FINAL INFORMATION FOR OUR LEVEL 2 WINTER OPEN MEET
20th-21st NOVEMBER 2021

Thank you for joining us at the Guildford City SC Level 2 Winter Open Meet, we look forward to welcoming everybody.

For the latest programme of events, including provisional timings and accepted entries please see the Competitions page on our website www.gcsc.co.uk.

Venue Address
Surrey Sports Park
University of Surrey
Richard Meyjes Road
Guildford
Surrey
GU2 7AD

For directions to the Surrey Sports Park, including traveling by other modes of transport, please follow the link below.
https://www.surreysportspark.co.uk/about/visitor-information/directions/

Parking at Surrey Sports Park
Parking in the top Carpark, nearest the main building is free for three hours.
Parking in the lower (Nursery) carpark is free for an unrestricted amount of time.
Carpark Marshalls will be available to assist with any parking concerns.

Covid-19 precautions and procedures
Frequent washing of hands and use of hand sanitiser.
Do not campout in the pool hall area when not required to do so, exit often for fresh air.
Mask wearing is discretionary.

Important 'Sign Out' procedures
This is a **"sign out"** gala anyone wishing to withdraw from a race needs to do so before the start of warm-up for the corresponding session. Please withdraw either in person at the announcing desk or by email to Claire.Walsh@gcsc.co.uk. Failure to withdraw will result in a heat running with an empty lane, will affect the smooth running of the gala and is inconsiderate to other competing swimmers.

Changing Rooms
The Surrey Sports Park has plenty of space for changing; however, swimmers and parents should be advised the changing area is open to the public. May we remind swimmers and parent's photographic equipment should **not** be used in the changing village. Any activity witness to be unusual or concerning should be reported to gala officials or Surrey sports park staff.
Lockers are available to store belongings and require a £1 deposit to release the key.

Poolside
Absolutely no outdoor footwear should be worn on poolside at any time.
This gala is very busy and consequently poolside space is limited, please can we request that no chairs or large bags are brought on poolside. Any such items will be removed.

Spectator seating
There is no charge for spectators however, as highlighted in our promoters conditions, spectator seating at Surrey Sports Park is limited. We would be grateful if you would not 'camp out' on seats and be considerate to others around you.

Catering at Surrey Sports Park
Surrey Sports Park is a fabulous venue, there is Starbucks and the Bench Bar which offers a wide range of tasty food. www.**surreysportspark**.co.uk/the**bench**/
There is a Tesco (with cash machine) a 10-15 minute walk from the pool.

Kitkabin
Our Swimwear provider KitKabin shop, located in the Surrey Sports Park Foyer, will be open throughout the weekend. They provide a wide range of performance and training swimwear, as well as the full range of training aids and accessories. They stock Speedo, Funkita, Amanzi, Arena, TYR and Zoggs.

Accomodation
Guildford has a wide range of hotels, see the link below. The Holiday Inn is within walking distance of the pool and the Premier Inn and Travelodge are a 10-15minute drive away.
www.**guildford**.gov.uk/**visitguildford**/

Important Photography Guidance at our Open Meets
In current society, we have a wide range of devices with photographic and videoing capabilities. Whilst the majority of images are taken in good faith we must be mindful that images of children and adults can be misused and sharing images widely without consent may betray a confidence or identify of a child or adult, which could present a risk of harm to that individual.

Parents and Carers of participants under the age of 18 who wish to take images are requested to focus on their own children as much as reasonably possible and to avoid including other children in images, particularly if those images are being shared with family and friends or through social media platforms. Whilst it is acknowledged that parents/carers may wish to photograph and/or record their own children when taking part in galas it should be recognised and respected that other parents / carers may not wish for their child's image to be taken and shared in this way.

Should you have any concerns about photography or filming at the event please bring this to the immediate attention of the meet Promoters Cathy Hicks and Cathy Hicks by going to the recorders desk at the scoreboard end of the pool.

Guildford City Swimming Club is committed to ensuring that all children who participate in our Open Meets are able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment. If you have any child safeguarding concerns at the event, please contact the Meet Referee John Tripp immediately to disclose your concerns.

The full ASA Guidance on Photography can be found in Wavepower the ASA Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures available at www.swimming.org

Many thanks again for choosing our meet, we hope you enjoy it and best of luck to all swimmers!

Cathy Hicks and Sarah Trotman
Meet Promoters
GCSC Gala Team