



Entering gala FACT sheet

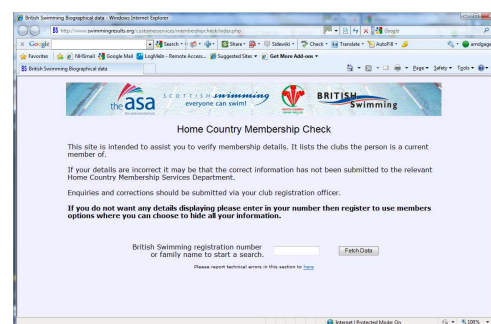
When entering an open meet recommended by Chesterfield Swimming Club you will be asked to complete an entry form. The forms will usually ask for similar information including name address DOB telephone number and email address.

Other information that will be asked for is:

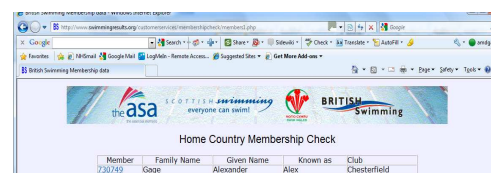
ASA number: When you joined Chesterfield swimming club you will have received an ASA membership card which will have your ASA number on it. If you have misplaced the card you can find your ASA number by going to

<http://www.swimmingresults.org/customerservices/membershipcheck/index.php>

and entering your family name.



The number to the left of your name is your ASA number and is used to collate data from every gala.



The Club name is Chesterfield Swimming Club

Most entry forms will ask you to make cheques to the club in question, but at Chesterfield Swimming Club we try to help the host club by sending all the entries in together with one cheque from us so we ask that you:

"make cheques payable to Chesterfield Swimming Club"

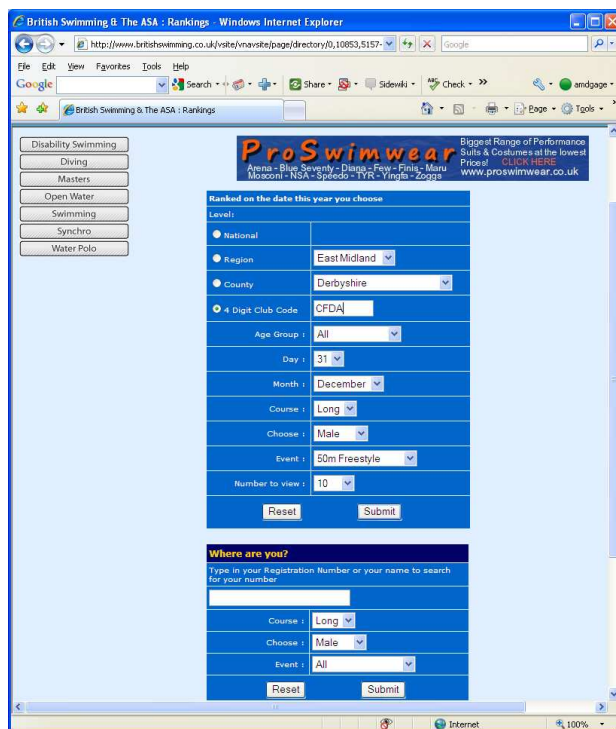
This does mean that our club closing date is usually at least two weeks before the closing date on the entry form. Entries should be passed to the fixtures secretary or handed in to the club desk on a Sunday night or your coach.

Some entry forms will ask for information about the session or event number in which case there is usually an information sheet or meet schedule with this information. Please take care to complete entry forms accurately as this helps administrators, who are mostly volunteers. Pay particular attention not just to the event distance and stroke but whether it is for boys or girls and which age group.

Age group may also be asked because each gala will have an "age as at" date, which tends to be on or around the date of the competition but this needs to be checked on the gala information sheet and is different for every gala.

You will also need times for the events you want to enter so it is important to provide these when entering a gala. For open B grade meets these can be supplied by your coach from training sessions but when it comes to level 1, 2, 3 meets and county district or national qualifying times these need to be obtained during a gala and be registered with the ASA. When you have competed in a gala you will be able to access your p.b.s or personal best times on the internet at:

http://www.britishswimming.co.uk/vsite/vnavsite/page/directory/0,10853,5157-182582-199800-nav-list_00.html



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the British Swimming & The ASA Rankings website. The page has a blue header with the 'ProSwimwear' logo and a navigation menu on the left. The main content area features a search form titled 'Ranked on the date this year you choose'. The form includes dropdown menus for Level (National), Region (East Midland), County (Derbyshire), Digit Club Code (CFDA), Age Group (All), Day (31), Month (December), Course (Long), Choose (Male), and Event (50m Freestyle). There are 'Reset' and 'Submit' buttons. Below this is a section titled 'Where are you?' with a text input field for a registration number or name, and dropdown menus for Course (Long), Choose (Male), and Event (All), also with 'Reset' and 'Submit' buttons.

just enter your ASA number.

Some galas will have qualifying times and you will need to be between the times supplied by the promoter. If you are too fast on the day you may end up with a speeding ticket, which is a badge of honour as long as you weren't too fast to enter the gala in the first place. It means that you have improved a great deal. Don't be tempted to supply a slower time just to enter as it is unfair to other swimmers.

You will also be asked to summarise the number of events you have entered and how much you are paying, this just helps the administrators make sure you have entered all the times you need to enter the number of events you intended to enter.

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