

Roadmap for the return to swimming competition

Stage 1 – 24 July 2020	Stage 2 – 14 September	Stage 3 – 15 October – at least 31 December	Stage 4 – Dates TBC*	Stage 5 – Dates TBC
<p>Situation Pools re-opened.</p>	<p>Situation Increasing numbers of pools open.</p>	<p>Situation Social distancing and government guidelines in place but significant number of pools open for long enough to enable athletes to have achieved a training block.</p>	<p>Situation Social distancing remains in place but government guidelines and the situation re the pandemic allows for competition guidance to be followed in some or all of the country and a significant number of athletes are in condition to race face-to-face having undertaken a training block and virtual competition opportunities.</p>	<p>Situation We will be working with providers and partners to identify suitable dates for Stage 5, with the intention to enable it to happen as soon as it can do so safely and effectively.</p>
<p>Activity Clubs resume initial return to training.</p>	<p>Activity Clubs increasing training levels. Some intra-club informal challenges may be taking place.</p>	<p>Activity Virtual competition – Swim England Level X launched and available to all clubs. Guidance for “in-person” competition being further refined and piloted. Publication of competition guidance for in-person activity in advance of Stage 4.</p>	<p>Activity Level X continues to be delivered. There will be a 3 part re-introduction of in-person competition to ensure that it can be delivered safely and effectively: Stage 4a – Level 4 competitions delivered within club training sessions can take place to ensure effective roll-out of guidance. These will be a natural progression from Level X activity. Stage 4b – Standard Level 4 single club competitions can take place. Stage 4c – Piloting of Level 4 competitions with a limited number of clubs coming together for a meet. These will be an opportunity to trial multi-club activity. Nb for stages 4a and 4b, licensing will be made available 1 month prior to the start of the stage. For stage 4c, a small number of identified promoters will be invited to apply for licenses. Stages 4a to 4c being delivered successfully will enable progression to Stage 5.</p>	<p>Social distancing likely to be in place but government guidelines enables competition to take place at the scale required for larger competitions, although numbers of people in the pool / building are still likely to remain smaller than usual. There has also been demonstrable success of event delivery at Stage 4. Activity Level 1, 2 and 3 competitions can take place including County and Regional Championships. National Champs to take place if possible at season end.</p>