

Wigan Swimming Club

SUMMER SIZZLER



PRE MEET INFORMATION PACK

A large, vibrant poster for the 'Summer Sizzler' event. The background is a deep blue with light blue circular patterns. At the top left, there is a yellow sun behind white clouds. At the top right, there is a smaller white cloud. The text 'Wigan Swimming Club' is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below it, the word 'SUMMER' is in large, white, block letters. Underneath 'SUMMER', the word 'SIZZLER' is written in large, yellow, block letters with a flame-like effect at the top of each letter. At the bottom left, there is another white cloud. At the bottom right, there is a cartoon bee wearing red sunglasses, flying towards the left. The date '19th May 2024' is written in a white, sans-serif font in the bottom right area, above the bee.

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WARM WELCOME

HELLO and THANK YOU for choosing to join us at the Inaugural Wigan Summer Sizzler, we can't wait to get the racing and fun started on Sunday 19th May 2024!!!

We could have never imagined that the gala would become so popular and we know that this is going to create a great atmosphere throughout the day.

We have lots planned for the day and would like to take the time to thank all the coaches, team managers, officials and volunteers for giving up their time to make sure this gala can run.

We would also like to thank and welcome the following businesses to the Wigan Life Centre to make sure the day is that little bit better:

1. Key Photography Wigan
2. Mak Swimwear
3. HEAD Café
4. Sapphire Homes

Wigan Swimming Club would like to thank Sapphire Homes who have very kindly donated all of the spot prizes for the Summer Sizzler.

Please have a read of all the information included in this information pack and if you have any questions please email meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk

Once again we look forward to welcoming you to the Summer Sizzler!!!!

WIGAN SWIMMING CLUB



EVENTS AND APPROX TIMINGS

Sunday Morning Warmup Times	
Girls 9 to 12	08.30 to 08.41am
Girls 13 and Over	08.41 to 08.52am
Open/Male 9 to 12	08.52 to 09.03am
Open/Male 13 and Over	09.03 to 09.14am
Approx Start Time	09.15am
Approx Finish Time	12.45pm

EVENT NUMBER	EVENT NAME
101	Female 200m Free
102	Open/Male 50m Fly
103	Female 50m Fly
104	Open/Male 100m Back
105	Female 100m Back
106	Open/Male 50m Breast
107	Female 50m Breast
108	Open/Male 100m Free
109	Female 100m Free
110	Open/Male 100m IM

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COMPETITOR AND COACH INFO

- All teams will be allocated a place on poolside. Both the competition pool and the small pool areas will be used! Team names will be placed on the wall to indicate your base for the day!
- The small pool will be available for swim downs.
- Coaches and team managers are asked to make sure the small pool is used for the purpose of swimming down only please!
- Poolside passes are to be collected and worn at all times by coaches and team managers on poolside. These can be collected from the desk set up at the turn end of the pool.
- Swimmers, coaches and team managers are reminded that it is their responsibility to make sure swimmers arrive in the marshalling area in plenty of time before their heat.
- There will be spot prizes throughout the day!
- Medals will be collected from upstairs in the North Gallery! Make sure to take a picture on the podium and tag us on Instagram for a chance to win a prize!
- Swimmers when you are walking through the building please make sure you are dry and have adequate clothing and footwear on to avoid any accidents thank you!
- Everyone is reminded that NO phones should be out/in your hand for any reason within the changing area!!!
- We politely ask that swimmers do not walk in front of the referees at any point. When swimmers have finished their race we ask that they walk around the pool back to their team and not in front of the starting area.
- When entering the pool we ask that no one stands on the timing pads. The timing system at Wigan is brand new including the pads and we would like to keep them looking and working well!!!!
- NO poolside entries will be accepted.
- ***IMPORTANT* There is a swimmer competing who has a nut allergy! We ask that no one brings any peanuts or anything made with peanuts on to poolside!!!!**



WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

If a swimmer wishes to withdraw from some/all events please follow the procedure set out below:

BEFORE THE MEET: Email meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk up to 8pm on Saturday 18th May 2024

DAY OF THE MEET: Please collect, fill out, and hand back a withdrawal form from the timing desk in the far corner of the pool at the start end! We ask that withdrawal forms for the morning session are handed in no later than 08.30am although this information will hopefully have been received the night before as stated above and no later than 13.30 for the afternoon session.



SPECTATOR INFORMATION

We have tried to make sure that the day is a fun filled day with as much packed into it as possible!

As previously mentioned both Mak Swimwear, HEAD Café, and Key Photography Wigan will be set up in the North Gallery throughout the day.

