

Grading of Meets

Meets are graded to suit swimmers of different abilities, and the fixture list can appear to be confusing at first glance.

The different types of meets are detailed below, with an indication of the squads. Below are the criteria and constraints, which relate to the licensing of meets. There are four levels of licensed meet.

Qualifying Times and Upper Cut Off Times

Most meets will have qualifying times and some meets will have Upper Cut Off Times. A swimmer has to be able to swim faster than the Qualifying Time to be able to enter a meet. Likewise if a swimmer has achieved a time faster than the Upper Cut Off time he will be unable to enter the meet. You will see these referred to on the entry packs as QT's (Qualifying Times) and CT's (Cut off Times –sometimes referred to as upper time limits or UCT's).

Level 4 Licensed Meet

These meets generally include Club Championships, Swimming Leagues, and Development Meets. These meets are ideal for the younger swimmers in the lower squads (J3 - DEV). They may sometimes require entry times but are an ideal opportunity for your first competition, which should not be missed.

Level 3 Licensed Meet

Again, these meets are ideal for younger swimmers and those in the development squads (J3 - YC). These meets will require qualifying times, and will have upper qualifying times. Times obtained in these meets can be used to achieve a Regional Qualifying time.

Level 2 Licensed Meet

These meets are intended for more experienced swimmers, generally in squads DEV - PERF. As with Level 3 meets, they will require qualifying times, and will have upper cut off times. Qualifying times for these meets will generally be faster than those for a Level 3 meet. Times obtained in these meets can be used for Regional Qualification, and times swum can be used for entry in National Competitions.

Level 1 Licensed Meet

These meets are the highest level of licensed meet, and are intended for British, ASA and Welsh Qualification. Times are also accepted for Regional Qualification. Qualifying times will apply to these meets and there will be no upper cut off times. These meets are mainly intended for the upper squads.

Entry Information

Judith Tucker is our competition secretary, she organises all entries to open meets. Competitions are advertised on both the club website and on the club notice board. Should you wish to enter a meet that is not advertised by the club, permission should be given from the head coach.