



A GUIDE TO ENTERING OPEN MEETS

Here are a few points to help you enter and prepare for an Open Meet.

- Open Meets, as the name suggests, are open to swimmers from any club. Swimmers compete as an individual under their club name.
- There are four different levels of Open Meets (level 1, 2, 3 & 4). The level indicates the standard of swimming (to have swimmers of similar ability competing together) and the standard of organisation by the hosting club. There are usually upper limit times and/or qualifying times and/or other conditions of entry.
- If you receive an Open Meet Booking Form you will need to look at the Program, Qualifying Times and Conditions at <https://www.locksheathswimsquad.co.uk/notice-board/>. This information is also displayed on the Notice Board at Locks Heath pool and posted on the LHSS closed Facebook group.
- You will need to establish which events you qualify for using your PB's (personal best times) available at <https://www.locksheathswimsquad.co.uk/results-pb-s-cr-s/>
You cannot enter if you have recorded (at a Licensed Meet) a time faster than the upper limit times. You may consider entering an event for which you have not achieved the lower qualifying time – for example, you may not have swum the event in competition previously or for a long time. Please contact Lynda to discuss.
- Open Meet Booking Forms for Silver and Bronze/+ swimmers will usually include an indication of which events you should enter. Gold Squad swimmers do ask if you need any advice.
- Review the program carefully and try and spread your swims out but ideally do not leave large gaps between races.
- Gold Squad swimmers are to insert their entry times, which should be your PB, on the Booking Form next to the events you wish to enter. If you have not swam an event before do not enter a time, just tick the event and an entry time will be created for you.
- Return the top half of the form and pay the entry fee by bank transfer by the closing date indicated on the form. Keep the bottom half of the form for your information.
- You need to pay for each event PLUS an admin fee which is currently £4.00 per Meet.
- If the meet is oversubscribed, you will receive a refund for the relevant events after the meet (but not the admin fee).
- Late entries cannot be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynda

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