



**MANSFIELD SWIMMING CLUB**  
**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - GALA RULES**  
 UNDER A.S.A. LAWS AND TECHNICAL RULES - ONE START RULE



## Gala Information

### Age Group Scoring and Swims

Will be based on 2008 BAGCAT points (British Age Group Categories). These are National measures of performance based on gender, stroke, distance, age and time. The calculation will give a point's value of how good each swim is compared to a National benchmark.

There is no provision for BAGCAT points for a 25m swim. These will be calculated as follows, the 25m time will be doubled and 20% added to it, that calculated time will be used to calculate the BAGCAT points for a 50m swim. Those points will then be halved to give the BAGCAT points for a 25m swim.

8u	3 Swims with most Points from free (25 or 50), fly (25 or 50), back (25 or 50), breast (25 or 50)
9	Points from 25 or 50 Free Swim with most Points from 25 or 50 Form (Back, Breast, Fly) Swim with most Points from 200 (Back, Breast, Fly, Free) Swim with most Points from IM (100, 200)
10, 11	Points from 50 Free Swim with most Points from 50 Form (Back, Breast, Fly) Swim with most Points from 200 (Back, Breast, Fly, Free) Swim with most Points from IM (100, 200)
12+	Swim with most Points from 50 or 100 Free Sprint Swim with most Points from 50 or 100 Form Sprint (Back, Breast, Fly) Points from 200 Free Swim with most Points from 200 Form Distance (Back, Breast, Fly) Swim with most Points from 100 or 200 IM

Swimmers should bring two pool side tee shirts, two towels, a drink and the appropriate swimwear etc.

### 200 Cut Off Times

Back	Breast	Fly	Free	IM
4:19.00	4:58.00	5:12.00	3:55.00	4:24.00

**Note:** to enter these events you must have achieved these cut off times. These entries require a coaches initials on your entry form. Please see your coach if you do not have this time.

### Warm up Information

11u	6:30 to 6:45
12+	6:45 to 7:00



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## Gala Events

<b>Gala 1 - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 08</b>		<b>Warm up starts 6:30pm</b>		<b>Gala starts at 7:00pm</b>
Event 1	Mixed	Fly	200	
Event 2	Mixed	Back	25	
Event 3	Mixed	Breaststroke	100	
Event 4	Mixed	Fly	25	
Event 5	Mixed	Free	200	
<b>Gala 2 - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 08</b>		<b>Warm up starts 6:30pm</b>		<b>Gala starts at 7:00pm</b>
Event 11	Mixed	Fly	50	
Event 12	Mixed	Breast	25	
Event 13	Mixed	Back	100	
Event 14	Mixed	Free	25	
Event 15	Mixed	IM	200	
<b>Gala 3 - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 08</b>		<b>Warm up starts 6:30pm</b>		<b>Gala starts at 7:00pm</b>
Event 21	Mixed	Fly	100	
Event 22	Mixed	Breast	50	
Event 23	Girls	Beginners Width	12.5	
Event 24	Mixed	Back	200	
Event 25	Mixed	Free	100	
<b>Gala 4 - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 08</b>		<b>Warm up starts 6:30pm</b>		<b>Gala starts at 7:00pm</b>
Event 31	Mixed	Breast	200	
Event 32	Mixed	Free	50	
Event 33	Boys	Beginners Width	12.5	
Event 34	Mixed	IM	100	
Event 35	Mixed	Back	50	

## General Information

Please complete the entry form and enter a time for all of your swims, if you have not achieved a time for a particular stroke or distance and would still like to take part, please see your coach or simply tick the box(es).

Make a note of the closing date (Sunday 18th May), the gala rules and dates and return your completed entry form along with the fee, (cheques made payable to Mansfield Swimming Club) to the Mansfield Swimming Club's Payments Desk at Water Meadows or at Rainworth Recreation Centre, where they will be collected.

This is a cardless event, no entry cards will be issued. Approximately 1 week before the first gala you will either receive an email with your session and event details or collect the acceptance slip from the payment desk (in the envelope with your entry form). **The draft program will also be published on the web site.** Please indicate on the entry form how you would wish to receive them. If you have not received your email or slip, please contact Christine Chadburn on poolside or at [g.chadburn@ntlworld.com](mailto:g.chadburn@ntlworld.com)

Because this is a cardless gala it is very important that you notify the organisers of withdrawals. This way we will reduce the number of empty lanes. Please inform Christine Chadburn (as above) any time before the gala start OR report the withdrawal to the computer desk on the day before the start of the warm up (6:30pm).

