

Oxfordshire & North Buckinghamshire Counties ASA

President: Oliver Stockland

Chair: ONB Treasurer acting as Chair for the meeting



MINUTES OF EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA Zoom

ON 6th January 2024 AT 8AM

Present:

Christine McLintock (Treasurer/ADSC) Acting Chair	I Rennie (Secretary/Banbury)	S MacNab (County Swim Sec/Maxwell)	Paul Baybutt (County Coord Sec County Camp/Fixtures/CMK)
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1.	Opening Remarks	<p>The County Swim Secretary requested a decision on a matter arising with respect to the County Championships (starting on the 6th Jan) as per Clause 48 of the Promotor's Conditions.</p> <p>As the next scheduled meeting of the Committee was not until the 16th January and the decision was required immediately, an Emergency Committee meeting was convened as per Clause 13.6 of the ONB ASA constitution.</p> <p>The members being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• County Treasurer (Principal Officer, acting Chair)• County Secretary (Principal Officer)• County Swim Secretary (Relevant discipline)• County Coordination Secretary (County Camp and Fixtures, relevant discipline) <p>The meeting was quorate.</p> <p>The County Swim Secretary explained that a club had approached them. They had asked whether a suspended swimmer from a club (the suspension ongoing and within the Club Complaints Process, Section 103 of the Swim England Handbook) was permitted to swim in the County Championships.</p>	
2.	Club suspended swimmers	<p>The question of whether a suspended swimmer could take part in the County Championships was discussed.</p> <p>It was identified that Clauses 1, 8 and 29 of the Promotor's Conditions would apply to club entries.</p> <p>Clause 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A swimmer being a member of the club on the 6th December 2023b. The club being affiliated to ONB	

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		<p>Clause 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. The club submits the entries <p>Clause 29:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Process for withdrawing entries e. The club submits the withdrawal <p>It was agreed that the County Championships were a club event for clubs affiliated to ONB ASA. Individuals are not able to enter independently of an ONB affiliated club.</p> <p>The Swim England Handbook 2024 and the judicial process was reviewed with regard to suspension and a club's complaints process.</p> <p>It was agreed that ONB ASA does not need to know the details of a suspended swimmer nor the reasons for a suspension by a club. This is a club matter.</p> <p>The County Swim Secretary confirmed that Swim England had confirmed that a suspended swimmer would not be considered a member of the club they were suspended by.</p> <p>It was agreed that it was the responsibility of the club to enact any outcomes of their judicial process and enforcement of their club rules.</p> <p>It was agreed that a club could withdraw any of their entries as per Clause 29 of the Promotor's Conditions.</p> <p>It was agreed that the current form of the Promotor's Conditions covered handling of the current scenario and that they did not require updating at present. It is for the club of a suspended swimmer to withdraw the entries from any County Championship's events which fall during a period of suspension.</p>	
3.	Communication of Decisions	<p>It was agreed that decisions from the Emergency Committee meeting would be provided to the particular club.</p> <p>It was agreed that should an affected party approach the Promotor or ONB Executive Committee that they would be directed back to the club in question.</p>	Swim Sec. to communicate the decisions of the meeting to the Club.
4.	Impact on County Championships	<p>The scenario where a suspended swimmer presented at the County Championships was discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where a swimmer had not been formally withdrawn by their club b. Where a swimmer had been formally withdrawn by their club in compliance with Clause 29 of the Promotor's Conditions c. A swimmer's attendance at the event 	

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		<p>The following were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If a swimmer's entry was in compliance with Clause 1 of the Promotor's Conditions and the club had not formally withdrawn their entries as per Clause 29 then that swimmer would be permitted to swim for the club that had submitted the entries. b. If a swimmer's entries had been formally withdrawn, then that swimmer would not be considered a competitor in the event and would not be permitted poolside or in any of the competitor only areas. c. A swimmer would still be able to attend the event as a spectator if their entries were withdrawn but would be subject to the general conditions of a spectator at the event. 	Swim Sec. would ensure the club is informed of these decisions.

The Emergency Cttee Meeting closed 08:41 Hrs.

The next Meeting, which will be **ONB SGM and ONB Executive Cttee Mtg** will be held at **7pm on Tuesday 16th January 2024, via Zoom.**

Iain Rennie
ONB Sec

Date: 16th January 2024

Chair Signature:

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