



# Middlesbrough Amateur Swimming Club

Founded in 1886

Affiliated to Swim England, N.E.R & N & D

SwimMark  
ESSENTIAL CLUB

Swim  
England

## MIDDLESBROUGH ASC MARCH 2024 MEET Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**This event is licensed Level 3 by Swim England for entry into County and Regional championships - License Number to be advised**

**This Gala will be compliant with Swim England Return to Training Guidance and fully compliant with Government guidance relating to social distancing, in addition to the specific health and safety requirements of the venue (this may be subject to change at any time)**

1. Gala to be held at The Neptune, Middlesbrough, TS3 7RP on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The pool length is 25 metres of variable depth with 8 lanes and anti-wave ropes. A separate swim down pool is available.
2. Colorado Electronic Timing will be in operation with scoreboard display. Times displayed are for information only. A secondary strobe starting unit will be available.
3. Age group/events will be:  
  
9 Years and over: 50m, 100m, 200m all strokes plus 200m IM  
10 Years and over: 50m, 100m, 200m all strokes plus 400m Freestyle and 200m IM and 400m IM.  
  
All events will be Heat Declared.
4. Middlesbrough ASC complies with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition policy. The Female category at this event is for birth sex females only. By entering the female category, a swimmer confirms their birth sex is female.
5. **Ages are as at 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Entry Fees: £7.00 per individual swim, entries must be submitted electronically.

6. Poolside passes cost £10.00 and includes entry and start sheets. Lunch will not be provided. Coaches & Team Managers will not be permitted on poolside without the necessary pass. All swimmers must be supervised by a Coach and or Team Manager in possession of a pass. All Coaches/Team Managers must be DBS checked and meet Swim England standards.
7. Middlesbrough ASC will not be responsible for any unaccompanied swimmers at the Meet. Swimmers are the responsibility of the Club to which they are affiliated and must be supervised by a responsible adult possessing a poolside pass and the relevant accreditations (as per paragraph 6).
8. Entries should be made using Sportsystems Entries Manager V2. Please apply to the meet secretary for a file set. Entries will open at 0800 on 14th January 2024. And will close once the gala is full or at 1900hrs on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

9. A list of accepted entries will be available prior to the Meet. Please check your entries to ensure they are correct and notify us of any errors. Middlesbrough ASC reserves the right to limit entry numbers of each event to manage session times.
10. Payment should be paid after the closing date and in full prior to the Meet. Payment should be made to Middlesbrough ASC by BACS Transfer to Middlesbrough ASC Sort Code 05-06-01 Account Number 15711014. Please include a Club Reference. **Payment must be made in full prior to the meet.**
11. Entry times should be converted to 25m pool times by use of ASA Conversion Tables.
12. Withdrawals will only be given if:
  - The withdrawal is before the Gala has closed, which may be prior to the advertised closing date if the Meet is full.
  - The withdrawal is after the Meet has closed on medical grounds, subject to submission of an appropriate medical certificate. In such cases, the swimmer will be withdrawn from all other events.
13. Poolside entries will be at the discretion of the Meet Organiser and will be £8.00 per entry.
14. Heats will be seeded according to submitted entries.
15. Presentations will be made to the first six in both 9 years and 10 years age groups and top three in each other individual age group.
16. Skins event will be held for the male and female 12 years and under and 13 years and over age groups. The 8 fastest times recorded on the day for the 200m IM will produce the start lists. Cash prizes will be awarded to the competitors. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Place - £5, 5<sup>th</sup> Place - £10, 4<sup>th</sup> Place - £15, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - £20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place £25 and 1<sup>st</sup> Place £30 in each age group
17. Swimmers are only permitted to swim for one Club during the Meet.
18. Where possible, over the top starts will be used during the Meet. Swimmers are requested to remain in the water until asked to leave the pool. Backstroke ledges will be available for relevant events.
19. Admission for spectators will be £7 per day (cash payment). Seating is limited and will be on a first come first served basis. Children & Concessions £3 per day. The Meet programmes will only be available online.
20. Disability competitors
  - Swimmers with a disability shall swim under IPC Rules.
  - Qualifying times for disability competitors are not required. However, entry times shall be submitted for the purpose of seeding the heats.
  - Poolside passes, coaches' passes shall attract the advertised fee. All coaches, chaperones and personal care attendants must conform to the Swim England child protection procedures and hold a current DBS certificate.
  - Competition format: The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able-bodied programme i.e. there will be no separate events for swimmers with disabilities. All swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to their entry times. Disability competitors will be included within the results for their age group.

21. Coaches/Team Managers are responsible for ensuring competitors report to the marshalling area at the required time. Swimmers failing to report to the marshals in time for the start of their race may not be allowed to compete.
22. Anyone found damaging or misusing property or equipment at the host venue may be disqualified from any further involvement in the competition and may be subject to further action from the Pool Management.
23. Neither Middlesbrough ASC, the Neptune Centre nor Everyone Active can be held responsible for loss or damage to spectators' or swimmers' property. Swimmers are advised to use the lockers (£1 refundable) in the changing rooms and not to leave belongings unattended in the changing area or on poolside.
24. Anyone wishing to use photography equipment within the pool area is to comply with Swim England Photography Guidance and seek permission from Middlesbrough ASC.
25. The Lead Referee for the meet is Gillian Smith.
26. The Referee's decision is Final.
27. 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 British Swimming 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.

### **Meet Secretary**

Scott Morton and Jon Shipley                      e-mail:                      [meetsecretary@middlesbroughasc.org.uk](mailto:meetsecretary@middlesbroughasc.org.uk)

### **Meet Promoter**

Kirsty Chaytor    e-mail:                      [galapromoter@middlesbroughasc.org.uk](mailto:galapromoter@middlesbroughasc.org.uk)

In order to run this gala a large number of licenced officials are required, if your club has any licenced officials willing to help please contact [gillian.smith@middlesbroughasc.org.uk](mailto:gillian.smith@middlesbroughasc.org.uk)

Travel expenses will be paid at a rate of 45p per mile. Where volunteers have a swimmer competing then 50% of the total mileage will be paid. Volunteers who are only doing one session per day will also be paid 50% of the total mileage.