

Braintree & Bocking Swimming Club

Affiliated to Swim England East Region



BBSC MARCH MADNESS REGIONAL QUALIFIER OPEN MEET

Held under Swim England Laws and Regulations, the Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming and to the Swim England Open Meet Licensing Criteria

Level 3 License 3ER240176

23rd & 24th March 2024

Braintree Swimming & Fitness, Charter Way, Braintree CM77 8YJ

MEET CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

1. The meet will take place at Braintree Swimming & Fitness on 23rd & 24th March 2024 and is licensed by Swim England at Level 3 under Licence No. 3ER240176.
2. The meet will be run in accordance with Swim England Laws, Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming and these conditions.
3. Competitors must be Category 2 members of an affiliated club, eligible to compete and registered in accordance with Swim England Laws and Technical Rules and may enter in the name of one club only. Entries will only be accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim England, SASA or WASA or competitors from a country affiliated to FINA.
4. The promoter is Helen Osborn on behalf of Braintree & Bocking Swimming Club.
5. The age groups for Male and Female are 9/10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & over.
6. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female. Anyone else will compete in the open/male category.
7. Ages are as of 24th March 2024.
8. Awards will be made to the first 3 swimmers of each age group.
9. The pool is 25m, anti-wave devices will be in place and AOE will be used. A secondary strobe for the starting system is available.
10. Heats will be swum as mixed age with swimmers seeded by entry times.
11. Over the top starts may be used at the referee's discretion.
12. Upper cut-off times are provided. Short course or converted long course times will be accepted.
13. Valid entries (which must include payment) will be accepted in the order of receipt, that is: first come first served. Entries may be rejected if the numbers designated for each event are oversubscribed. Complete entries for each club are required together with a single cheque or electronic payment (Sort Code: 20-97-40 Account Number: 70036498. Please use your club's name as reference). Individual entries will be accepted with a £1 admin charge. Late entries, day of meet entries and day of meet alterations will not be accepted.
14. "Individual entries - it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to arrange suitable supervision for the athlete (if under 18 years). This includes a minimum of one coach and one team manager at all times. We suggest liaison and agreement with another club taking part in the meet and aim to share resources. Any deviance from this policy needs to be mitigated in a risk assessment and we will request a copy of this."
15. Entries may be submitted: electronically – SportsSystems files will be posted on our website to be sent to openmeets@braintreeswimming.org.uk; manually – complete the entry forms and send them to the Promoter at 163 Cressing Road, Braintree, Essex, CM7 3PJ. Entries submitted in this way will incur an

additional £1.00 per swimmer administration charge. If the meet is not full at the closing date, we will extend the deadline for 1 week only.

16. Entries together with entry fees must be received by the Promoter by 8th March 2024. The entry fee is £7 per event.
17. The Promoter reserves the right to limit entries and the number of heats in any event to maintain a balanced programme. In the event that entries are rejected, fees will be refunded by a single payment to club in question.
18. Accepted and rejected entries will be posted on the club website within 1 week of the closing date.
19. Swimmers must withdraw from events that they no longer wish to swim. Each club will be provided with a schedule of their accepted entries. Withdrawal must be e-mailed in advance, but must be made by 4pm on the 22nd March 2024. Refunds are not available for withdrawals after the accepted entries have been posted.
20. Coaches' passes will be issued at a cost of £15 with a food and drink offering. There will be no entry to poolside without a pass and passes must be worn at all times.
21. Results will be posted on club website and emailed to clubs after the competition and will be supplied to British Swimming for entry into the national rankings database.
22. In accordance with the Swim England Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, any parents or carers of swimmers under the age of 18 who wish to take photographic, or video images are requested to focus on their own child as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in those images. Should you have any concerns about photography or filming please bring them to the attention of the promoter.

Participants and spectators are requested to follow the Swim England guidelines for photography and use of photographs on social media. The Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Wavepower 2016-19 Section 2 provides guidance on the use of social networking (page 72-75) and guidance on photography (page 76-77). <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/>. Both sets of guidance apply if social media platforms are being used to share images or recordings either after the meet or during live streaming of the event.

23. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at Braintree Leisure & Fitness. Neither the Promoter nor Braintree & Bocking Swimming Club will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during the meet.
24. The Data Protection Act 2018 requires us to provide you with certain information and to obtain your consent before processing data about you. Processing includes obtaining, recording, holding, disclosing, destruction or retaining information. We require certain personal data for the purposes of making entries to the competition, managing the meet and the submission of results to Rankings. The information provided by you will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Consent to process such personal data is deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Where the personal data of competitors, officials and coaches/team managers has been passed to us by a third party such as a club rather than by the individuals themselves, we rely on the third party to ensure that consent has been obtained.
25. Competitors must report to the marshalling area. It is the swimmers/coach's responsibility that they report to the marshals on time.
26. The promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to any spectator, coach or swimmer.
27. Any matter not covered by these conditions will be determined by the Promoter and Referee, subject to Swim England Laws, Regulations and Technical Rules of Racing.