

# BBSC & DASC

Affiliated to Swim England East Region and Essex County

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 - Licence No. 3ER231878**

## **Christmas Cracker 2023**

Held under Swim England Laws and Regulations, the Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming  
and to the Swim England Open Meet Licensing Criteria

**Braintree Swimming & Fitness at Freeport Charter Way, Braintree, CM77 8YJ**

### **MEET RULES AND INFORMATION**

1. The competition is a Level 3 licensed meet, held under Swim England Regulations, Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming and these conditions.
2. The competition is open to all members registered with a Swim England club and as a Cat 2 swimmer.
3. The promoter is Helen Osborn on behalf both Braintree & Bocking and Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Clubs.
4. There will be medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> placed swimmers in each age group.
5. The age groups for open/male and female are: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15/over.
6. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
7. Entries will be made using Female/ Male competition categories, as these are the recognised categories at this time. You will notice a transition into the use of Female and Open/Male as the new competition categories following the launch of the Swim England Transgender and Non-binary Competition Policy on 1 September.
8. Age as at 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023
9. Events are 50m, 100m and 200m in all strokes and 100m and 200m IM.
10. The pool is 25m and anti-wave devices will be in place. A secondary starting strobe will be available.
11. Heats will be swum as mixed age with swimmers seeded by entry times. All events will be spearheaded seeded on submitted times for all heats.
12. Over the top starts may be used at the referee's discretion.
13. The qualifying times are as attached.
14. All entries will be checked to ensure swimmers are capable of completing the event.
15. Entry fee is £7 per event, please complete entries via the Sportsystems entry file and the closing date for entries is the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.
16. No late entries will be considered. Sportsystems entry files will be posted on our websites. All entries files to be returned via email to [dascopen@btinternet.com](mailto:dascopen@btinternet.com). For individual entries, please complete the individual form and send them to Christmas Cracker, 25 Crummock Close, Essex CM77 7UP. Manual entries will incur an additional £1.00 per swimmer administration charge.
17. To pay by Bank Transfer, please make payments to: Sort Code: 20-97-40 Account Number: 70036498. Please use your club name as reference. Cheques should be made payable to BBSC and sent to us by post (address in 14. above) with a copy of the entry summary. Please send a single cheque to cover all the entries for your club, upon receipt the entries will be confirmed via email.
18. Results will be posted on the club websites and will be supplied to British Swimming for entry into the national ranking database.
19. In order to comply with the requirements of the venue, the promoter is obliged to ensure that anyone who wishes to take photographs or video at the meet first signs the photography book at the entry desk. The rules on photography apply to swimmers, coaches, team managers, officials and volunteers as well as spectators, and to the use of mobile phones, tablets or other image-capturing electronic devices as well as cameras

In accordance with the Swim England Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, any parents or carers of swimmers under the age of 18 who wish to take photographic or video images are requested to focus on

their own child as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in those images. Should you have any concerns about photography or filming please bring them to the attention of the promoter.

Participants and spectators are requested to follow the Swim England guidelines for photography and use of photographs on social media. The Swim England Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Wavepower 2016-19 Section 2 provides guidance on the use of social networking (page 72-75) and guidance on photography (page 76–77). <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/> . Both sets of guidance apply if social media platforms are being used to share images or recordings either after the meet or during live streaming of the event.

No photography is permitted in changing rooms. Any person found to be contravening this condition will be required to leave the competition and venue without refund.

20. In line with the recommendations, we suggest a maximum of 10:1 ratio of swimmers to coaches/Team managers.
21. All participants must observe the safety precautions in operation at Great Dunmow Leisure Centre. Neither the Promoter nor Braintree & Bocking or Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club will be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during this meet.
22. 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 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.
23. Any matter not covered by these conditions will be determined by the Promoter and Referee, subject to Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules of Racing.