

Dear parents, swimmers

Just a short message ahead of the North Frill's Gala at both Palatine and Darwen.

We are looking forward to being able to host some form of competitive gala again and whilst we appear to be coming further out of restrictive measures we still have to be mindful of our pool providers rules and recommendations and the impact our presence plays on the centres and local communities. Therefore we feel it is only responsible to ensure that we behave appropriately. Please can I respectfully request the following for both Palatine and Darwen Leisure Centres for the 'North Lancs No Frills Gala 2021'

- Please ensure you have a face covering whilst on the premises and wear unless on poolside, this is in line with Government guidelines in busy areas.
- Please try to work together whilst moving in and around the centres and respect one and each other's personal space by maintaining the 2m distance. The safer we all feel the more enjoyable a meet can all have.
- Please try to ensure we are respectful of the current situation, respectful to the centre staff, other clubs, officials, coaches and local communities
- Please try to keep a safe distance from others whilst on the spectating viewing balconies. We are able to have one parent / guardian per family spectating so again please keep a safe distance to others
- Potential crowding will be more acute at changeover between sessions. Please consider what you can do to help avoid overcrowding.
- Please ensure you are aware of the latest warm up times etc to allow the gala to run as smoothly as possible. Regular announcements will also be made on the day of each meet.

We hope we can make this event as enjoyable as possible and that the swimmers are able to gain times to help them back into competitive swimming. We also hope we can continue to work closely with our pool providers in ensuring we can host safe, fun, and competitive swim galas in the future.

Thank you for your kind support and understanding in what are still very testing times for us all.

Steve Heaps

North Lancs President