

# Agenda

- District Regional Programme
- District Championships & Meets
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- Club Meets
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- Coaches Forums & Meetings
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  - District Champs/Meets...the good, the bad, the achievable
  - Club Meets – what we don't like ... who does it better ...
  - Coaches Forums/Meetings/Communications
- Questions / Wrap Up.

# District Regional Programme

- Criteria & Times set by National Performance Team (NPT).
- Selection Meets ratified by Districts.
- Meet Results submitted to SS by Clubs.
- Results stored in “National” Hy-Tek Team Manager.
- Swimmer selections carried out by NPT.
- Lead & Asst Coaches recruited/selected by NPT.

# District Regional Programme

- Team Managers recruited/selected by Districts.
- Pools/Facilities booked by Districts.
- Problems identified with DoBs (missing) on database.
- Started new database from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2018.
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> dates fixed across Districts – 2<sup>nd</sup> floating.
- Parents Session moved to Day 1
- “Times” file available from SS to use with TM & SM.

# District Champs / Meets

- 5 x Championships
- 2 x Meets
- Tollcross budgeted for 2019 & 2020.
- Tollcross booked for 2019.
- District medals for Championships.
- Other medals/awards/monetary for Meets.
- Must fill all sessions for both Champs and Meets.

# District Champs / Meets

- Limited flexibility in Championship programme.
- Short Course – considered two tank option – not feasible.
- Chasing/avoiding the British Swimming “Window”.

# District Champs / Meets

- Consideration Times to match programme / session length.
- Closing dates typically 3 weeks before Meet – change ?
- Meet Pack published on District website for download.
- Psych Sheets published on District website for download.
- Known Withdrawals requested by Tuesday before Meet.
- Withdrawals requested by 45 mins before start of session.
- Unplaced Reserves are eligible to swim till end of an Event.

# District Champs / Meets

For a Reserve, not “included” during the pre-Session Withdrawal Process, to qualify for a Refund, they should report to the Referee at the start of the Event to be placed in an empty lane, if one becomes available during the Event.

If the swimmer is on the “Reserves Report” after the Meet, but there was an empty lane in the Event, i.e. a swimmer tagged DNS (Did Not Swim), the Reserve does not qualify for a Refund.

The opportunity to swim was available, but not taken up.

# Planning Schedule for Club Meets

- Form issued to Clubs May timeframe.
- Schedule worked up from Forms based on specified criteria.
- Some negotiation, hopefully amicable.
- 1 x Level 2 and 1 x Level 3 on one day.
- Attempt to avoid 2 x same type of Meet on same day.
- Attempt to avoid 2 x Meets in close geographical proximity.
- Very limited basis for refusing to issue Licence.

# Club Meets

- Prime objective for most Clubs – maximise revenue.
- Loss of Revenue – Loss of Head Coach/Survival of Club.
- Questionable business model.
- Full programme of Meets in District.
- **NO ONE** is happy with programme of Meets.

# Club Meets

- No one to date has defined the issues.
- Danger of Solutioning without defining Problems.
- National Swimming Committee charged with sorting (No Go).
- Standard programme of Events for Graded Meets ?
- Fun Meets ?
- Open Meets, Slower Than Meets..... ?????
- Level 2 (Accredited) VERSUS Level 3 (Non Accredited) Meets.

# Club Meets

- Two Day Level 3 Meets – Challenge.
- Responsibility of Competing Clubs to Organising Club.
- Why Accreditation (LvL 2) - DRP & Nationals?
- Technical Officials – Limited Life – Imminent shortage of Referees.
- Working on systems to “call on” TOs for Club Meets.

# Swim England National Counties Team Champs

- District committed for foreseeable future.
- To Date - selected Staff – minimal Notice of Interest.
- Friday – Sunday commitment (incl Lincoln Vulcans).
- Head Coach/2xCoaches/2xTeam Managers.
- Head Coach couple of years/Coach moves up/backfill.
- Future – Notices of Interest – 2/3 year commitment.

# Coaches Forums & Meetings

- Facebook type Forums - Open & Transparent ?
- Secret or Closed ?
- Too Open & Transparent – too wide comment/feedback ?
- Social Media V Websites – Immediate V Medium Term.
- District Website – Coaching Matters – used for Wayne G.
- District Website – Coaching Blog/Posts ??????
- SS Coaches Technical Panel – Age Group District Equivalent ?

# Coaches Forums & Meetings

- Coaches Meetings – How Many Interested ?
- How Frequent ?
- Best Day, Time, Place ?
- Talking Shop ?
- Speakers ?
- Training – what – where - why ?

# Focus Areas for Ongoing Discussion

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