

CLARIFICATION ON GRADED SYSTEM

Grade 3.

A swimmer may only enter a Grade 3 gala if they have already achieved two times at either a club, schools or development gala (all of which must have had two or more clubs competing).

Grade 2.

To be eligible to swim in a Grade 2 gala a swimmer must have achieved the relevant qualifying times in the following events – 100m Freestyle and 100m IM, 100m Freestyle and two of either 50m Backcrawl, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, or 100m IM and two of either 50m Backcrawl, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly.

These times must have been achieved at either a club, schools or Grade 3 gala (all of which must have had two or more clubs competing).

If a swimmer has already achieved these times they are then a Grade 2 swimmer. They will change age group on January 1st 2017, but will remain Grade 2 swimmers, even if they do NOT have the qualifying times for their new age group.

If, however, the swimmer has two of the necessary three times and is not as yet considered a Grade 2 swimmer, they will have to achieve all three qualifying times in their new age group.

Grade 1.

To be eligible to swim in a Grade 1 gala a swimmer must have achieved the relevant qualifying times in the following events – 200m Freestyle and 200m IM, 200m Freestyle and two of either 100m Backcrawl, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly, or 200m IM and two of either 100m Backcrawl, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly.

These times must have been achieved at either a club, schools or Grade 2 gala (all of which must have had two or more clubs competing).

If a swimmer has already achieved these times they are then a Grade 1 swimmer. They will change age group on January 1st 2017, but will remain Grade 1 swimmers, even if they do NOT have the qualifying times for their new age group.

If, however, the swimmer has two of the necessary three times and is not as yet considered a Grade 1 swimmer, they will have to achieve all three qualifying times in their new age group.