



OXFORDSHIRE & NORTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTIES ASA

SWIMMING SECRETARY REPORT 08TH JANUARY 2022

The first day of the 2022 County Championships competition when well.

I would, at this stage, like to thank all those involved in running the first gala. Particularly those stepping in last-minute covering Covid related absences.

Following the first day of the competition, we have had two report cases of swimmers returning positive Covid cases within 72 hours of the meet. It is not possible to identify the source of infection but is likely to relate to the opening of schools post-Christmas.

I reiterate the need for all attendees to take an LFT the morning of each day of the competition before arriving at the venue. We also need to issue several reminders to coaches and team managers regarding the Swimming England guidance to wear face masks.

Total individual accepted entries for this year competition amounted to 3,188, 185 less than in 2020, 179 of which come from the Long Distance events. Therefore, the number of accepted entries for the 200m, 100m & 50m events was largely similar to 2020. Despite this, we should expect a number of the final not to be full. These mainly relate to specific age groups. I remind all that a swimmer ranking in the county is not a factor for determining acceptance into the championships.

Sadly, as you know, we have closed the 1500's, 800's and 400's and the 1st and 2nd gala of each day of the main weekends to spectators, and we are still **considering our position concerning the final session of each day of the main competition.**

Despite some further savings being identified, the Championship is still scheduled to make a loss of circa -£6k and a net loss vs previous years of £16k.

Despite the logistical challenges of putting on these championships, I look forward to six more days of competitive swimming and hope to see many of you poolside.

Finally, clubs can submit a bulk order for county swim hat with me, and I will distribute at the main weekends of the competition. The cost of each hat is £8.00 and this will be deducted from the returned prepayments at the end of the championships.

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