

Orpington Ojays Swimming Club  
The Novices Challenge  
Promoter's Conditions

1. This competition is promoted by Orpington Ojays Swimming Club, which is affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association London Region . The competition is held under Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) laws and Technical Rules.
2. Ages are as at 31st December in the year of the competition. Swimmers entering 10 yrs and under events must be aged 9 yrs by 7/2/2010 . It is the swimmers' responsibility to ensure his/her eligibility for each event. All swimmers must be registered with the ASA.
3. Events will be swum on a heats and finals basis, although the organisers reserve the right to amend this to a timed heat declared winner (HDW) basis should the circumstances demand. At least the 4 fastest qualifiers from the heats will go forward to the finals.
4. All finals will be swum in spearhead formation based on heat times.
5. Awards will be presented to all individual finalists.
6. It is a condition of entry that the competitors shall not have gained a first, second or third place in any individual championship final (except his/her own club championships) on the stroke they wish to swim. In the event that a swimmer is placed first, second or third in a gala between the entry date and date of swimming, they will not be allowed to swim and entry fees will be refunded. - **ANY COMPETITOR WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THIS CONDITION SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED.** Only those competitors taking part in individual events may participate in relay events.
7. All individual events are 33.3 metres and all relay events are 4 x 33.3 metres. Mixed relay teams to be made up of 2 boys and 2 girls. **Due to Borough Regulations all relay swimmers starting at the shallow end must start in the water.**
8. Entry forms must be received by midnight on the closing date given on the Entry Forms. The promoter may close entries earlier at his discretion. The swimmers ASA registration number must be quoted on the Entry Form
9. A cardless entry system will be operated at this gala. Swimmers **must** sign in at the relevant desk **not later than 40 minutes prior** to the start of each session for the events in **that session only.**
10. Competitors must report to the stewards at least 2 clear events (not heats), before their own. Competitors for the first 2 events of each session must report to the stewards immediately after the end of the warm-up period. Finalists must report to the stewards during heat 1 of the last event before the finals commence. Finalists in the last event must report as soon as they are declared. Any competitor not reporting on time may be excluded from the event.
11. Competitors are only allowed on the poolside during the session in which they are competing. Please note that swimmers are not permitted in the gallery or cafeteria in swimwear.
12. One coach per 10 swimmers is allowed on poolside provided a coaches passes has been paid for in advance. Coaches will not be allowed on the poolside without a pass. Parents are not allowed on the poolside at any time.
13. The main pool is available for a warm-up prior to the start of each session. The teaching pool is **OUT OF BOUNDS AT ALL TIMES.**