

Notes from Region Artistic Swimming Meeting at 2.00pm on 24 April 2021 via Zoom Platform

Present: Roger Downing, Mary Hooper, Sarah Pullan, Georgina Coombs, Viv Ebbs

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Sarah Garrett

### 2. Competitions

Roger reported that once face to face competitions start, the following restrictions may be in place:

- Everyone on poolside must wear a mask
- No spectators will be allowed
- No coaches will be allowed on poolside
- No swimmers will be allowed to watch on poolside

The main issues for competitions are the increased pool hire charges, the longer days and the increased time for judges on poolside.

The Following National Competitions will take place in 2021 as follows:

- Level X Virtual Competition series: May to August  
There are no details available for the Level X series, but it would be very difficult for clubs to have routines ready by May. Georgie had understood that teams would be videoed from May to August. The following applies to routine swimming:
  - Swimmers to be spaced from each other
  - Swimmers must not face each other
  - Swimmers must all be faced in the same direction
- National Championships: September
- National Age Groups: October
- Masters Championships: November
- Combo Cup: December

### 3. Virtual Grades

Virtual Grading is a 6-week process from Registration to Results being sent to clubs

Two Virtual Grade days are planned for 2021 as follows:

- Clubs can enter no more than 10 swimmers per assessment
- Clubs should send in the best pre-recorded videos of their swimmers
- Cost is £10.00 per Grade
- Clubs will have to submit the correct number and level of judges according to their entries
- Grades will be assessed by a range of judges
- The Senior judge can give feedback and will have access to all videos
- All swimmers must complete the grade and finish each figure or routine element
- Judges will only assess swimmers by a number not a name
- Swimmers can only enter a grade assessment every 2 months

- Zero marks will be given if a swimmer fails to finish a figure or routine element
- Clubs are to use their own pools videoing
- The Grading is planned to be completed by the end of August.

It was agreed that it would be possible to fit in two Grade Days before the end of August. Mary suggested that she could arrange a meeting to take place as soon as the two National Grading meetings (29 April and 4 May) were over. This would be a coaches' meeting for all Regional Artistic Swimming Clubs. Mary would emphasise the urgency of the situation in order to start the Grade Day timeline as soon as possible. Agreed.

**ACTION MH**

Georgie will attend the first National Grading meeting on 29 April. Following that meeting she will email Mary to let her know what information she should send out to clubs, asking the clubs what they think is best for their clubs.

**ACTION GC**

The meeting closed at 2.40pm

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