



Gala selection criteria

Every year for the past four years we have given around 75% of the membership the chance to swim competitively. This has historically been through the Pentagon League or our own Club Champs.

With the Arena League we hope to increase this uptake. However, we can only do so where swimmers take up their place in gala squads when offered. The club policies you receive when you join state 'you should be willing to represent the club at galas'. This doesn't always happen and results in a lot of work for Jon Horsman and volunteers in the constant re-selection of teams.

As the Club is looking to become more competitive we are publishing the selection criteria so there is no air of mystery about it:

Criteria

Swimmers will be selected for galas on the following basis:

- Regular attendance at swim sessions, namely two 2+ a week
- Attendance at Annual Club Champs and Awards in November
- Personal times taken at swim sessions and coach knowledge of individual ability.
- Attendance at 'extra' swim sessions offered out to selected swimmers throughout the year e.g. Guildford 50m training.
- Places will not necessarily be offered to the fastest swimmers if they don't attend Club sessions regularly.
- Where time trials are published attendance will be noted.
- Where a gala place is turned down twice in a row, the Club will contact the parents
- Head Coach discretion

What the club will do:

- All gala dates will be published in advance; as we receive them, on the website and via email
- Gala squads will be emailed out in two ways:
 1. General email to all club members (just because you are not in the first draft doesn't mean you won't be contacted to take part later)
 2. Personal email to the selected squad
- Where possible gala squads will be published 3 weeks prior to the event