(AFFILIATED TO THE LINCOLNSHIRE ASA AND THE EAST MIDLANDS REGION)

# SHORT COURSE LICENSED LEVEL 3 OPEN MEET 2023

THIS IS A LEVEL 3 EVENT AND IS LICENSED BY SWIM ENGLAND FOR ENTRY INTO COUNTY AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### **RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

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General

1. The meet will be held on the 21st/22nd October 2023 under current Swim England regulations and technical rules of racing.
2. All Competitors must be members of an affiliated club, eligible to compete and registered in accordance with Swim England laws and Swim England technical rules of racing.
3. The venue is Meridian Leisure centre, Louth

Entries

1. All club entries must be submitted by a club coordinator using Sportsystems entry manager. Any individual applications for entry must be received at the published address, on a correctly and legibly completed entry form, together with the correct payment made by BACS. The promoter reserves the right to return any entry not fulfilling these requirements. By submitting entries, consent is thereby given, as required under the data protection act to the holding of personal information on a computer. Personnel data, including submitted and recorded times may be made public during the meet.
2. 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.
3. Entries will be £7 per event.
4. **Entries will be accepted on a first come basis, with the closing date for all entries 30/09/23 full reimbursement of entry fee shall be made to unsuccessful applicants.**
5. **Entries must be equal to or slower than the published upper limit cut off times. Coaches estimated times will be accepted, but a time must be entered on the entry or the entry will be rejected.**
6. Club entries may be partially declined if the numbers designated for each event are oversubscribed.
7. No entries will be accepted after the closing date or during the meet unless the promoter has made an error or omission.
8. The summary entry form has provision for applying for coaches/team manager passes. For reasons of child protection, these will not be sold on the day. All applicants should hold a current valid DBS disclosure. The chief warm steward may request pass-holders to assist in supervising warm-ups.
9. Passes are £30 for the weekend with lunch or £20.00 for the weekend without lunch
10. As soon as possible after the closing date or meet entry closure if full before this date. Accepted and rejected swims will be issued and posted on club websites. Any errors or amendments to be notified ASAP to [d.hendel@ntlworld.com](mailto:d.hendel@ntlworld.com) Any refunds for unsuccessful entries will be paid back to the club submitting the entry.

Refunds

1. In the event of the meet being cancelled due to any new Covid restrictions refunds on entry fee will be given. No refunds will be offered, or given, for any other expenses incurred in relation to the event.
2. In the event of a swimmer being unable to attend for any other reasons the submission of a doctor’s note will be required as evidence for a refund of event fees.

Age Groups

1. Age groups are based on the swimmers age as of 22nd October 2023
2. Age groups are 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs & 17/O

The Competition

1. Withdrawals must be made before the commencement of each session warm up by a club coach or team manager.
2. It is the swimmer’s responsibility to report to the competitors stewards when the event is called, so that they are ready for the start of their event.
3. Events are to be swum in integrated age groups with seeding by submitted times.
4. All events will have heat declared winners there will be no finals.
5. Over the top starts will be at the referee’s discretion.
6. All heats in each event will be spearheaded.
7. Times and places on the electronic scoreboard are for information only and are not necessarily the final results. The referee’s decision is final.
8. A secondary starting strobe will be available, if needed. We must be notified in advance if this is required.
9. Backstroke wedges will be used for the event.

Awards

1. Awards will be presented to each of the following – Top male/open, Top female, and Top visiting club
2. Awards will be made to the three fastest swimmers in each age group for each event.

Other

1. All swimmers and other personnel must abide by the Health and Safety rules as laid down by the venue management. Any person contravening these rules may be excluded from taking any further part in the proceedings.
2. Coaches or team managers are responsible for their swimmers conduct at all times.
3. The promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any competitor or other personnel.
4. The viewing area has a maximum capacity of 224, once reached a one out/in system will be in operation.
5. Should swimmers/coaches/team managers/officials or spectators show any signs of Covid 24 hours prior to the event we would advise non-attendance.
6. Anything not covered within these rules will be at the promoter’s discretion
7. Any queries regarding entry to Chery Hendel at [d.hendel@ntlworld.com](mailto:d.hendel@ntlworld.com)