

## **Re: Chesterfield Swimming Club Winter Championships 2019**

With apologies, we need to bring to your attention that there has been some confusion about the minimum age for competitors at the Winter Meet that has resulted in an adjustment to the accepted entries. Some clubs believed that 9 year olds could enter, others thought that the youngest swimmers must be 10 years.

We have had a large number of entries from swimmers aged 9 (at 31 December 2019) and, having sought advice, it has been decided that the best course of action is to **change the age parameter from 'Age on 31 December' to 'Age on 8 December'**.

*Licensing Criteria for a Level 3 Meet*

*The minimum age: 10 years if age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, or 9 years if age on the last day of the competition, except for single club competitions when Swim England regulations apply.*

We believe that this gives the greatest number of swimmers the opportunity to compete in order to comply most closely with the Open Meet Licensing Criterion (1 October 2019):

*"Every swimmer must have the opportunity to swim in appropriate, quality competition to enable them to achieve their true potential."*

For any clubs that did not send entries for 9 year olds because they believed that they would not be accepted, **please note that we are happy to accept any additional entries in order to include any swimmer who would have liked to compete.**

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Our meet pack has now been amended accordingly so that this is clearer in future.

Thank you very much for your understanding.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Winter Championships.