



Dear Parent / Swimmer

Development Gala Series 2017

We set out below details for the galas in this year's Development Gala Series and very much hope that **all** teaching group swimmers will all take part, regardless of their age or ability, everyone should enter.

Dates and Programme:

Gala	Date	Time	Venue	Grades
1A	Saturday 1st April 2017	9.00 – 10.45am	Burgess Hill	5 – 8 & TID
1B	Tuesday 4th April 2017	6.30 – 8.00pm	Burgess Hill	1 – 4
2A	Saturday 24th June 2017	9.00 – 10.45am	Burgess Hill	5 – 8 & TID
2B	Tuesday 27th June 2017	6.30 – 8.00pm	Burgess Hill	1 – 4
3A	Saturday 28th October 2017	9.00 – 10.45am	Burgess Hill	5 – 8 & TID
3B	Tuesday 31st October 2017	6.30 – 8.00pm	Burgess Hill	1 – 4

THERE WILL BE NO OTHER SWIMMING LESSONS ON THESE DATES

Age is as of 31st December, 2017

Strokes & Distances

Grade 8

All Swimmers, regardless of age, will swim: 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly.

Grades 5, 6 and 7 Swimmers

All Swimmers, regardless of age, will swim: 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke and will have the **OPTION** of 50m or 25m Butterfly (please specify on entry form)

Grade 4 Swimmers

All Swimmers, regardless of age, will swim 25m Freestyle, 25m Backstroke, 25m Breaststroke and 25m Butterfly

Grade 3 Swimmers

All Swimmers, regardless of age, will swim 25m Freestyle, 25m Backstroke and 25m Breaststroke

Grades 1 – 2 Swimmers

All Swimmers will swim 25m Freestyle and 25m Backstroke.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES WILL BE ON EACH ENTRY FORM.

ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

ENTRY FEE £1.50 PER SWIMMER PER GALA

Registration on the day

On the day of the gala, registration (at the desk in the foyer of the Triangle) will be:

Saturdays – open 8.30am closes 8.50am warm up 9.00am

Tuesdays – open 6.10pm closes 6.25 pm warm up 6.30pm

All swimmers entered MUST register at the desk on arrival. You will not be able to register after registration closes so please make sure you are on time. If you have not entered please do not turn up.

Development Gala Series Point Score

Gala 1 will be used to establish a base line time from which all swimmers' subsequent improvements during this series will be measured. Based on improvement across the series swimmers will be awarded points for improvement in seconds:

Entry to gala	=	2 points	
Legal swim per stroke with no improvement	=	2 points	
0.01 – 1.00 seconds improvement	=	1 points	
1.01 – 2.00 seconds improvement	=	2 points	
2.01 – 3.00 seconds improvement	=	3 points	etc.

To ensure a fair allocation of points, Grade 3 Swimmers (who are not eligible to swim Butterfly) will be awarded double points in Breaststroke and Grades 1 & 2 will be awarded double points on both Freestyle and Backstroke. The points earned will be used to determine the most improved swimmers at the end of the Series when an award will be made.

Results & Badges

Badges are awarded when a Swimmer gains a specified time. These are available from the club at a small cost. The times required for each level are posted on the Club's website. Results will be posted on the club noticeboards at each pool and will be available on the Club's website. It is the responsibility of each swimmer and his or her parent to check the times and to work out if they have earned a badge and these can then be requested from badges@midsussexmarlins.org

Invitation Championships

The Invitation Championships, where your swimmers can win medals and awards, will take place on Saturday 2nd December 2017 from 6pm at the Triangle. Please put this date in your diary now!

To qualify to enter the Invitation Champs you must have swum in at least two of the development series galas and invitations will be sent after Gala 3

Entry Form – Entry closing date is Tuesday 14th March 2017!

Development Gala Series 2017 – Development Galas 1A and 1B

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1A	Saturday 1st April 2017	9.00 – 10:45am Registration 8.30 – 8.50 am	Triangle, Burgess Hill	5 – 8 & TID	All
1B	Tuesday 4th April 2017	6.30 – 8.00pm Registration: 6.10 – 6.25pm	Triangle, Burgess Hill	1 - 4	1&2 Free, Back 3 - Free,Back,Breast 4 - All

Please DO NOT MISS the registration times.

Failure to register at the appropriate time will mean that the swimmer will be unable to swim.

YOU HAVE TWO WEEKS TO: Complete the form below, put it in an envelope and:

- with the £1.50 fee in the envelope
- **POST IT IN THE BOX ON POOLSIDE during teaching group sessions only**
- at the Triangle or at the Dolphin
- for entry to Gala 1 only of the Development Series
- **BY TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2017 : ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**PLEASE DO NOT HAND THE FORM TO ANYONE. IT MUST BE PLACED IN THE POSTBOX ON POOLSIDE.
NO EMAIL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Should you wish to discuss anything please contact Stuart Ward on 07710 414159 or headteacher@midsussexmarlins.org

ENTRY FORM

Name	Date of Birth	Age (as at 31/12/17)	Swim Grade

Grades 5/6/7 ONLY : Please indicate whether you wish to swim 50m or 25m butterfly

Signed.....
parent/guardian

PARENTS – HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AT THESE GALAS – WE CANNOT RUN THEM WITHOUT YOUR HELP. PLEASE CONTACT STUART WARD IF YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER ANY ASSISTANCE:

headteacher@midsussexmarlins.org