

Darrell Morton's

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'It is not how much a swimmer swims, but how right he does so.' – Alexander Popov, Olympic medallist 1992.

Friday 10 March 2017

Dear Club Coaches and Managers,

DMSS Gators Swim Club would like to invite you and your swimmers to a first ever 'DMSS Gators Annual Swim Gala' from the 6th to 9th April 2017 at the University of Botswana swimming pool.

The **following information** may be **helpful** to you as you prepare to attend the event:

1. Entries & officials lists are due to the botswanaswimming@gmail.com
 - o Deadline for Entries is Friday 24th March – late entries will not be accepted
 - o Deadline for Entry Corrections is Thursday 30th March
2. Managers meeting will be Thursday 6th April 2pm, UB office. Club Team Managers or a representative are expected to attend this meeting.
3. Closing date for Final Corrections will be strictly at the Managers meeting. No corrections after this date.
4. Entry fees are P20 registration per swimmer, P10 per individual entry and P40 per relay team, programmes will be P10.00 per session.
5. Payments for registration and entries to be deposited to DMSS as follows :
First National Bank
Name: DMSS
Account no: 62019831058
Branch no: 281467
Branch: Main
Please quote your Club's name as reference
6. Events & Medal Presentation schedule is attached. (DMSS reserves the right to change the order or timing).
7. Dress code for medals. Swimmers must be dressed with T-shirt/shorts/ and some form of shoes (Tracksuits & clothed shoes preferable).
8. Withdrawals made at the Manager's Meeting – no charge. Withdrawals will be accepted up to 45minutes after the proceeding session. Withdrawals made outside of this time will be charged P100 per event.
9. Note no additional entries will be accepted after the Managers Meeting.
10. No-shows, heats or finals, (that is swimmers who do not show for their race), will be fined P100 and the swimmer may not compete in any other event until this fine has been paid. Clubs are responsible for the collection of fines. Club Managers/Coach only to present payment to the Admin Referee.
11. Withdrawals for finals must be done before the end of the heats session or as notified by the Admin Referee. The alternates (9th and 10th Position), must report for the finals in case they are needed.
12. The 50m and 100m events will be swum as Heats and Finals - these events will be swum in the evening session. The 200m and up distances will be swum as Timed Finals. Relays will be swum as Timed Finals.
13. Age groups are as follows: 10&U/11&12/13&14/15&O. Minimum age is 8 years at date of the gala with no exceptions.

14. Age group **8 years old** swimmers may **only** swim the **50m events and 100m Freestyle**.
15. The 800Free, 400Free and 400IM and Relay Age grouping shall be **14&Under and 15&Over**. The minimum age for 400Free is 10yrs, 800Free is 11yrs, 400IM is 12yrs.
16. The Medley Relay is a **Mixed Relay**. The team must be made up as combination of 2 women and 2 men. They may be swum in any order.
17. Relay names must be received in the correct following order and must be submitted before the end of the morning session. The names of the relay swimmers may be changed up to one hour before the session begins. Relay changes after this time will be subject to Referee approval only.
18. For the **4 x 100 Free Relay swum in Session 1 entries must be handed in at the Managers Meeting**.
19. Please note that swimmers may be excluded from their races should they not report to the Marshal tent in good time. Fines may be imposed for no shows – payable by the club.
20. **Written protests accompanied by P500** must be lodged with the Admin Referee within 30 minutes of publication or announcement of disqualification. In case of technical dispute the Referee's decision will be final.
21. **The Meet Director will have overall oversight of the Competition.**
22. Points will only be awarded to GOLD,SILVER,BRONZE places.
23. Officials ratio shall be 1 to every 5 swimmers and must be submitted with entries by Friday 24th March.
24. Officials to please wear white shirts, black/navy or blue shorts. No jeans.
25. There will be an **officials workshop conducted by Matt Gibson on Thursday 6th April at 1.30pm to 3.00pm open to official volunteers of the gala.**
26. A Tuckshop will be setup for refreshments, snacks and lunches. Kindly inform your swimmers.

Clubs to take note that no entries will be accepted without the correct number of officials.