Nottinghamshire A.S.A.
Presents

Festive Frenzy Gala 2023

(Under Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules of Swimming)
(Licensed Level 3 - 3EM231818)

PROMOTERS MEET CONDITIONS

1. The Festive Frenzy Gala shall be open to any member of an affiliated club within the Swim England banner who is eligible within these promoters' conditions and the meaning of Swim England Regulations.

2. The promoter is the Nottinghamshire A.S.A.

3. Entry to the meet shall be via the Sportsystems Entry Manager **ONLY**.

4. The Age Groups for this competition shall be 9 years, 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years and Over
    a. 9 year old swimmers are excluded from the 400m IM event

5. Ages shall be age on last day of competition (3rd December 2023).

6. All events will be swum as single gender (Male/Open and Female) except the 400m IM, which will be swum as combined Male/Open and Female Swimmers. Results for the 400m IM will be split into single genders for the awards.

7. Entry Processing:

    a. Late entries will not be accepted. Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
    b. The submitted times will not be changed unless an administrative error has been made by Notts A.S.A.
    c. 'On the day' swims for a time only are not allowed.
    d. Refund of entry fees will be made for rejected entries or where the entry to an event has had to be restricted. For any other reason refund of entry fees will only be made up until the closing date for entries or at the discretion of the promoter.

8. A Swimmer taking part shall:

    a. be a registered member of an affiliated club within the Swim England banner. for at least 60 days prior to the meet.
    b. Disability swimmers are welcome to enter, however there are no disability specific events so any disability swimmers will be seeded on time as part of the normal heats.
    c. Enter the meet with a valid entry time, within the qualification criteria. No blank entry times shall be accepted.

8. Accepted entries:

    a. Entries shall be processed as they are received and will be available to view on the Nottinghamshire A.S.A. website, a full meet time line will be published, for guidance purposes, after the published closing date.
    b. The swimmer or their representative is responsible for checking the entries and reporting, errors, discrepancies and known withdrawals to the event administrator, no later than 1 week after the closing date for all entries.

9. Withdrawal from an event:

    a. Withdrawals must be made using the online withdrawal system found on the Nottinghamshire A.S.A. website by the published deadlines for each event.
    b. Non-withdrawals from an event will not be fined, but we encourage any known withdrawals to be made to us using the online form before the closing date and time to help reduce the number of empty lanes and help with the smooth running of the meet.
    c. Withdrawals after any of the specified deadlines should only be made on medical grounds.

11. The competition:

    a. Entry times submitted must be slower than the published Upper Limit Times, and have been achieved in competition or officially recorded club time trials.
    b. Time downloaded from the national National Rankings Database will be from the 1st January 2022. Times are based on a 25m pool, converted Long Course entry times are allowed. The Entry Manager Program will automatically download the fastest time available which may be a converted time.
    c. Entries that are above the qualifying standard will be rejected.
    d. There are no Qualifying Times, but entries must be no faster than the quoted Upper Limit Times and an **entry time is required.**
    e. Protests shall be made and dealt with as detailed in the Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules of swimming.

12. Awards:

    a. All events will be heat declared winners.
    b. There will be an award for swimmers who finish in the top 3 of their age group in each of the events.
    c. There are no separate awards for disability swimmers.
    d. There will be no medal presentations during this competition, winners of awards will be asked to collect their medals from the medal desk. Medals not collected by the end of the competition will be forfeited.

