Dear Development Squad Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Mays Newsletter for the Development Squad.

Another month has gone by and we are now into the closing stages of the season, we have been into heavy training and all are doing very well. Those swimmers who have attended all sessions should be feeling a lot fitter and more skilful in their swimming. Hopefully all this training will help them to produce some good swims at the meets coming up.

In the next month or two we have:

Cath Ankers (9th June) entries closed

Winsford Dev Meet (7th July) entries closed

Biddulph Open Meet (14th‐15th July) entries closed

We also have a time trial (16th June) which all swimmers are expected to enter. Details are on our web‐site in the member’s area in the Development Squad section.

Lots of competitions are coming up; hopefully you will have entered these meets as it will give your child the opportunity to gain some racing experience, improve skills and also to gain Qualifying times for future competitions. Winsford took a massive team of 61 swimmers to the 2012 North Midlands Championships; in 2013 we want to take even more! Please keep entering all the meets and help to give your child the best possible chance to gain these QT’s. I have heard there is a huge number entering our Open Meet in July, Well Done.

Also keep an eye out for the Club champs, which usually take place in September and October. The Club Champs is the best opportunity to gain race experience, gain new PB’s or gain first times. Your child is free to enter any race (in their age group) and it is recommended to enter as many as possible (especially the 200m events) so your child can have the best opportunity to gain North Midlands QT’s for Jan 2013. Swimmers should not be specialising on any one particular event but entering a range of middle distance events, especially the IM.

Just a reminder the closing date for the Time Trial **8th June**, for your entry to be accepted and a minimum of 3 events should be swum.

Finally just wanted to say well done to all swimmers in the Development Squad, those swimmers who attend regular are showing great improvement in their skills and fitness. Swimming is so very technical that the more your child attends the better they will become. The effort and professionalism and punctuality are very good. It is great to coach so many hardworking and focused athletes.

Good Luck to all participants at the Cath Ankers Meet on Saturday 9th June. I will be there to support the swimmers on the day. I hope everyone has a successful day.

Thanks

Dan Goodwin