmed once all entries have been processed.