



DORSET COUNTY ASA

NEWSLETTER

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County Management

Dear Dorset Clubs and Members

Welcome to the September 2021 issue of the DCASA. The DCASA Emergency Management Board is still meeting regularly by Zoom and maintaining communication with our clubs and committees by electronic means. Currently this is the favoured path by those involved although our clubs, by all accounts, are gradually returning to pre-pandemic routines.

Following our 90th anniversary in March, Roger Guttridge began updating the 'Our History' pages on the DCASA website <https://www.dorsetasa.org/our-history/> to reflect that 15 years have passed since it was first compiled, and to include more recent events and achievements. The revamped history will be published in November.

Dorchester Museum has also been offered the donation of club trophies from Bridport SC, in existence even before Dorset County ASA was formed in 1931 but closing its doors in 2016, and Tornadoes of South Dorset which went into dissolution in 2020. The museum is already home to trophies from Portland Dolphins SC and hard copies (in some cases handwritten) of the minutes of bygone DCASA AGMs and Executive Meetings.

Dorset Clubs

Swim England affiliation fees until 31 December 2021 are to be charged at the appropriate full rate for all new, re-joining and upgrading members. While Swim England would usually charge half fees for the final quarter of the year that will not be the case this year. This is to ensure equity with other 2021 members Swim England has stated.

The decision was made on the recommendation of the Regional Chairs Forum in fairness to all members who have continued to pay full affiliation fees throughout the pandemic, and in recognition that other members who had paid Category 1 membership or no affiliation fees at all will now be upgrading or re-joining for the new competition window before the year end.

Dorset has registered its concern that full fees will be applied to new members in the final quarter who have not

Stronger Affiliation and SwimMark

previously been a Swim England member as detrimental to clubs trying to rebuild and attract new swimmers.

The national reporting deadlines for both SwimMark and Stronger Affiliation are changing with submission dates being deferred until later in the year.

Clubs with a current deadline of 8 December 2021 now have extra few weeks until 31 January 2022. For 2022 deadline dates, clubs required to submit reports by 23 March now have until 30 April, those due to submit by 22 June until 31 July, and clubs with a 21 September submission date until 31 October.

Regional deadlines for evidence submission are generally one week prior to the national date therefore, in line with the national change, the regional deadline for December 2021 submissions will be rescheduled from 3 December 2021 to 24 January 2022; dates for 2022 submissions are to be confirmed.

For clubs needing a refresher on the requirements of submission, the SWR has scheduled a SwimMark & Stronger Affiliation Workshop on 15 November 2021 (19.00). Book a place via <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SXL28BL>

Club Development

Regional Coach Forums have been suspended due to low take-up, but the Chairpersons Forum continues with 13 October and 6 December (18.00-20.00) on the calendar. Club Chairs can register attendance at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ClubChairSessions>.

Governance Workshops for Club Secretaries and Membership Secretaries focussing on OMS, Membership Data etc are also scheduled for 1 November and 1 December (18.00-20.00). To reserve a place register at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NVK7FXW>

Safeguarding, Time to Listen and Team Manager

Dates for FOC virtual Safeguarding Courses with available places are:

14 Oct	18.00	8 Nov	18.00
25 Oct	18.00	11 Nov	18.00
28 Oct	18.00	22 Nov	18.00
4 Nov	18.00	27 Nov	10.00

To reserve a place for a Safeguarding Workshop, go to <https://www.swimwest.org.uk/training>.

Those who need to renew a safeguarding qualification can do so online at <https://www.ukcoaching.org/courses/learn-at-home/sqp>

There are currently no Time to Listen or Team Manager 1 Workshops with available places before the year end. Information on Time to Listen dates will be provided as soon as possible. Anyone requiring a Team Manager 1

Welfare

Workshop should email their interest to swimsouthwest@swimming.org

Welfare Officer Workshops are scheduled for 3 November and 13 December (18.00-20.00); reserve a place at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Welfareofficerworkshops>

A DBS question asked by one of our clubs may be of interest to other clubs and coaches. We were asked "Could a coach with a current safeguarding certificate but whose DBS had lapsed be on poolside while a DBS check was being processed?" The question was referred to the Swim England National Safeguarding Office and the response was as follows: "Ideally the individual would not be poolside without the DBS in place however if they are, then the DBS will have had to have been submitted and they must be supervised at all times (ie, by an individual who does have an in-date enhanced DBS) until they have Swim England clearance".

Young Volunteers

The deadline for the 2021/22 Young Volunteers Programme came and went with only one application from a Dorset club. Hopefully, with clubs back in business, next season will see a revival of interest.

Return to Competition and Licensing

Open meets and invitational meets have now been scheduled in the county and with Seagulls SC planning to run its first ever open meet in 2022. For dates, check the County calendar on the DCASA website <https://www.dorsetasa.org/calendar/>.

Please remember that dates for any licensed event – and that includes L4 Club Championships – MUST be agreed with DCASA first otherwise the application will not be processed by the RLO.

