

North East Region Youth/Senior Championships

Unfortunately, as a result of structural problems with the John Charles Aquatic Centre, the youths/senior championships were incorporated into the age group championships. At the first weekend the longer distant events, 100m and over were competed for with heat declared winners. The second weekend comprised the 50m races with qualification for a 10 lane final.

As I have written in the age group report the cream of the north east swimmers compete and as a consequence qualifying times are low. To compete in these championships is proof of your ability and congratulation to the following Middlesbrough swimmers for qualifying to compete, in swim order Daniel Andrews, Olivia McAvoy, Cade Darby, Robyn Dickinson, Jack Cassell, Adam Williams, Joseph Micklewright, Rebekah Worthy, Emma Muirhead and Georgia Stockdale.

The results given are overall positions i.e. encompasses all swimmers in each of the events. I apologise if swimmers have a PB but unfortunately I do not have the relevant current PBs to confirm a PB.

The championships started with the men's 100m freestyle with Daniel finishing 13th.

The women's 200m freestyle was next with Olivia finishing 20th.

In the men's 400mIM Cade finished 15th and in the women's 100m breaststroke Robyn finished 22nd.

The men's 100m backstroke saw Jack finish 11th. Both Daniel (200m butterfly) and Adam (400m freestyle) had very creditable swims to finish 5th and 9th respectively.

In the 800m women's freestyle Olivia finished 10th and in the women's 200m backstroke Rebekah finished 19th.

Cade and Joseph finished 22nd and 25th in the 200m breaststroke to finish the first day of competition.

The second day started with the women's 100m freestyle where Rebekah finished 35th and in the men's 200m freestyle Daniel finished 15th.

In a demanding women's 400mIM Olivia finished 12th and in the men's 100m breaststroke Joseph finished 30th.

In the 100m backstroke Rebekah finished 30th and in the men's 100m butterfly Daniel finished a good 7th.

Olivia, having a busy time, finished 11th in the 400m freestyle and in the men's 1500m freestyle Adam and Cade finished 10th and 11th overall with both 3rd in their respective age groups (16 and 15). Well done young men.

In the final event, the women's 200m breaststroke Robyn finished 17th.

The second weekend comprised the 50m events with the top 10 qualifying for a final.

In the breaststroke Joseph finished 40th and Emma 25th.

In the backstroke Rebekah finished 32nd and Jack qualified for the final where he finished 6th well done young man.

In the freestyle Georgia finished 28th, Emma 31st and Rebekah 38th and for the men, Daniel finished 22nd and Jack 30th.

In the butterfly Daniel qualified for the final where he finished 6th – a great swim and for the girls, Georgia finished 24th and Rebekah 40th.

I realise that some of the positions may appear high but as I said at the outset the competition was severe and in many cases split seconds are the difference between qualifying and not. You all deserve hearty congratulations for qualifying to compete and the determination shown when competing. WELL DONE TO ALL.