

Christmas Countdown Level 3 Gala 2013



Preston Swimming Club would like to say a huge thank you and welcome for being part of the Preston Christmas Countdown Level 3 Gala 2013.

We want you to come and enjoy the experience with us at the fabulous Darwen Leisure Centre & hope that you will look forward to returning for our 2014 gala dates.

We are disappointed that we have been left in the unenviable position of having to reject swimmers from the Christmas meet gala programme and hope you realise this is NOT something that we wanted to do, however we hope that you understand we have done this to try and keep the meet as enjoyable as possible for all the swimmers, coaches and parents. In view of having to reject entries this time around, we have decided to amend the future acceptance criteria to a 'first come, first served' entry system, details of which will be available shortly on the PSC web site for the 2014 Summer Spectacular.

Swimmers achieving times higher than the upper qualifying times will be awarded speeding tickets. Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place swimmers will be awarded to the fastest swimmers in that event where their time was lower than the upper qualifying time.

Whilst the event is all about the swimmers and achieving their goals, we hope that we can also make the event as enjoyable as possible for spectators and coaches alike. To this end the following pointers may be of use:

Swimmers

- There will be a spot prize for each event. The spot prize will be randomly selected from the swimmers attending and is not dependent upon where you finish in that event. Prizes range from sweets, vouchers and photo canvas pictures of the swimmers in action. Wahoooooo!
- Can I please ask that you respect the facilities and staff at Darwen Leisure Centre? Your coaches will be advised of the areas you should not be in and your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Spectators

- **Access to the pool / spectator gallery for non-swimmers will not be allowed until after 7:50am to enable the Leisure Centre staff sufficient time to set up.** It would be appreciated if parents / supporters could wait until this time before entering the premises to ease the set-up activities.
- **Note: there is a maximum limit of 250 spectator access on the Balcony at Darwen Leisure Centre.** Please be aware we must stick to this limit for health & safety purposes. In order to accommodate these numbers, please be prepared to put bags on the floor to allow access to all spectators.
- The Leisure Centre is located in the heart of Darwen with access to all local amenities and shopping.

- Results will be posted on the poolside and in the corridor of the viewing gallery as soon as possible after each event.
- The only formal presentations will be for the top club. Medals and speeding tickets can be collected from the designated table in the reception area near the pool viewing gallery.
- Admission is £5 per day, £3 per session. Weekend programmes £3.
- There is an on-site café that provides a range of drinks, snacks and light meals e.g. bacon butties, hot dogs, sandwiches, jacket potatoes, pie & peas, cakes etc.
- “**Sportfox**” will be in attendance on both days selling a range of Arena swimming accessories and costumes – the full range available can be viewed at www.arenaswimwearstore.com

If there is anything in particular you would like them to bring please e-mail your requests to sales@arenaswimwearstore.com by no later than **Monday 2nd December**. **Please note they can only accept payment by cash or cheque.**

- “**StyleImage**” will be taking photographs throughout the weekend, providing some excellent shots of the swimmers in action. Photographs will be available for purchase on the day, or can be ordered via the website with a range of different print options.
- There will be a sweet stall stocked with the swimmers’ favourite nibbles to help them get through the day.
- The spectator gallery does not accommodate camping chairs.
- Photography is allowed in the pool hall, but you must register your details at the entrance desk before taking any pictures. **But NO flash photography please.**

Parking

- Leisure centre car parking is limited; however, we have secured additional parking located by the leisure centre in the form of the NHS health centre patient parking area. The health centre has 2 parking levels; we have been allowed access to the Lower Level Patient parking area **ONLY** (adjacent to the leisure centre car park). **No parking is allowed on the NHS upper parking level as this will trigger alarm systems.**
- There are car parks available in the town, local to the leisure centre.

Thank you for your attendance and co-operation.