Pool Swimming Officials

Following the reintroduction of a level of competition across the home nations, the British Swimming Swimming Officials Group has agreed deadlines for candidates to complete Judge 1 training as follows.

Candidates who commenced their Judge 1 training under the old face-to-face/classroom system will have until 31 March 2022 to complete their practical training.

Candidates who complete their Judge 1 online theory training by the 31 August 2021 deadline will have until 31 July 2022 to complete their practical training.

Finally, candidates who complete their Judge 1 online theory training from 1 September 2021 onwards will have 11 months to complete their practical training.

Note that the date of completion of theory training is the date on the certificate and not the date it is uploaded. It is therefore important candidates enter the correct date when uploading their certificate otherwise the date will default to 1 January 2021, which may reduce the time

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available to complete the practical elements. However, passes under the "old" system should be processed as such, and NOT via the online upload system.

Any practical training that has already been completed since the date on the certificate can be used by the candidate, provided it meets the criteria for mentoring as laid down in the log book. Also, there is no longer a requirement for Judge 1 candidates to undergo a final assessment and, once the candidate is considered competent on all required elements, they may be awarded the qualification.

Requests for extension of the published deadlines will be considered on an exceptional, case-by-case basis; requests should be submitted by the candidate to swimmingofficials@swimming.org.

Dates for regular DCASA Competitions are now on the county calendar for 2022 with the Graded Meet moving to 15 May to avoid the busy April period, and the Development Competition back in its traditional slot on 2-3 July as the SWR FAST5 competition has been moved to June by agreement of the SWR Technical Swimming Cmt.

Dorset Novice League 2022 information has been issued to all clubs. The usual cap on times apply but, with few competitions during the last 18 months, we appreciate the difficulty in selecting on a team based on the usual "not have swum faster in the last 12 months". Instead, clubs are asked to respect the spirit of the competition and endeavour to select swimmers for 2022 accordingly.

The dates for 2022 Dorset County Championships were published in the June Newsletter. We are still waiting on the Swim England Swimming Leadership Group to advise whether there will be any mandatory conditions, and what times can be accepted.

However, there are plans in place to add to the awards for 2022 to provide for an age group younger than those that normally win the Senior and Junior Champion trophies. Memorial trophies for long-standing and notable members of DCASA who has sadly left us over past few years will be donated to provide male and female awards for 12/13 years for the 100m County Championships events.

Looking ahead, entries closing date for the 2021 Swim England National Winter Championships has been extended for this year only. The closing date is now 25 November. The event will be held Pond's Forge 3-5 December.

Masters

The 2021 Swim England Masters Inter-County Competition has got the go-ahead and will take place at Millfield on 14 November; SWR Masters has therefore decided to defer its annual open meet until 2002. Karen Yendole of Poole SC has taken on the task of team selection for the Dorset

Masters Team and there was concern that Swim England would insist upon all participants be Category 2 swimmers, meaning that Dorset would struggle to field a team. However, the decision to impose Category 2 status has again been deferred – at least for this year.

Originally planned for 2020, Swim Bournemouth is again hoping to run a Masters Open Meet in 2022 with 26 March pencilled in on the calendar. If the event goes ahead, the intention is to resurrect Dorset Masters Championships, which last took place in 2017, and run as part of the event.

Andy Whiting, Masters Coach at Swim Bournemouth has volunteered for the role of DCASA Masters Secretary and was co-opted by the DCASA EMB at its last meeting.

Para-Disability

There are currently no Talent Identification Days on the SWR calendar; to find out more about opportunities for Para swimmers, contact Swim England Para Talent Coach Carl Cooper at carl.cooper@swimming.org

Open Water

The Swim England Open Water Festival has been cancelled for 2021. However, there have been a number of OW events taking place across the UK including the RLSS UK Open Water Festival at Evesham on 4 September 2021.

Water Polo

The 2021 Swim England SWR Water Polo Championships are due to take place on 30-31 October at Millfield with, for this year only, Dorset entering only two Senior teams. Age groupers will be provided with lower key matches and development opportunities locally in the meantime. The 2021 Swim England National Age Group Championships (u15s) has now been scheduled for 18-19 December at Pond's Forge.

Volunteer Awards

The Swim England SWR Annual Volunteer Awards presentation, held by Zoom for 2021, was attended by DCASA President Les Jessop along with Swim England President Ian McKenzie, SWR President Roger Downing and Presidents from the region. No awards were won by Dorset volunteers this year, but the event provided an opportunity for our President to invite attending Presidents to our County Championships in 2022. The live virtual National Awards ceremony will be held on 9 October.

DCASA Vacancies

To ensure that a number of projects and services can continue to take place, DCASA is looking to recruit volunteers interested in helping to lighten the load of administration at county level. In the first instance we require a Development Co-ordinator for annual projects and a Website Administrator to maintain information updates. For further information contact the County Secretary at dorsetasa@gmail.com.

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