

Mini League – Saturday 12th October 2013

On Saturday 12th October at Clements Hall, Hawkwell, Basildon and Phoenix sent a team to the final leg of the mini league. Those of you who went hopefully will agree we swam very well and finished second by only a few points to Romford who actually won the mini league this season.

The swimmers were fantastic that night only 2 disqualifications and one time fault all evening. Many achieving personal best times making my job harder as they are very near to the standard times set, so selection becomes difficult as if they smash the time the club gets no points.

I have chosen to explain this following the last gala as swimmers sometimes think I have selected them for the wrong race i.e. not their best event.

The Essex Mini League is an amateur competition between Essex Clubs. Currently 14 clubs take part in one Division.

Each club swims 5 galas in a season and will host one of them.

The object of the league is to provide competition for swimmers who cannot achieve the standard time set by the league these are normally around county qualifying times.

This is my first season as team selector and coach of the mini league. I am looking forward to next season and giving more swimmers the opportunity to take part. I must say a few thank yous to Dawn Nicholls, Carla Marshall and Rachel Gray who as some of you know phone for availability and liaise with myself constantly. Without them volunteering like these mini leagues would not happen. Also Rachel did an amazing job co-ordinating the Clements Hall gala which we hosted, this was greatly appreciated by the club and the officials who I think must have broken the record for how quick a gala can be started and completed. I would also like to thank all the officials who have assisted us throughout the season and to those parents who have helped out on poolside co-ordinating the events for the swimmers.

Good Luck next season and keep making my job harder by getting those county qualifying times.

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