

BOBCATS LAST CHANCE COUNTIES 2024 - MEET COMMS

Bobcats welcome you to our annual LAST CHANCE COUNTIES 2024 meet. If you have attended our meets previously then you will be aware that they are always very busy however, everyone has a great time. We love seeing all the swimmers having fun, but also seeing the excitement of many PB's and county times being achieved. This time around we are welcoming 30 teams at the meet, swimming a full programme of events which should make this a very competitive level 3 meet.

Those familiar with BOBCAT meets at Darwen will also know of the team seating arrangements, but to confirm... all teams will be situated in the sports hall on both Saturday and Sunday. We do this to ensure swimmers, spectators, officials, and coaches all have sufficient space to be comfortable for the duration of the meet. Your cooperation is vital to ensure the weekend runs smoothly. Please note that on the Friday evening swimmers will be situated poolside due to the smaller more manageable numbers.

Withdrawals:

- e-mail bbmeetsecretary@gmail.com or text (07577415621) up to 60 minutes before the start of the session. Please state the swimmer's name, club name, event number, competition number and the name of the events wishing to be withdrawn from or...
- In person at the designated desk on the day using a withdrawal form up to 60 minutes before the start of the session.

Seating arrangements for teams

- All swimmers will be situated in the sports hall with designated areas provided for each team (there will be no poolside seating for swimmers). (Friday evening the exception)
- On arrival, swimmers, coaches, and team managers should go directly to their designated area in the sports hall and remain there unless they are getting changed, warming up or racing. (Friday Evening the exception)
- We will have a team of Competitor Stewards / Marshalls situated in the sports hall and on poolside. Swimmers will need to report for marshalling with a towel and footwear in the sports hall and will then be sent in their heats to the team on poolside. (Friday Evening the exception)
- Swimmers should ensure that they are dry and are wearing appropriate footwear before returning to the sports hall. This to reduce the risk of the steps becoming wet and to avoid risks of injury.
- Swimmers should not enter the spectator area during racing. To ensure the safety of all competitors, spectators must not enter the sports hall.
- We would like to remind clubs that they are responsible to ensure swimmers stay within the designated areas and abide by these rules.

Team Managers / Chaperones

- With teams being in the sports hall, we request that each club offers support in looking after their swimmers. The team managers/chaperones will be responsible for ensuring swimmers report to marshalling at the correct time. The meet will be extremely busy, and

we will be working to tight timescales in every session therefore, we will not be able to go looking for swimmers if they do not report to marshalling in time. If swimmers fail to report to marshalling, they will unfortunately miss their races, so it's important that Chaperones engage and are fully aware of where we are up to with events and heats.

- We will be issuing 2 x free team manager / chaperone passes to each club however clubs bringing 25 swimmers or more will be issued an additional free team manager/chaperone pass for the sports hall. These can be collected at the entry desk. If clubs can please arrange volunteers to help cover each session for your club, it would be really appreciated.

Coaches

- Please ensure young swimmers are supervised during warmup sessions, especially when getting in / out of the pool, and if sprint lanes are in operation.
- Lunch will be provided for all coaches with a valid pass (unfortunately, this does not include Team Managers/Chaperones). Please note, Lunch / Refreshments are served at the 'Darwen Aldridge Enterprise Studio' this is across the road from the sports hall and will be open from 8am to 3pm both days. Please make your way there for your lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available throughout the day.

Spectators

Entrance fees are £10 per day, or £5 per session.

Programmes will be available for £2.

We also have some fantastic raffle prizes.

Cash or Contactless payments are accepted.

Live Results will be available at galaresults.com/

Live Streaming links will be made available on the day, with the link being added to our website: <https://uk.teamunify.com/team/bbsq/page/competition/bobcats-open-meets>

Swim Shop

Sports Fox swim shop will be in the café area all weekend and will have lots of fantastic swim gear and accessories, that would also be great Christmas presents.

Bobcats would like to thank you all again for joining us at our meet, we really want everyone to have the best time. The live streaming at our October Meet was a massive success and we hope you will all enjoy this aspect again this time around too.

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and New Year and when we arrive at our meet, we really hope you all enjoy the weekend. We look forward to seeing lots of great racing and most importantly all the swimmers having plenty of fun... see you all there.

Thanks Bobcats Committee