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## PASC Win Division 3 PTL League

### Wow! What a way to end the PTL season?!

Last week we knew that so far this season both Limavady and PASC were unbeaten and who ever won the gala on Saturday would win Division 3 of the PTL League. Results are one thing but I don't think any of us could have anticipated the thrilling and exciting gala the swimmers performed for us?!

After 52 races, neither team went more than 4 points ahead. Our announcer informed us there were 4 front crawl relay races left which would likely decide the winner. The 53<sup>rd</sup> race, our C Girls won, 54<sup>th</sup> race Limavady Boys C won – even again. Then the 55<sup>th</sup> race, our D girls won which meant PASC was 4 points ahead. So it was all down to the last 56<sup>th</sup> race... if Limavady won, it would be a draw and I don't think anyone would have complained with that result. That outcome would probably mean to win the division would be determined by the points gained from all galas this season.

Up stepped the D boys: Matthew Walsh got off to a good start and kept it even, followed by Darragh Guy, followed by Niall Heasty....there was nothing in it. Everyone in the gallery and poolside were screaming. The last swimmer for PASC, Daniel Vennard stepped up against Limavady's Division 1 Swimmer...the first length was still even, both swimmers turned for the last length, everyone's heart rate increased as did the noise in Cascades! They swam their heart out and in the end PASC's Daniel's **finger tip** reached the finish line to secure a win for PASC: **PASC 576 V Limavady 568**. Congratulations to our PTL squad, we are very proud of you 😊 #teamwork in action!

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the gala possible. A particular mention to the swimmers who delayed their travel plans to the Irish Minor Schools gala in Dublin so they could swim for their club. A number of our swimmers were missing on Saturday due to sickness, so your support truly made a difference to the team. Thank you **#wearepasc**

## Irish Minor Schools Gala Success for PASC Swimmers

8 of the 11 PASC swimmers who qualified for this national event travelled to the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin. All swimmers represented their schools & club with distinction and PBs, while three made finals: Leon 10<sup>th</sup> in freestyle, Jessica 6<sup>th</sup> and Hannah 4<sup>th</sup> in the butterfly events in their respective age groups. Another very proud day in a great season so far... Well done everyone!

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## Armagh Championships Gala, Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Where is the event?** Waves Leisure Centre, Lurgan. It's an annual fixture which rotates between 4 clubs. This is the last time it will be held in Lurgan & 2019 the last time at Cascades before the new pool is built in 2020. It takes a lot of organising by the club volunteers so we'd like a good representation from PASC attending please. So get registering Wed 14<sup>th</sup> either at the club desk or email [portadownasc@gmail.com](mailto:portadownasc@gmail.com)!

**Who is eligible?** Large pool swimmers born 2008 & older who are in the red, blue, silver or gold squad & have competed in at least 2 PTL seasons. Most age groups are single age groups so swimmers won't swim against old swimmers.

**How much is it?** £3.50 per stroke.

**What time is it?** Morning: Heats, Finals: Afternoon.

## Dates for your diary

- **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, Cascades**  
House Gala
- **Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, Templemore**  
Minor Gala, Closing date 8<sup>th</sup> Feb
- **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar, Cascades**  
PTL Area Heats South
- **Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, Newry**  
Swim Ulster Dev Gala 3,  
closing date 15<sup>th</sup> Feb
- **Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Mar, Bangor**  
SU Easter Qualifying Gala
- **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Mar, Belfast**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Aquasprint Gala AWAY
- **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Mar, Ballymena**  
PTL Finals
- **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> April, Ballymena**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Aquasprint Gala AWAY
- **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April, Cascades**  
4<sup>th</sup> Aquasprint Gala HOME
- **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April, Enniskillen**  
Enniskillen Gala
- **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May, Lisburn**  
Swim Ulster Dev Gala 4

## PTL Area Heats South, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar

We are hosting the PTL Area Heats South this year. If you would like to be considered, please give your name at the club desk on Wed.

## Swim Ulster Development Gala, Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Mar

Please submit your entries no later than Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. We'd like to see more swimmers from the red squad enter along with our blue, silver & gold squads.

## Mini Mud Madness, Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2018

We're encouraging all swimmers aged 6 & older to register for the event:  
[www.mudmadness.co.uk](http://www.mudmadness.co.uk)

## This Week's Training Schedule

Mon & Wed per normal training schedule – FIN training tonight at 7.30 pm

- Thurs @ 4.30 – 5.15 pm Landbased training
- Thurs @ 5.30 – 6.30 pm **PTL** Training for blue, silver and gold swimmers born 2005 and older
- Thurs @ 7.30 – 8.30 pm **Aquasprint** training for **ALL** yellow, red, green and blue squads born 2006-2009
- Sat 8.00 – 10.00 training as normal

**Jan Fees are overdue**