



City of Hereford Swimming Club

Primary Schools Swimming Gala

DEADLINE – Wednesday 8th February

Dear Head Teacher/Sports co-ordinator

ANNUAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SWIMMING GALA

After the very successful re-introduction of the Herefordshire Schools' Primary Gala last year, we are pleased to announce the details for this year's gala. We recognise that children will have missed out on their usual swimming lessons over the last 2-3 years and want to reassure you that the aims of the event are to introduce swimmers to a friendly swimming event hosted and organised by your local swimming club.

Wednesday 8th February 2023 – DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF ENTRIES

Saturday 4th March 2023 – PRIMARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALA PM (exact timings to follow)

It is **IMPORTANT** that you read the rules and regulations below:

1. The event is based on Swim England and FINA rules.
2. Entries will only be accepted on the entry form provided, only one entry form per school. Only one swimmer's name is allowed in each space on the entry form. Entries are to be sent to primary.schools@herefordswimming.club
3. Entries will only be processed once payment has been received. Bank details: Lloyds sort code: 30-94-99 account number 00148007.
4. Entry fees are **£3.00** per individual event and **£5.00** per relay team
5. Once all entries processed, gala timings and programme will be forwarded to schools.
6. Places for entries **AND SPECTATOR TICKETS** will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Each school will be issued with one spectator ticket for each INDIVIDUAL swimmer entered (i.e. each shaded square on the entry form – **there are no tickets for relay entries**) – SCHOOLS WILL NEED TO SELL THEIR ALLOCATION OF TICKETS. There will be **NO ADMISSION** without a ticket.
7. All swimmers must be in the school year for the event in which they are entered. A relay team can comprise of pupils from any mixture of those year groups specified.
8. Racing blocks will be available for dive starts. It is the school's responsibility to ensure swimmers using the blocks are competent. Swimmers may also dive from the pool side or start in the water. All swimmers must start in the water at the shallow end of the pool when swimming relays.
9. The medley relay comprises one length each of Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Frontcrawl – in that order.
10. Schools must provide at least one responsible adult to supervise their team. Up to two adults per team are allowed poolside. Two poolside passes will be issued to each school entering.
11. There are no finals - the results of each event are determined on the basis of Heat Declared Winner. The fastest three swimmers out of all the heats for a given event will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze awards.

If you have any queries please email primary.schools@herefordswimming.club

Yours faithfully

James Cockroft

Chairman

City of Hereford Swimming Club



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ANNUAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALA PRESS CONSENT FORM

Most schools have global consents for photographs to be taken of pupils for the purposes of publicity for the school. Due to the continuing high costs for running the gala we still need to seek sponsorship and would ask for your support in providing the following information and ensuring pupils have or wear T-shirts on pool side.

Name of school

Contact

Contact email

Contact number

Please be assured of the following

- Photographs will not be taken of pupils in only their swimming costumes unless they are submerged in the water (action shots – usually with lots of splash)
- General shots of pupils wearing t-shirts may be used
- Children's names may be printed in the press

	Tick one box
We have consent for all our entrants to be photographed and names printed	<input type="checkbox"/>
We only have consent for photographs and not for names to be printed	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have consent for most but are providing a list of those entrants that we do not have consent for press photographs	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have consent for most but are providing a list of those entrants that we do not have consent for their names to be printed in the press although they can have photographs printed	<input type="checkbox"/>
We do not have any consents relating to this	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please return before the deadline for entries – it can be sent separately to entry

Signed

Date
