



Essex County A.S.A.
Age Group Championships 2009
Waltham Forest Pool & Track, Walthamstow
Block B – 14/15 February 2009

Revised programme and timings – Block B 2009

Colleagues

Unfortunately Block B is generally oversubscribed, with Session 6 particularly so.

Having analysed the entries, this is undoubtedly as a result of the County relaxing the requirement that swimmers need to qualify for the County Championships from licensed meets. Therefore, as explained in my letter enclosing the information for this year's Championships, the County has the right to reject entries, giving priority to swimmers with times obtained at licensed meets in that event.

There is a further problem in that, as things stand at present, the County does not have enough officials to enable Block B to take place. We therefore urge you to ask any qualified, experienced officials who can volunteer their services, even if only for one session that weekend, to contact Fred Gale urgently on 01702 471339.

On the assumption that we do have enough officials to run Block B, the majority of the Swimming Committee would, if possible, wish to avoid having to reject entries.

After very careful consideration, it is proposed to run Block B as per the attached revised programme.

Please note in particular:-

1. In order to comply with licensing requirements it will be necessary to split Session 6 (in a similar way as for Sessions 5 and 7)
2. Event 213 (Girls 14 Years/Over 800m Freestyle) is not being swum in the advertised order and will be the last event on Saturday 14 February (Session 6B).

The reasoning behind this is that if we do accommodate all swimmers the Saturday will be a long day. Under the original programme, the last event before the finals is the Boys 12-14 400m Individual Medley. Some of these swimmers will be back the following morning at 8.00 a.m. for the 800m Freestyle. The revised programme will ensure that these swimmers can get away at a reasonable time.

3. As mentioned above there is already a problem in obtaining officials for Block B. To ensure that there are enough officials for the proposed Session 6B, all clubs with swimmers in that session will be required to provide two officials. The relevant clubs are:

Basildon, Borough of Waltham Forest, Killerwhales, London Borough of Redbridge, Romford Town, Runnymede, Southend on Sea and Thurrock.

These officials do not need to be members of these clubs – however, it is the clubs' responsibility to find two officials. For a current list of registered officials, please contact Fred Gale on the above number.

These clubs need to provide me with the names of their nominated officials for Session 6B by no later midnight on **Friday 6 February 2009**.



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4. As the remaining sessions will be longer than anticipated, this will mean that the lunch breaks will be shorter than usual. Depending on how Session 7B runs, it may be necessary to put back the start time of Session 8.
5. Swimmers who do not achieve qualifying times in Block B who have not obtained their entry times at licensed meets WILL be required to provide evidence that they achieved their entry time in the 12 months preceding the closing date before they will be permitted to swim again in the 2009 Age Group Championships.

Swimming Committee
Essex County ASA

29 January 2009



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Saturday 14 February 2009

Session 5A (Event 201)

Warm Up	08.00
Start *	08.30
Est. Finish	09.45

* 15 minutes earlier than advertised with reduced warm up
Presentations to take place during Session 5B Warm Up

Session 5B (Events 202-212)

Warm Up	09.45
Start	10.45
Est. Finish	12.22

Session 6A (Events 214-225)

Warm Up	13.30
Start	14.30
Finish	17.30

Presentations to take place during Session 6B Warm Up

Session 6B (Event 213) +

Warm Up	17.30
Start	18.00
Est. Finish	18.45

+ Please note that this event is not being swum in the advertised order and will only take place if two qualified and experienced officials are provided from each of the following clubs: Basildon, Borough of Waltham Forest, Killerwhales, London Borough of Redbridge, Romford Town, Runnymede, Southend on Sea and Thurrock. Names of officials for this event should be provided by midnight on Friday 6 February 2009. These officials do not need to be members of these clubs – however, it is the clubs' responsibility to find two officials. For a current list of registered officials, please contact Fred Gale on the above number.

Sunday 15 February 2009

Session 7A (Event 226)

Warm Up	08.00
Start *	08.30
Est. Finish	09.45

* 15 minutes earlier than advertised with reduced warm up
Presentations to take place during Session 7B Warm Up

Session 7B (Events 227-241)

Warm Up	09.45
Start	10.45
Est. Finish	12.45

Session 8

Warm Up	13.30	# May need to delay the start by 15/30 minutes
Start	14.30	
Est. Finish	17.18	