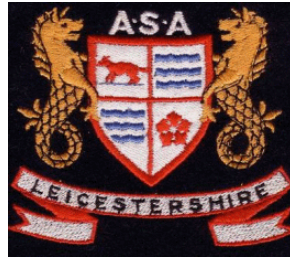


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Dear Club Age Group Representative/Club Secretary

Important Information & Changes to the 2012 County Age Groups & Championships

It has been necessary to make some significant changes to the programme of events for the 2012 championships and the revised programme is included with this correspondence.

This change is as a result of an extremely high number of competitors entering the Championships this year and the Health & Safety requirements at both Loughborough University and Braunstone Leisure Centre.

Prior to making the decision to amend the programme a number of alternatives were considered, including rejecting a number of swimmers from events in galas when the numbers are too high. However, this would have resulted in between 25-90 swimmers losing the ability to swim some events. This may have had a significant impact on some swimmers being able to compete in the complete range of events necessary to qualify for maximum Age Group Points.

In addition to revising the swimming schedule it has been necessary to withdraw the Relays from the competition in 2012. This decision was based on the fact that only 7 clubs within the county have entered teams and the time saved enabled more individual swimmers to retain their full range of swims. We also considered adding an extra gala, but this could not have been done in the existing weekends and could therefore have changed the "age on day" date.

A copy of this letter and the revised schedule is being placed on the LASA website (www.leicestershireasa.org). Clubs are asked to ensure that all competitors and parents are provided with a copy of both documents either by email, via the club websites or giving out hard copies. The onus is on each club to ensure their swimmers are made aware of this major change, particularly if they train in performance squads and not at their base club.

The revised schedule has been provided to the ASA East Midlands Region Licensing Officer and it has been confirmed that the changes do not compromise the licensing of the Championships and all swims will be entered onto the ASA Ranking System.

Each club will be provided with a revised Draft Programme which will include any amendments received since the first programme was distributed.

In addition, further information will be distributed in the next few days regarding warm up procedures and other competitor information.

Obviously, as all galas have a high number of swimmers competing, the spectator seating will be extremely tight and it may be necessary to limit the number of spectators allowed at each gala. This will only be done as a last resort and in consultation with the pool staff at both locations based on the Health & Safety & Fire Regulations operating at each venue.

It is appreciated that this change is not ideal but please be assured that the overriding consideration has been ensuring that the County Age Groups & Championships is open to swimmers at all levels from as many clubs as possible.

Kind Regards

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