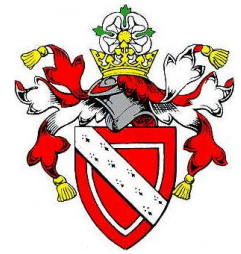


**Richmond Dales ASC**  
**The Iain Young 'Back to Pool' Gala**  
**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**



**This is a Level 3 Short Course Gala Licensed by Swim England – Licence Number: NE231141  
It is subject to Swim England Laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of Racing.**

1. This Gala is to be held at the Neptune Centre, Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough TS3 7RP on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The pool length is 25 metres of variable depth with 8 lanes and anti-wave lane ropes. A separate swim down facility is available.
2. Colorado Electronic Timing will be in operation with scoreboard display. Times displayed are for information only. A secondary strobe starting unit will be available.
3. Age Groups/Events will be:  

9 years and over:	50m, 100m, 200m all strokes, including 100m IM and 200m IM
11 years and over:	50m, 100m, 200m all strokes, 400m freestyle and 100m IM, 200m IM and 400m IM <i>(400 Freestyle and 400IM events will be restricted to 4 heats each)</i>

All events will be Heat Declared Winners.

4. Richmond Dales ASC complies with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition policy. The Female category at this event is for birth sex females only. By entering the Female category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
5. Any swimmer accepted must have times that have been ratified by the relevant Club Coach for each event. Swimmers not in compliance with the aforementioned requirement will be disqualified from all events and invalidated from all presentations.
6. Ages are as at 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
  
Entry Fees: £7.00 individual Sportsystems entries and paper entries  
*(where there is more than one swimmer competing from a Club, entries must be submitted electronically)*
7. Poolside passes are £25.00 each, which includes lunch and start sheets (programmes will only be available online). All swimmers must be accompanied poolside by either a Coach or Team Manager. Coaches and Team Managers will not be permitted on poolside without a Poolside Pass. All Coaches and Team Managers/Chaperones must be DBS checked and meet Swim England standards (you will be asked to confirm this on your Summary Sheet).
8. Richmond Dales ASC will NOT be responsible for any unaccompanied swimmers at the Gala. Swimmers are the responsibility of the Club to which they are affiliated and must be supervised by a responsible adult possessing a Poolside Pass and the relevant poolside accreditations (as per paragraph 6).
9. Entries should be submitted using Sportsystems Entries Manager V2, provided by the Competitions Secretary or available online on the RDASC website. This is a **'first come, first served'** Gala. Entries open at 0800hrs on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 and will close once the Gala is full or at 1900hrs on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. *RDASC reserve the right to fill any empty lanes with their own swimmers.*

**Entries received prior to 0800hrs on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 will be returned and you will be asked to resubmit at the entry opening time.**

10. A list of accepted entries will be available prior to the Gala. Please check your entries to ensure they are correct and notify us of any errors. RDASC reserves the right to limit entry numbers of each event to manage the session times.
11. **Clubs will be invoiced for payment after the closing date** and payment must be made in full prior to the Meet date. Payment is to be made by BACS transfer to Richmond Dales ASC, Sort Code: 54-30-43, Account Number: 02230798. Please include a Club reference (abbreviations accepted) followed by **IYB2P23** eg RDASC IYB2P23. Clubs entering more than one swimmer must use a Sportssystem Electronic Entry File. Please complete and return the Summary Sheet along with Sportsystems Entry file.
12. Entry times will be converted from 50m pool times by use of ASA conversion tables.
13. Withdrawals will only be given if:
  - The withdrawal is before the Gala has closed, which may be prior to the advertised closing date if the Gala is full.
  - The withdrawal is after the Gala has closed and is on medical grounds, subject to submission of an appropriate medical certificate. In such cases, the swimmer will be withdrawn from all other events.
14. Poolside entries will be at the discretion of the Meet Organiser and will be £8.00 each entry.
15. Heats will be seeded according to submitted entry times.
16. Presentations will be made to the first three in age groups 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs and 15yrs and over. Medals will be awarded to Classified disability swimmers in each age group according to the GB multi classification points system.
17. Swimmers will only be permitted to swim for one Club during the Gala.
18. For safety reasons, only swimmers who can perform a Swim England competitive start may perform a shallow racing dive from the starting blocks. Where possible, over-the-top starts will be used during the Gala. Swimmers are requested to remain in the water until asked to leave the pool.
19. Disability competitors:
  - Swimmers with a disability will swim under IPC Rules.
  - Qualifying times for disability competitors are not required, however entry times will be submitted for the purpose of seeding the heats.
  - Poolside passes/Coach passes will attract the advertised fee. All Coaches, Chaperones and Personal Care Attendants must confirm to the Swim England Child Protection Procedures and hold a current DBS certificate.
  - The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able-bodied programme. As such, there will be no separate events for swimmers with disabilities. All swimmers will be seeded in the heats according to their entry times. Disability swimmers will also be included within the results for their age group.
20. Admission for spectators will be £8.00 per day (cash payment). Seating is limited and will be on a first come first served basis. The Meet programmes will only be available online. Children under 12 years old and accompanied by an adult will be admitted for free.
21. Entry cards will not be issued. Coaches or Team Managers should advise the recorders of any missing swimmers by 8pm the evening before the swim, or 12 noon before the afternoon session, using the withdrawal form available on the RDASC website. Seeded heat lists will be produced prior to the start time of the session. Complying with this condition will reduce the number of empty lanes.
22. Coaches/Team Managers are responsible for ensuring competitors report **FIRST** to the marshalling area at the required time. Swimmers failing to report to the Competition Marshals in time for the start of their race may not be allowed to compete.

23. Anyone found damaging or misusing property or equipment at the host venue may be disqualified from any further involvement in the competition and may be subject to further action from the Pool Management.
24. Neither Richmond Dales ASC nor the Neptune Centre can be held responsible for loss or damage to spectators' or swimmers' property. Swimmers are advised to use the lockers provided in the changing rooms and not leave belongings unattended in the changing area or on poolside.
25. Anyone wishing to use photographic equipment within the pool area is to comply with Swim England Photography Guidance.
26. The Lead Referee prior to the gala will be John Flynn who is contactable at [j.flynn@ntlworld.com](mailto:j.flynn@ntlworld.com)
27. RDASC will confirm nearer the time whether there will be a swimwear shop available at the event.
28. 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 British Swimming 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.
29. Any points not covered in these Meet Conditions will be at the discretion of the Meet Organisers.

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