

## Hatfield Summer Meet June 2018

### Qualification criteria

There has been an unprecedented level of interest in the forthcoming meet at Hatfield with some 2,400 entries submitted. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, it is not possible for any session to last more than three and a half hours (excluding warm-ups but including finals) and so we are forced to limit the number of accepted entries to approximately 1,600.

The fairest way to restrict the numbers to this level is to reduce the qualifying time (QT) for all events and all ages by a set percentage until the number of accepted swims drops to this overall limit. It has therefore been necessary to make the QT 8.5% faster than originally published. As a result, almost 800 swims were taken out of the meet and although this is disappointing, hopefully you can agree that this is the most equitable solution since it allows a balanced range of ages to compete, in accordance with the terms of the license.

Having applied this percentage to the QT, there were of course a number of events which were not filled in every lane. In these cases, we have added the swimmer who was closest to the relevant QT for that event and in their age group back into the event since this will not lengthen the time of the session overall and gives the maximum number of swimmers the opportunity to compete. In doing so we have taken the overall number of entries to just over 1,700 with all lanes being filled, subject to any subsequent withdrawals.

A link to the full list of accepted and scratched/rejected entries is contained in the accompanying email or on the Hatfield Swimming Club website.

If any swimmer wishes to withdraw at this stage even though they have a valid qualifying time, we will refund the entry fee as part of the overall club refund (see below) and endeavour to add back the next reserve swimmer who was closest to qualification for that event. All scratched entries above have been stored, by event, in descending order to create a reserve list for this purpose, with the order being set according to those who were closest to the new QT on a percent basis for each event and age group.

The deadline for such withdrawals is midnight on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June after which no further changes will be made. Any subsequent withdrawals can be made up until the day of the meet, but these will then not result in any entry fee being refunded.

NB No **new or changed entries** will be accepted as the deadline for submission has passed.

When the final changes have been made, the meet programme can be generated and at this stage we will know exactly who has been scratched. The final version of accepted and scratched/rejected entries will be published on the club website on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June. All scratched/rejected entries will be refunded to the relevant club/individual swimmer in the week after the meet, subject to a deduction being made for any swimmers not withdrawing in accordance with paragraph 25 of the terms of the license, a copy of which can be found on the club website.

Hopefully this is all clear, but if any further clarification is required, please contact us at:

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