



DASC UPDATES
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SOME UPDATES FOR ALL DASC SWIMMERS, PARENTS, COACHES AND FRIENDS

Please read the following carefully.

It is also important to check your e-mails and www.dare-asc.co.uk regularly for further DASC information.

Training

Swimming training will continue as usual during half-term school holiday week 18-26 February, including Diddy League training on Sat 18 Feb for DL age 11&12 years and Sat 25 Feb for DL age 9&10 years.

When training sessions are cancelled for any reason, attendance calculations by coaches will reflect that swimmers cannot be expected to attend sessions which are cancelled!

Diddy League Team Selection

Thank you for letting us know your swimmer's availability for the Diddy League galas. Lucy Proctor is aiming to make known the team selection for the first gala by the end of the half-term holiday. Diddy League training will also be detailed for dates after 25 February.

Galas

The updated DASC gala calendar has been published on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/21.html>. It includes dates of some schools galas that may be useful for you.

Club Gala 1

Our first internal club gala will be held on Tuesday 14 March at the Dolphin Centre. All swimmers are encouraged to take part in it. The closing date for entries is on Tuesday 28 February at 7.30pm. Information will be e-mailed to you and is on the club website at <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/26.html>. We will be looking for volunteers to help out at the gala in a number of ways.

Training to become a Qualified Gala Official

If you were concerned that you had missed out on the opportunity or would be interested in making a start on training to become a qualified gala official, then the good news is that a new Level 1 course is starting at the Dolphin Centre on Wednesday 5 April 7-9pm and is free for DASC members.

If you would be interested in this, please contact Jane Teague or Carol Bottomley or see <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/39.html> or <http://www.asaner.org.uk/swim/index.php/document-library1/volunteer-courses/officials> for more information. Or speak to some of our current trainees Den and Lesley Butler and Allison Matthias (swimmers in A1 squad), Kirsty Sweeney (swimmers in Top and A2 squad) or Lloyd and Vickie Dewdney (swimmer in A2 squad).

At some galas eg Diddy League galas, N&D Championships and our own Dander Meet, DASC is expected to provide some gala officials, so it is important that we have some willing trained volunteer officials.

Photography – another reminder

DASC, supported by 'Wavepower 2016-19' the ASA Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, has a very straight forward stance on the use of photographic devices: if mobile phones (or other devices) are taken into a changing room they **must not** be used to take any still photographs or video images. If any swimmer is found to be taking photos or video images, the usual sanction from DASC will be immediate suspension from training sessions pending an investigation.

Swimmers Changing

Would parents please ensure that their swimmers change in the Changing Village at the Dolphin Centre and not on the poolside.

DASC Club Desk

The Club Desk is currently open on poolside at the Dolphin Centre on Tuesdays 6.00-7.30pm. It may also be open on some Sundays 5.00-6.00pm.

DASC Swim Shop

The next opening date is Tuesday 28 February 5.30-7.00pm on the poolside at the Dolphin Centre.

Raffle Prizes

The club would welcome any donations of raffle prizes to use at fund-raising opportunities. Chocolates and wine are always popular! Please hand them in at the club desk or to Sarah Briggs or Lynette Anderson (swimmers in Top Squad)

Monthly Squad Fees for 2017

There are still a number of people who have not updated their monthly standing order payments for 2017 squad fees and who are therefore slightly in arrears. Please note that monthly fees for the following squads changed on 1 January and update ASAP if you have not already done so:

- Top Squad £55
- A1 Squad £48
- A2 Squad £41
- A3 Squad £37
- B1 & B2 Squad £29
- Div (2x per week) £24
- Div (Masters) £20

Payment of Fees to DASC

If you need to pay DASC any sort of fees – for gala entries, membership fees, ASA registration upgrade fees, arrears of monthly squad payments etc - you can do so by:

- cheque payable to DASC
- cash – exact amount please
- BACS payment to the club account (Darlington Amateur Swimming Club, Sort Code 09-01-27, Account Number 98784079). If paying by this method please indicate with your payment what it is for and e-mail jane.teague@ntlworld.com to let her know when you have paid.

DASC Committee and AGM – another reminder

The DASC Committee has overall responsibility for the running of the club. All committee members are volunteers working on behalf of the members of the club. They do not necessarily have previous experience or expertise of swimming or swimming clubs, but are willing to serve the club as best they can. The committee meets about once a month. See <http://www.dare-asc.co.uk/6.html> for more information. If you would be interested in attending a committee meeting as an observer to find out what is involved in the running of the club and becoming a committee member, please contact Laurence Murray, Club Chair, or Jane Teague, Club Secretary.

The club will hold its AGM on Thursday 27 April when a new committee will need to be elected. Please consider if becoming a committee member is a way that you could help DASC.

DASC Squad Reps – another reminder

The committee would like to reintroduce DASC squad reps. These are people who would be willing and available to help with admin and communication with squad members. You would be a communication link between the squad swimmers and their parents/guardians and the committee, coaches and others in administrative roles, be involved in marshalling squad members at club galas, and generally be helpful as required. You would need to be regularly available at the start and/or end of some of the squad's training sessions, and would need to be able to use e-mail. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Jane Teague.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 12 March	Diddy League	Billingham Forum
Tuesday 14 March	Club Gala 1	Dolphin Centre
Sunday 2 April	Diddy League	Louisa Centre, Stanley
Weekend 8-9 April	Swimathon (not a DASC event)	Dolphin Centre
Thursday 27 April	DASC AGM	Dolphin Centre
Sunday 7 May	Diddy League	Dunston Leisure Centre, Gateshead
Tuesday 16 May	Club Gala 2	Dolphin Centre
Sunday 11 June	Diddy League Final	Tynemouth
Sunday 8 October	Darlington Dander Meet	Dolphin Centre

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