

Derventio eXcel Swim Squad



DX Open Meet Newsletter – June 2006

OPEN MEET 2007

Derventio eXcel is arranging an Open meet. The event will take place at Ponds Forge, Sheffield over the Easter Weekend of Saturday 7th April and Sunday 8th April 2007.

The Meet has been granted License 1 status by the East Midlands ASA.

DX have taken time to research the best time to host their first Open Meet. One consideration was a date that fell within the ASA recommended Yearly Plan for the type of meet planned. Another was securing a date at the chosen venue.

The timing of the Open Meet is ideal as it falls nicely for all swimmers to swim fast and achieve National times and the Age Group swimmers to achieve Midland and National times.

From the Chair

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Together we are making Derventio eXcel one of the leaders in elite swimming in the UK and as such we endeavour to 'set the standard' in everything we do. The DX Open Meet will help reinforce this image and raise our profile with the media - a vital step in delivering to our sponsors the profile they seek in return for the monies they give. In addition, if well attended, it should raise much needed funding. We have also said that alongside our commitment to achieving excellence we value having fun ... I am sure that the DX Open Meet team will make it an enjoyable occasion for everyone that attends.

Simon

From the Head Coach

The DX open is a great step forward in our long term plans. It will provide appropriate racing for our swimmers at the right time of year. It will also help to raise our profile even more. Whilst out in Australia, it has been surprising to hear how many coaches have heard of Derventio and our impact in the British Swimming community.

This meet will give an opportunity to swim fast in a long course pool and gain relevant experience close to regional and national competitions. Definitely an exciting time ahead.

Mark

Organisation

The event promoter is Andy Smithurst. Andy has organised several of the DX events and will co-ordinate the activities to ensure that the event is well prepared.

We are grateful to Chris Bostock and John Hidle who are providing Technical and Procedural support up to and including the Meet. Their experience in these nationally recognised events will help to under pin the organisation.

The first advert in Swimming Times will be in the June issue out at the end of May 2006. Posters and Flyers have been produced in time for the Midlands Youth Championships. They were on display and available at the Radford Open Meet at Ponds Forge.

The intention is to distribute posters and flyers over the next six months at Speedo League galas, "Diddy" League galas, trophy galas and other Junior League galas.

DX wish to make the meet special and memorable. Special attempts are being made to create an atmosphere that is customer friendly to all - swimmers, parents and families as well as the officials.

Programme

The programme will cover the full spectrum of strokes and distances, only excluding the 800 and 1500 metre events. They will consist of:

50m, 100m & 200m in all four strokes
400m Freestyle
200m IM & 400m IM

The heats will be 'Heat Declared' swimmers seeded by entry times and cover each age group of 10 through to 17 and over. This will give swimmers the opportunity of competing against comparable swimmers in different age groups.

Venue

The Open meet is being held at Ponds Forge International Pool, Sheffield. It will need no introduction to most of the swimming fraternity as it is one of England's premier competition venues.

The pool length is 50m, has ten lanes and will be equipped with electronic timing with full display and anti-wave lane ropes. There will be continuous warm up and swim down facilities available to help swimmers prepare for and recover after races.

The venue is well located in the UK with easy links and excellent facilities. It has seating for 2,500.



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Entry Forms and Registration

Entry forms are available from the Derventio web site and will also be sent out to interested clubs. If a pack is wanted, please send an e-mail to yvettederventio@hotmail.com.

Entries will be accepted on a "First Come First Served" basis. All entries must be on the official entry form and must include the entrants ASA registration number, together with all entry fees. The entries should be based on 25m times. No entries will be accepted after the closing date or during the meet.

The heats will be run without cards and swimmers will need to register on arrival.

Withdrawals will be possible, but obviously as much notice as possible would be appreciated. There will not be any refunds.

Awards

Awards will be given to the top three placed swimmers in each age group in each individual event.

In addition to the individual event awards there will be the following overall awards:

- Top Team award
- Best Supported Team award
- Top three Boy/Girl awards.

The top three boys and girls will be determined from BAGCAT points for the 10-14 boys and 10-13 girls. For the youth swimmers, the Event points will be scored for the 100m and 200m age group events.

Other awards are being considered and more details will be announced as developed.

Meet Accommodation

Derventio eXcel want to make all our visitors relaxed and comfortable during their stay at our first Open Meet. Knowing that it is important to Swimmers and Coaches to have relaxation time and the facility to have meals organised and prepared, we have negotiated a package with Premier Travel Inn (with easy walking distance from Ponds Forge).

Details of the meals and room arrangements are given in the Open Meet pack that is being circulated or available from the web site.

Catering

Ponds Forge has a restaurant and there are shops with easy walking distance of the centre.

Sponsorship

Sponsors are being sought at two levels. The first is for the overall Meet; the second is for the individual races as there are 240 sets of medals to pay for.

The sponsorship of the complete event is being organised by the Sponsorship Sub Committee led by Jackie Moore. If you want more details or have ideas on how you can help, please contact her through the Club Website.

Depending on the level of donation, sponsors will obtain coverage in the programme and recognition in pre and post publicity. The DX web site will contain details of the event and its supporters.

The entire meet will be filmed with DVD's available for purchase by participating swimmers and clubs.

The Ponds Forge venue has a large seating capacity and over 1,000 spectators made up from visiting family and friends of the swimmers are expected. This should give the sponsors national coverage at a premier event.

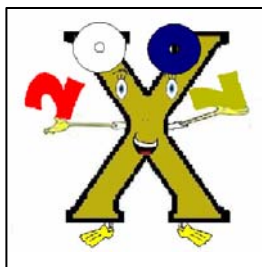
Officials and Pool Side Help

Due to the number of Officials and support staff required to run a gala of this size, we would appreciate the assistance of any suitably qualified visiting club members during the meet. Meals and refreshments will be provided. There is a form as part of the entry pack or details can be sent to Andy Smithust.

Coaches' passes and Pool Side passes are available to Coaches supporting competing swimmers. They include a Program and Results sheets. Coaches Passes also includes food pre-ordered with entries. Please apply for the pool side passes in advance.

Meet Branding and Logo

It seems as though all major events must have a logo or mascot! The DX icon will be seen in association with the Meet. As it implies, it will not be the last DX open meet!



Contacts

Please check our web site at derventioexcel.org.uk for more information on the club and the Open Meet. Alternatively, contact Andy on andy@rrealm.wanadoo.co.uk