

Urdd Gobaith Cymru

November 2018

SECONDARY SCHOOL URDD SWIMMING GALA Tuesday, November 13th, 2018

Annwyl Gyfaill

The Pembrokeshire Urdd Swimming Gala for secondary schools will be held at **Tenby Leisure Centre on Tuesday evening, November 13th between 7:00p.m and 9:00p.m.** ***Please note that this date is around two weeks earlier than in previous years.** I realise that the date may not be convenient to all but this time of year it is virtually impossible to suit everybody's diary. If you wish to suggest dates and/or locations for the 2019 gala you are welcome to do so, it must be held between October 1st and November 30th.

The Urdd nationally have adopted an on-line registration process for the swimming. The system only allows members to register to race, and all entries must be received at least three days before the gala, with no changes or additions allowed on the day. My feeling was that this would have a massive detrimental effect on the number of swimmers in our Secondary school gala and have persuaded the Urdd nationally to allow Pembrokeshire not to adopt the system this year BUT the condition is that all that swim MUST be paid up members BEFORE they swim, even if that payment is made on the night. I sincerely hope for your co-operation in this matter and understand that anybody who is found to have swam without being a member will be immediately disqualified.

I enclose in this booklet -

- the Gala Rules and details of races.
- A letter regarding new inclusive races
- A copy of the Swim Wales Rules
- An Excel form to help you construct a list of swimmers.

Idealy I would like to receive your entries electronically through this form although I will accept entries by other means. To receive a blank electronic copy please email dyfedsion@urdd.org. I would like to receive the completed forms by Monday lunchtime, November 12th please to help us prepare. We will still accept competitors on the night but this

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does slow down the evening considerably and we have in some previous years been over 30 minutes late due to the amount of on the night entries and changes.

Remember the new race added a few years ago. As well as the usual Freestyle and Medley races held individually for Boys and Girls there is a FREESTYLE Mixed Relay for two boys and two girls (was Medley last year)

Each School is allowed one team ONLY for each relay race, but once again this year there is no restriction on the number of swimmers allowed from each school in each race, and although there is limited space against each race on the form you may continue by inserting a line. No single individual is allowed to compete in more than two individual races (Including the IM) plus two relay races (4 entries in total). All members must swim within their age group and cannot move up to a higher age group event.

I implore you to arrive early on the evening as not to keep swimmers waiting. I will be there from 5:45pm to collect any late entries and Urdd Membership subs. If you intend making changes/entries on the night please arrive by 6:30 **at the latest**.

Remember that every competitor must be a member of the Urdd for the year 2018-2019. For those not up-to-date I will accept this year's fee of £7 on the night.

The winners of each race will go forward to represent the county at the National Urdd Gala to be held at the National 50 meter pool at Cardiff on **Sunday, January 27th**

If you have any query regarding the gala, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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