



OXFORDSHIRE & NORTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTIES ASA

SWIMMING SECRETARY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021

Further to my previous report concerning the profitability of the championships, I have re-visited the budget for 2022; I project we will make a loss of between £4,000.00 & £6,000.00. However, there remains several unknowns that may result in an improved outcome.

I am pleased to confirm that the meet licence application has been submitted and licences issued. I will be making a couple of amendments to the licence so the meet documentation will be delay until we have approval from meet licencing.

I have drafted a Covid-19 risk assessment for the Championships. The primary outcomes involve: introducing a Covid Marshal, limiting the number of relay entries to one per club per event and restricting the number of spectators. Consequently, there will be no spectators permitted at the first gala of each day of competition at the Aqua Vale for the main two weekends of competition.

When we are closer to the commencement of the championships, we will assess the need to take additional measures.

POSSIBLE GENERAL MEASURES

1. No cheering of swimmers by a swimmer from the end of the pool
2. No parents in the changing village (village spilt public/competitors)
3. The wearing of face coverings for all swimmers as they transit through marshalling and during presentation ceremonies.
4. Covid Marshalls to be in attendance at all sessions.
5. Hand sanitiser and sanitisation stations to be readily available.
6. Competing swimmers are not permitted to sit in the stands other than with their club.
7. One spectator per competing swimmer
8. Results posted on Meet Mobile and via the ONB Website only; results may not be posted on public display boards.
9. Officials restricted to a minimum, no or restricted mentoring.
10. Medals (other than those presented) may be distributed for collection from the swimmers club post-event.
11. Possible implementation of either/or health declarations and evidence of lateral flow tests.

These are possible measures aimed at safeguarding all those in attendance and creating an environment where all feel comfortable and willing to participate. Unfortunately, it is not possible to mitigate all risks; however, it is hoped these measures will minimise some of the risks.

We have several vacant volunteer roles that need sorting URGENTLY.

1. **Trophy Secretary** -Should a candidate for this role not come forward by the date of the next ONB meeting, there will be no trophies or medals distributed at the championships.
2. **Welfare Office** - Should no one come forward for this role, it will need to be covered by the welfare officers of the competing clubs on a rota basis (one per day)
3. **Commentator**
4. **Covid Marshall**

All of which are key to a successful championship.

Finally, I am waiting on Leys Pool to confirm they will extend their post covid closing times, otherwise, we may result in an earlier start for the long-distance events.

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