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BRITISH GAS SPONSORED COUNTY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

Hundreds of swimmers from the affiliated Clubs throughout Northamptonshire will be taking part in the 2010 Northamptonshire Amateur Swimming Association (NASA) County Championships sponsored by British Gas, which forms part of a nationwide series of Championships to find the most promising young swimmers of this year. These Championships will feature individual sprint, middle and long distance events as well as team relay events. These events provide the opportunity for swimmers to gain both qualifying times both Midlands Regional events (short course and long course) and National events (Qualifying times long course)

The Northamptonshire County Age / Youth & Senior Group Championships commence at 6pm on Saturday 13th February 2010 with the 1500m freestyle events for male and female competitors held at the Corby East Midlands International Pool. The male and female 800m freestyle events take place at 6pm on Saturday 27th February 2010 at the same venue. This is the first time that the County will be swimming the County Championships at the new Corby facility using the 50m long course pool. This allows competitors to gain qualifying times for National Championships. This year the County has joined forces with the Lincolnshire ASA to promote these long distance events.

On Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th March 2010, the Sprint events will be swum Short Course (25m length pool)) at the Daventry Leisure Centre with the Competition commencing at 9:30am on both days.

On Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th March 2010, the competition returns to Corby East Midlands International Pool for the remaining events. Again, swimmers will have the opportunity to qualify for Regional and National events.

Admission to the Championships will be £2 per adult with the option of purchasing a programme of events.

Swimmers aged between 9-13yrs for girls and 9-14yrs for boys will be challenging for the County BAGCats awards (British age group categories) and individual junior titles, whilst older swimmers will be challenging for youth and senior versions. Swimmers have had to achieve a qualifying standard to be able to participate.

Not only will there be hundreds of swimmers but also up to 100 VOLUNTARY Technical officials (Referees, judges timekeepers, poolside ancillary staff including Club Coaches, Electronic timing operators / poolside event marshalls) will be attending.

The NASA is very grateful of the support by British Gas in helping to sponsor these events.