As many of you will already know Mak Swimwear are still a relatively new swimwear company who are based out of Preston. They really have burst on to the scene not just here in the North West but all over the country and that is mainly down to their amazing personalities and making sure that they do everything they can to help you out! We are extremely lucky and grateful to have Mak with us, so please make sure you go and have a look at their great range of everything swimming or just pop along to say hello!

We also welcome HEAD Café to the Summer Sizzler! This Café is based on the premises of the HEAD hair salon which is based in Wigan. They arrive today with an array of tasty treats, snacks, sandwiches and hot and cold drinks and will be based in the North Gallery. Please make sure you pop along and have a quick chat, whilst treating yourself to something delicious!

Both Mak Swimwear and Head Café will accept both cash and card throughout the day.

Both upstairs in the North Gallery and on poolside will be our official photographers Key Photography Wigan! They will be making sure to catch all of the action throughout the day. Pictures will be available to buy online! Below you will find a section about the photography on the day. Please have a read of all the information and if you have any questions or want to hand the photography Interest form in, be sure to go and visit Key Photography in the North Gallery in **plenty of time before the gala starts**. You will also find all the information you need on how to access all of the photos of the day from the base set up in the North Gallery.



Throughout the day we will have our announcer and commentator Lee C on the mic and music to keep you up to date with all the live action and making sure everyone has a great time. Lee has been commentating at both the Lancashire Counties and North West Regionals for the last couple of years. However at this gala he is also looking to make sure that everyone gets in on the action. Mexican Waves, party dances, and games with prizes and that's just the Spectators (haha)!

On the day you will need to head up to the first floor to find the spectators area. On making your way into the North Gallery you will be met by our volunteers.

Spectators entry fees for the full day will be £8 with under 12 going free! If you are only there for the morning session then £3 will be returned to you on receipt of your wristband. Afternoon session only will be £5.

The club will be running a raffle and you will be able to purchase tickets at the same time as you pay for your wristband.

The club will have the option to pay by card but signal within the building is not always the best, so we would suggest bringing some cash with you as a backup.

As already mentioned in the competitor information we will be running a best photo competition!

If swimmers head into the North Gallery you will find our podium with props next to the medals desk! Swimmers are free to use the props add some funny poses and take some great pictures. If you tag us on Instagram the club will pick one in the afternoon session to win a prize.

We have one favour to ask! The pool operator has asked that no camping chairs or anything similar are used anywhere in the building please!!!



Finally a couple of tips for you!

Firstly as we have already mentioned we will be very busy on the day and the spectators area will be very busy. PLEASE make sure you are not putting bags or clothing on seats you are not sat on THANK YOU!

Secondly parking around the pool can be tricky at times! If you follow this link [wigan-map-joint.jpg \(2345x3032\) \(wiganswimming.co.uk\)](#) you will find a map of the surrounding area of the pool. Car park A is not always open at the moment so we would suggest avoiding that one. Car park B is the closest of the car parks but is chargeable 24 hours a day 7 days a week. However both Car parks C and D are free of charge to use on a Sunday. There are a limited amount of disabled spots around the pool as well, these can be found on both Hewlett Street and Library Street.



PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE DAY

Many of the parents of the older swimmers competing will know that before the pandemic pretty much every gala had poolside photographers who would catch some unbelievable action shots of the swimmers.

Once we returned to racing action after the pandemic this seemed to have become a thing of the past!

However over the last couple of months the action captures are becoming more prominent on poolside at galas once again and we are happy to have Key Photography Wigan with us, to help parents get some of those action shots that are just not possible from the spectators gala.

On the next two pages below you will find two forms regarding photos being taken of your child whilst racing.

Some parents may not wish for their child/children to be photographed. If this is the case please complete the Non-Consent form on the next page and send it to meets@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk and we will make sure no photos are taken of the named swimmer.

Throughout the day our action captures will be getting all the best shots of the competitors who have given permission to do so!

The second form is an expression of interest in photos of your swimmer! This form is NOT mandatory to fill out and does not mean that you have to purchase any photos.

However it will give the photographers a better idea of whom to look for throughout the day.

Unless we receive a Non-Consent form, by entering our gala you are giving consent for pictures to be taken of your child whilst competing which could be used in official photography/video that is authorised by Wigan Swimming Club!



Photography Non-Consent Form

SUMMER SIZZLER

Swimmer Name	
D.O.B	
ASA Number	
Club	

Event Numbers

I refuse permission for the taking and/or publication of images of my child by the photographer that has been made official by Wigan Swimming Club and the Summer Sizzler Gala.

Signed _____

Printed _____

Date _____



PHOTOGRAPHY INTEREST FORM

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Please hand this back to the Key Photography Key representative located upstairs in the North Gallery at the Wigan Life Centre.