

Dear Swimmers/Parents

Please find attached an updated Competition Calendar for Morpeth ASC, covering January – August 2017.

Please note events may be added to the Calendar as more information becomes available from clubs hosting competitions.

There are 4 categories of competitions/events on the calendar.

Yellow – Whole Club target meets. These meets will be Level 4 and 3 meets and open to **ALL** swimmers in B, A and AA squad. Swimmers in Development squad will also be eligible for these meets, if they are old enough and the coaching team believe it is an appropriate level of competition for them.

Swimmers in Competitive squads are expected to compete at these meets. It is a good opportunity for the older and more advanced swimmers to practice race skills and for the younger swimmers to learn from older swimmers. These meets will also serve as an opportunity for swimmers to record qualifying times for N&D's and NER's. On occasion swimmers in A and AA may be given a 'pass' on these meets to focus on a higher level meet.

Green – These are either **Championship meets** where swimmers must have achieved qualifying times to enter (N&D, Nationals, NERs) or **Level 1/2 Open meets**, where the times registered can be used to qualify for Nationals (British Summer Nationals, ASA Summer Nationals, Scottish Summer meet etc...).

There will normally be minimum time standards that must have been met for entry into Level 1 meets. These meets will be 'Targets' for top end swimmers in A and AA and may involve overnight stays.

Blue – Team Events. These are team events and selected swimmers will be notified by Becki via email and team sheets on the notice board, if they have been selected to represent Morpeth ASC.

Swimmers are generally expected to compete in **ALL** Team Events and Relays they are selected for. If on occasion a swimmer is not able to compete they **MUST** let Becki know asap so the opportunity can be offered to another swimmer if appropriate. Diddy League will take priority in most cases for swimmers aged 9 – 12 over 'other competitions', Becki will advise swimmers when this is not the case.

White – Non competitive events. External training opportunities/camps. E.g. Northumberland Hub sessions or N&D talent camps. More dates for these will be added soon.

Competing is an important part of a swimmer's development and progression through Morpeth ASC's Squad structure Minnows – AA.

The competition calendar is designed to and offers all swimmers a chance to compete at competitions appropriate to their level.

For swimmers in AA & A events will be selected at each competition by Becki, these will be highlighted on the Event sheet handed out to swimmers. Swimmers will be expected to enter these events. If for any reason swimmers wish to change their events/not enter all highlighted events they should speak to Becki directly.

Swimmers in AB squad are not required to compete, however these meets are open to them as well if they wish to enter.

If you have any questions/queries regarding the competition calendar please contact Becki, coach@morpeth-asc.org.uk