

Open Meet entry process

There are a number of steps to the entry process once a meet has been 'targeted' by the club coaches. As soon as a meet has been targeted it will be listed in the Diary Dates section of the website, together with a hyperlink to the respective pages on the event organiser's website.

The relevant squads will be made aware of the meet details, and the entry timeline. Details will be published on the club website at www.louth-dolphins.org.uk and will be emailed out as early as possible, once a meet is open for entries.

We will send out and publish a link to the open meet web address for entry details to be downloaded and completed.

It is important that entries are made as quickly as possible, as acceptance is frequently on a first come, first served basis.

The open meet website will have an entry pack which includes details of the location, the schedule of events, and the events being run, as well as the entry fee for each swim. There will also be details of the qualifying times for swimmers. These may be minimum or maximum times depending on the meet, and this is where your access to the club database will be vital to determine whether your swimmer is eligible for an event.

The event will be held in a Short Course or Long Course (25m or 50m) pool, and will have entry times relevant to the length of pool. All database entries are held in Short Course format which is slightly quicker than Long Course.

For entries into Long Course meets it will be necessary to convert the swimmer's database time into a Long Course time for the event. This can be done by using one of the online conversion tools that is based on the ASA conversion tables. A popular choice can be found at www.swimcalc.com

Once you have decided which swims you wish to enter, and determined that your swimmer meet the entry criteria, please complete the entry form included in the entry pack and pass this to Matthew together with a cheque made payable to Louth Swimming Club for the relevant amount.

Matthew will collate all the entries for the meet and submit a single club entry for all swimmers, together with a single cheque. The club entry is often via an online electronic submission process, with extra costs for paper entries.

The process can seem a bit daunting to start with, so just ask Matthew for help with any queries you might have.