



Ormskirk Otters Swimming Club

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IMPORTANT CHANGE - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

There has been an amendment to the qualification rules in the Club Championships for 2008. Entry to the final will now be based on times rather than points. Each stroke is covered twice in the internal galas (galas 1-5 held from March onwards) Therefore, each swimmer has 2 opportunities to swim a good enough time to get into the final. The 6 fastest times will compete in the finals in November. Remember also that the age groups 10 /11 and 12/13 are combined for the final, as they always have been. If you have any queries then please contact Kevin Walsh.

DATES

Sunday 8th June- Club Championship Gala 3 warm up 3pm
Friday 20th June-AGM, Committee Room Park Pool 7.30pm
Saturday 21st June-Bag Packing, Morrisons Ormskirk
Saturday 21st June-Microleague Gala, Leyland Leisure Centre
Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June- City of Liverpool Summer Sprints, Picton 50m pool

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDER

For the health and safety of the children; parents and carers are not allowed on the poolside during internal galas or training sessions.

SWIMMING COSTUMES

We have ordered new TYR female swimming costumes from 'KICK SWIMWEAR' in Marshside. They are made of high quality performance material and should be available for initially the Squad swimmers to buy, before the next Microleague gala.

SENIOR SQUAD PROMOTED IN THE M&D LEAGUE

As expected the senior squad secured promotion at our home gala at Crosby in April. With a severely depleted squad on the day Otters took second place but still finished top of the league by a comfortable margin. The new season starts in the autumn and the team will be even stronger next year with the contingent from the ever improving junior squad joining the ranks. Congratulations to all of the squad who have swam this season, there have been some fantastic performances. Here we are celebrating our success at the end of the gala.



JUNIOR SQUAD START WELL IN MICROLEAGUE SEASON

The 2008 Microleague season is underway and Otters now compete in Division B following promotion in September. There were 2 galas in quick succession in April at Southport and Lancaster with Otters finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. This was an opportunity for our younger swimmers to experience the excitement of competing both individually and in their relay teams and they sure didn't let themselves down! Whilst we have lost our excellent 12 year olds from last year the next crop of 9 year old boys and girls have already proven they can easily hold their own in this division. At the Southport gala the 9 year olds won 10 of the 12 events with the girls winning all of theirs. The following week at Lancaster they won 8 events against stiffer competition but proving they are up there with the best in the league. Personal bests were achieved in the individual events by 70% of swimmers at Southport and nearly 50% a week later. This is a fantastic achievement and we look forward to the next gala on Saturday 21 June at Leyland.

BAG PACK-ORMSKIRK SAT 21/06/08 SEE ATTACHED FORM