All swimmers must report to the competitor's steward on the poolside for instructions.



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Only swimmers who hold the competitive start award are allowed to dive into the pool, otherwise they must start in the water. Please see the poolside coaches for information about obtaining this award.

All competitors and spectators are requested to be quiet at the start of each event/race.

There will be a charge to all spectators.

**Club Champs Committee:**

Kay Colton: Maureen Shaw: Louise Hollins : Jill Palmer : Christine Chadburn : Richard Collins

**Sponsorship**

Would you like to sponsor an event? or do you know anyone that would like to?

Club Championship events can be sponsored for a fee of £10 each.

All monies raised will go towards the running costs of the gala and the purchase of the trophies.

The sponsors name will be prominently displayed in the Club Championship programme.

If you are interested please contact any of the Club Champs Committee members (above) who can generally be found at Water Meadows during the weekly training sessions.

Or, the club secretary at the following email address, [mscsec@ntlworld.com](mailto:mscsec@ntlworld.com)

**Help**

If you would like to volunteer to help in any way before/during/after any of the gala's, please indicate on the entry form or contact any of the above committee members. We are always looking for parents/carers to get more involved with the club.

Remember, without volunteers we would not be able to run this event. We are looking for Stewards, Time keepers, Judges, help on the computer, help with the electronic timing, refreshments etc.. Please indicate on the entry form.

**Diary Dates**

Sunday 18th May 2008 - Closing date for entries

Wednesday 31st May 2008 - Last date for membership fees to be paid to qualify for entry

Sunday 8th June 2008 - Gala 1

Sunday 15th June 2008 - Gala 2

Sunday 22nd June 2008 - Gala 3

Sunday 29th June 2008 - Gala 4

Saturday 19th July 2008 - Presentation Evening



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## Gala Rules

- All swims will be mixed gender.
- Age Groups  
8 years & under, 9 years, 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years, 17 years & over.
- Trophies will only be awarded to Swimmers that hold a fully paid up membership as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008
- In order to be eligible for an Age Group Award/Trophy, competitors that are members of other clubs must meet the following criteria
  - You must have held a continuous membership with Mansfield Swimming Club for a longer period than your other Club(s) in that competitive year.
  - You must not have, or intend to, swim in another Club's Championships in that competitive year.

Swimmers who cannot comply with these regulations must complete their entry forms and clearly indicate that they are "Swimming for times only".

- BAGCAT points will be awarded for the times achieved in all events. The best BAGCAT points as per age group scoring, will count in determining the overall positions within each age group. In the unlikely event of a tie, the swimmer with the highest number of BAGCAT points for 1 event will be ranked higher.
- One trophy based on their overall position will be presented to **ALL** swimmers who obtain BAGCAT points at the Presentation Evening on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at Rainworth Miners Welfare. Entrance will be free.
- 200 metres Freestyle perpetual trophies will be awarded for the first position in dual age groups: - 9/10 years, 11/12 years, 13/14 years, 15/16 years and 17 years & over.
- Existing Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the top boy and girl swimmer in each age group. These will not be presented at presentation night.

**Note: can all perpetual trophies be CLEANED and returned to the MSC entry desk at Water Meadows (Don Osbourne) by the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008**

- On the day of the Gala it is the responsibility of the Swimmers and parents/carers to ensure that the swimmers adhere to the Gala Rules.
- No refunds will be made for cancellation of accepted entries after the closing date.
- Late entries will not be accepted, except due to a proven error by the Club.
- All eventualities not covered by these rules will be left to the discretion of the Club Championship Committee.
- All final heats will be spearheaded.
- Beginners can swim in the Beginners Width (1/2 length) but not in the main competition.  
Note: The beginners width will start in the middle of the pool and swim to the shallow end. Older swimmers will be suitably placed to assist in this event.
- To swim any of the 200m events, you must have achieved the stated qualifying times at a gala or a club time trial. These entries require a coaches initials on your entry form. Please see your coach if you do not have this time.
- Please **do not** take pictures with camera or camera phone at any of the events.
- All eventualities not covered will be decided at the discretion of the Gala referee. Their decision is final.