13. Poolside:

    a. Only those accredited personnel showing a valid pass will be allowed onto the poolside and in the changing rooms along with swimmers.
    b. Accreditation must be ordered online using the meet accreditation system in advance of the championships. There is no charge for these accreditations online. https://www.swimmingresults.org/member_options
    c. To get a valid accreditation online, each person must have the following:
        - A valid in-date DBS Check
        - A valid safeguarding certificate logged with Swim England
        - Either a valid Coaching Qualification, Team Manager Qualification or Chaperone status logged with Swim England
        - A photo uploaded on the member options
    d. Poolside passes will only be issued to those personnel displaying a valid accreditation, and must be collected from the team in the timing room at the start of each day.
    e. Passes for each day must be collected individually and not in bulk. Passes must be returned to the timing room before leaving the venue, and must not be passed onto anyone else.
    f. Passes will only be issued to the maximum number of passes ordered by each club for each day.
    g. Clubs are required to cover within their individual risk assessments the required number of Coaches, Team Managers and Chaperones along with gender of these for their team for each session, as per the ratio guidance set out by Swim England.
    h. Passes must be ordered when entries are submitted and paid for with your club entries. Passes are priced at £15 per pass. Maximum numbers of passes will be allowed as per the ratios mentioned in the Swim England Guidance as per 13.g. Both the individual meet accreditation and the poolside pass must be displayed while on poolside.
    i. Coaches and swimmers are responsible for keeping the poolside tidy, ensuring all litter is put in the bins/rubbish bags around the center and not left on poolside.
    j. The use of chairs on poolside is prohibited other than those supplied by the venue for use by officials only.

14. Photography:

    a. Photography is not encouraged while on poolside at any point during the competition.
    b. Photography in the changing rooms is strictly prohibited **AT ALL TIMES.**
    c. Photos are permitted from the balcony only, but flash photography must **NOT** be used.
    d. “Zoom” Lenses are strictly prohibited.
    e. If we have an official photographer, they will be permitted to take photographs from the poolside during the competition, if you do not wish for a swimmer to be photographed, this must be made clear on the entry.

15. Warm Up/Swim Down:

    a. There will be a planned warm up before each session.
    b. We also plan on having the South Pool at Harvey Hadden open during the competition sessions as a warm up/swim down facility. This is to be marshalled by your club coaches. If noise levels become too high, or if the facility is abused in any way then the facility will be withdrawn and closed for all.
    c. The Warm Up/Swim Down in the South pool will not be available during the published warm up times that will be advertised when warm up is only permitted in the North Pool, unless entry numbers are high and then we may, at the promotor's discretion, allow the use of this pool during the allocated warm up sessions. This will be notified on the timelines and any warm up schedules.

16. Rule Breaking and Behaviour:

    a. Bad Behaviour and any form of abuse towards our volunteers, officials or centre staff will not be tolerated.
    b. Any person found to be breaching any of the rules of our competition may be asked to leave the competition without refund and may be banned from future events.

17. Strobe Lighting

    a. A secondary strobe light will be available to be used if needed, but any swimmer that needs to use this will need to notify the meet promotors **BEFORE** the competition.

18. Volunteers/Officials

    a. This competition cannot run without the support of volunteers and officials.
    b. We require a minimum number of relevantly qualified officials for all sessions to conform with licensing. If we do not get the required number of officials that are suitably qualified then the license may be removed or downgraded, resulting in the swimmers times not being included in the national rankings.
    c. Volunteers are essential in the "background" activites of the competition. We require a set number of volunteers as a minimum including stewards, door staff, trophy desk staff and technical room staff. If we do not get the required number of volunteers, the competition may be cancelled.
    d. Availability to officiate or volunteer should be made on the volunteer form on the website and submitted to the entries email address.

19. COVID:

    a. We will follow the current guidance for competitions from Swim England and the UK Government for the safe running of this competition.
    b. Although it is no longer mandatory to wear face coverings or keep a safe distance from others, we strongly advise people to remain cautious and where possible, remain a safe distance from others and wear a face covering while attending the competition if they wish to.
    c. Where possible we would advise everyone to help stop the spread, and clean and sanitize regularly.
    d. If at the time of the event, we are forced to cancel due to local or national restrictions (i.e. Lockdown), then paid up entries will be fully refunded.

20. Transgender and Non-Binary Policy

    a. 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.

21. Any matter arising, for which these conditions do not provide, shall be determined by the promoter.