

Oxfordshire & North Buckinghamshire Meeting – September 2020

COVID 19 – Update – return to the Swimming Pool

Swim England has published its comprehensive Return to Pools Guidance ahead of the Government easing the current lockdown measures. Five detailed documents have been created and are based on the latest scientific advice and Government guidelines. <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/pool-return-guidance-documents/>

The documents are being continuously updated. The changes that are made between each version can be found at the back of each document.

Swim England have submit plans to Government for competitive Water Polo matches to return.

Swim Mark

At the September SwimMark panel the following clubs maintained their accreditation; Buckingham Swans, Banbury, Kidlington and Gosford and Wantage White Horse SC.

The following clubs are due to be submitting evidence for the November SwimMark Panel; Bicester Bluefins, Bletchley and District, City of Milton Keynes, Didcot Barramundi, Newport Pagnell and Witney and District. The deadline for evidence is the 6th November

For both SwimMark and Stronger Affiliation purposes, Swim England have developed a PDF download for club personnel records through the Swim England Online Membership system. This replaces all other evidence to be provided for element 13. Clubs are encouraged to update their records on that system in preparation.

Stronger Affiliation

Clubs are now able to upload their evidence onto the portal. As part of this process we are encouraging clubs to update their constitutions now and start to upload onto the Portal.

The following ONB clubs still need to update their constitutions we believe. We do not know when they were last Approved;

- Henley SC

The following table explains where every club is currently with Stronger Affiliation (11/09/2020).

South East have not been able to get a response from	South East have had positive contact with	Clubs with access to portal	Clubs started to upload onto portal	Clubs completed Stronger Affiliation
Henley SC	City of Oxford Water Polo Club	InSync - Milton Keynes Synchronised Swimming Club	Bourne End SC	Henley Leisure Swimming Club
	Oxford Brookes University SC	Wantage Youth SC	Oxford University WPC	Oxford University SC
				Witney Water Polo Club

Henley Synchronised Swimming club – Folding

South East Training/ Workshops

- Time to Listen course have gone online – Booking Page - <https://www.southeastswimming.org/time-to-listen-training/>
- Team Manager Training gone online – next TM1 date with space is Tuesday 6th October - Booking Page - <https://www.southeastswimming.org/workforce/team-managers/>

Coach Workshops

Over the past few months the region has been running a number of coach and chair meetings in order to support clubs during this time.

We have also delivered six swimming specific technical workshops. The presentations and videos can be found on the website; <https://www.southeastswimming.org/swimming/conferences-and-workshops/>

Swim England Published advice for clubs travelling abroad

Swim England is advising its affiliated clubs and members to carry out a full risk assessment before applying for an international permit and booking any training trips abroad. Full info can be found online <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/trips-abroad-advice/>

Clubs return Survey to water

Last month Swim England distributed a questionnaire about the opening of swimming pools in England. The questionnaire asks clubs to provide the latest information about how they are returning to the pool. Swim England are encouraging clubs to update this survey as often as needed to give a rolling picture of their status and their return to water.

Clubs can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ClubsReturnToTheWater> at any time and it will display previously entered data if the club use the same entry point and the same browser.

We have had 63 clubs from the South East that have replied

Regional Pathways Camp

The region are running a virtual development camp for the 12 year olds this year on the 26th September. The following Oxfordshire & North Buckinghamshire Swimmers have been selected;

Kara Clewlow and Hollie Whaymaund (Maxwell), Grace Llewellyn and Amelie Reece (CMK).

Senior Coach Programme

Congratulations to Fabien Whitbread (City of Oxford) for being accepted onto the Senior Coach programme for this year.