



CIRCULAR 02/12

TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS & BMB

DATE: 30/01/2012

1. **MSX WINNERS:**

The MSX winner of the major prize of a trip for two to Riccione, Italy was Heather McDonald from Brisbane Southside. The MSQ website, Facebook and Twitter notified members of her fantastic prize. Congratulations to Heather and husband, Ken who will accompany her to Italy for the World Masters Championships.

2. The MSX winners in the 4 levels (Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze) will receive their packs within the next 3 weeks. It is a major packing exercise and can only be done when the volunteers required to assist us are available. We are also waiting for a back order of some of the prizes.

3. **LANE WARRIOR WINNERS:**

The 5 winners in each age group of the Lane Warrior program – 2011, have also been posted on the website. The top three clubs were QHB, QCN and QIP. Congratulations to all winners. The prizes and certificates will also be sent to clubs.

A new spread sheet has been posted on the website. Please use the new one. More information on requirements will be sent to clubs.

4. **ANNUAL REPORTS:**

The annual reports for clubs in the north, central and south regions are due to their VPs today (30/01/12). Clubs in the Sunshine region are to send their annual reports to me by Friday (latest)

5. **STATE LONG COURSE:**

Please send your entries for the SLC via Team Manager Lite, unless you are a member of the Barbarians. Contact Laura at: laura.lynn@swimming.org.au if you need any assistance.

NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted after the closing date of 27th February and there will be NO LATE CHANGES, unless they are genuine errors. Once the entries have been compiled, the nominations will be posted on the website for clubs and individuals to check.

Clubs must still send a Summary sheet with all payments. All the information is on the website (front page).

Attached with this circular is the Relay form, which also has to be completed with the individual entries. Please ensure that the order of swimmers on the relay form is correct.



6. **COACHING:**

Mark Erickson is leading the second part of the coaching course on Saturday, 18th February at the Albany Creek Leisure Centre. Coaches who do not have the adult component of their coaching qualifications are able to do the short course on the same day. Please let your coaches know. Check the ***Recognition of Current Competency*** section on the website for further information. This course applies to those coaches who currently have a bronze license or more.

7. **CLUBS ONLINE INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS**

If you nominate for a swim meet, please use the name you've posted on the clubs online database.

Example: If you have recorded your name as Michael/Patricia/Leonard etc. but you abbreviate it to Mike/Trish/Len on the Meet Manager entry, you may find that your results come up as Mike and Michael etc.

That problem arose on the results portal, when the points had to be finalised and when we calculated the MSX results. The Results Portal assumes they are different people. The national recorder spends a lot of time fixing the problem. Example: Len was awarded a Gold level and Leonard a Platinum level. It's the same person and naturally he receives the Platinum award. That mistake can easily be missed.

In summary, do not use your nickname unless that is what you've recorded in the Clubs online database. If you prefer your nickname/preferred name, then please change it on clubs online. Most of the time Pauline fixes it, but she shouldn't have to do that.

8. **OFFICIALS**

MSQ may face a serious problem very soon. We have very few people putting up their hands to become officials. The reality is that some of our current officials are considering retiring soon and that will leave a shortage in the ranks.

If we do not fill those vacancies, we may reach a point where we're unable to host any swim meets. It is also important that members understand that to be an official does not mean that you cannot swim.

We encourage our officials to swim as well and if we're hosting a state championships event, MSQ pays for the accommodation of officials. An official who swims in a number of events and officiates will have half the accommodation paid for by MSQ. Please discuss this very serious issue with your members.

If there are a number of officials at a swim meet, who wish to swim, the load can be spread. It's when we only have few officials that we struggle to let them swim as well.



9. **NEW MEMBERS' PACKS**

Clubs will receive a batch of New Members' Packs for distribution by each club to any new members. The ID card will still be sent by us. We're in the process of creating a new folder and once they are printed, we'll send them to clubs and they may replace the old one with these very different new folders.

Clubs may also wish to add items to the new members' packs.

If you have any suggestions of issues to be discussed or items for the website, please let me know.

Regards

Helga Ward
Administrator