



Urdd Gobaith Cymru

November 2019

SECONDARY SCHOOL URDD SWIMMING GALA Tuesday, November 12th, 2019

Annwyl Gyfaiil

A reminder that the Pembrokeshire Urdd Swimming Gala for secondary schools will be held at **Tenby Leisure Centre on Tuesday evening, November 12th between 7:00p.m and 9:00p.m.** 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 2020 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 two 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. **REMEMBER IT IS POSSIBLE TO PAY MEMBERSHIP ON THE NIGHT ON THE DESK BETWEEN 6:00 AND 6:45** 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 should make you aware that the decision not to enforce the on-line system on you does not mean that the system is not in operation, just that the work will have to be done by Urdd staff and not by yourself, due to this there will be a delay in sending out final results while we firstly enroll new members, then enter them on the system to race, before inputting the race times and results.

I enclose in this booklet -

- **the Gala Rules and details of races.**
- **A copy of the Swim Wales Rules**
- **An Excel form to help you construct a list of swimmers.**
- **Letter and Eligibility Criteria for the Inclusive Races**

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Ideally 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. There is no room on this form for those competing in the inclusive races, please email these to us directly. I would like to receive the completed forms by 10am on Monday, November 11th please to help us prepare. We will still accept competitors on the night but this 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. If you wish to prepare yourself for the future you can enter on the on-line system by logging on to your school Urdd account using the user name and password posted to you by Llangrannog, if you have mislaid this please email penfro@urdd.org to receive a reminder.

REMEMBER - No single individual is allowed to compete in more than two individual races (this total includes the IM) and no more than 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.

REMEMBER – about the inclusive races arranged with the co-operation of Disability Wales, details on attachments

REMEMBER - 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 (only Freestyle, there is no Mixed Sex Medley race)

Although the Urdd national rules note otherwise, in Pembrokeshire once again this year there is NO RESTRICTION on the number of individual swimmers, or the number of relay teams allowed from each school in each race,

I implore you to arrive early on the evening as not to keep swimmers waiting. I will be there from 6:00pm 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 2019-2020. For those not up-to-date I will accept this year's fee of £8 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 26th**

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

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