



HOW TO ENTER A GALA

SWIMMERS NEED TO:

- be at least 9 years old, often no maximum age is defined (dependent on the competition, can be age on date of competition or at 31st December of the calendar year)
- be ASA registered (This is done by Penrith Swimming Club as part of your membership)
- meet the qualifying times listed as part of the gala conditions (these change per gala)
- have the relevant times on the ASA database (these are updated after each licensed gala)
- swim the stroke / event legally

Galas fall into the following types:

Unlicensed	Licensed	Short / Long Course
Local Club Galas Diddy League	Graded – Levels 4,3,2,1 (4 club only, 1 high level such as regional / national qualifiers)	Short Course – swum in a 25 metre pool
Times do not qualify for entry into other galas	Times qualify for entry into other galas (e.g level 4 will gain entry into level 3 galas)	Long Course – swum in a 50m pool
		Converted times may be used to enable entry into each type of gala

PENRITH SWIMMING CLUB GALA ENTRY PROCESS

- Details (promoter's conditions) will be placed on the notice board and sent in an email to eligible swimmers. It is the parents / swimmers responsibility to look out for these.
- Swimmer / Parent to agree events to be entered. Looking at the;
 - Event schedule (order of races across the gala)
 - Qualifying times (only enter if your times fall within the Upper & Lower Limits)
 - Competition age (some are age on the day others are age at 31st December)
 - Legality of stroke (e.g. do not enter 200m butterfly if you cannot perform butterfly for 8 lengths)
- Click on the link that comes in the email from Swim Club Manager, this will take you to a form where you can simply tick the boxes for the events you wish to compete in (add entry times if needed) and submit. Alternatively, you can log into Swim Club Manager and go to events and enter from there. You **MUST** enter before the closing date.
- Currently galas inside Cumbria are paid for by Penrith Swimming Club (*up to a maximum of 6 events per day and no more than 3 events per session*)
- For Galas outside Cumbria payment by cheque **in advance** of the gala for the amount of all the events entered must be received before the closing date. Please notify the Gala secretary of events you wish to enter outside of Cumbria and are not sent via Swim Club Manager.
- Accepted / rejected entry lists will be emailed (possibly posted on noticeboard) and you should be able to access in Swim Club Manager in future. Not all swimmers will be accepted for every gala. Rejections are refunded by the Gala Club.
- Withdrawals from the gala (both in and out of Cumbria) need to be paid for in ALL CASES, to Penrith Swimming Club.
- Withdrawals need to be notified to Penrith Swimming Club Gala Secretary as soon as possible and **not the club** running the gala.

AFTER GALAS:

For licensed meets, the swimmers times will be added to the ASA database, (unless disqualified then no time is added), by the club running the gala a few days after. Times will then also be recorded in Swim Club Manager for you to access.

QUALIFYING FOR CUMBRIA COUNTY AGE GROUPS:

County Age Group Qualifying times will be posted on the notice board. If at any galas (entered after the first week in February) your swimmer achieves these times (faster than) then they can enter the age groups in the January of the following year.

Reports of your swimmers times against the Age Groups Qualifying times will be emailed on request. Contact gala.penrithswimclub@gmail.com. We may also send reports throughout the year.

Know your event times, see www.swimmingresults.org/individualbest