

RLO – Report 06/03/2024

Licensing is going okay – Counties all finished and post reports received with the exception of one County very behind on submitting reports. I have not received them at the time of writing this report. I expect Counties and the Region to return their reports on time. This must be done within 14 days of the meet finishing.

Many clubs now Licencing with some not so good as others and some are struggling with loading results and sending the reports in the required format.

Clubs by County Licencing Meets

Cornwall	Devon	Dorset	Gloucester	Somerset	Wiltshire
Carn Brea & Helston	Barnstable SC	Bridport Barracudas	Backwell SC	Academy Burnham	Bradford on Avon
Cornwall County	Brixham SC	Dorset County	Bridgwater SC	Bridgwater SC	Calne Alpha 4
Cornwall County	Caradon SC	Dorset County	Bristol Henleaze	Cheddar Kingfishers	Chippenham ASC
Dinnaton & Caradon	City of Plymouth	North Dorset Turbos	Bristol North	Cirencester SC	Corsham ASC
NCDSC & Newquay	Dawlish SC	Pool SC	Bristol PengOly	City of Wells	Marlborough Penguins
North Cornwall Dragons	Devon County	Seagulls SC	Cheltenham PASC	Clevedon SC	Royal WB Otters
Truro City	Devonport Royals	Swim Bournemouth	Cheltenham S&WPC	Frome SC	Salisbury Stingrays
	Dinnaton & Caradon	Wareham & Dist	Cinderford & District	Somerset County	Swindon ASC
	Exeter City	West Dorset	City of Bristol	Street & District	Swindon Dolphin
	Newton Abbott	Weymouth SC	City of Bristol	Taunton Deane	Tigersharks
	Paington SC		Gloucester City	TBAS & Millfield	Trowbridge ASC
	Plymouth Leander		Gloucester County	TDSC Millf & Street	Warminster SC
	Tavistock SC		Keynsham SC	Yeovil & District	Wiltshire County
	Tiverton SC		Sevenside Tritons	City of Wells	Calne Alpha 4
	Torquay Leander		Soundwell	Tavistock SC	
	Truro SC		Soundwell SC		
			Southwold SC		

Meet Allocation per month by County

We are having a few gripes about the current SWR meet allowance. I have put this in as a point for discussion at the meeting. Some Counties are also not happy with the amount of first come first serve meets allowed in the SWR.

We are still having problems with Conditions for Para Swimmers Entries into Open Meets

Disability / Para Entry – It is important Promoters understand the process for accepting these entries. It is the Promoters responsibility to ensure the Lead Ref is aware of all Classified Disabled Swimmers at the start of each session

Disability Swimmer entries - All swimmers must have an authorized SE/IPC swimming classification, Certificate of Disability or Function Ability Card. In addition, details of disability must be provided with entry. Please ensure you present, Certificate of Disability or Function Ability Card to the Referee prior to each competition session, failure to do so may result in disqualification

Development Meets

Most counties are running the Development meets for our less able swimmers and these are going very well. However, two Counties are not running these meets and it should be made clear that this is a meet SE would like each County to run each year for these swimmers. If a County is struggling to run this meet, they should ask for advice and help from the SWR.

Reminder of Levy Payments – Payments are being made late or not at all. This is a big problem with L4 meets and as I cannot see the Bank statements it is very difficult for me to keep track of who has / has not paid the Levy. I very rarely get a screenshot of payment. I will be cracking down on this in 2024.

Clubs are reminded the following

L4 - £25.00 to cover a Calendar year, January to December

LL4 & L3 - £0.20 per entry (that is per race entry not per swimmer entry)

L1 & L2 - £0.35p per entry (that is per race entry not per swimmer)

All of the above MUST be paid within 14 days of the meet closing. **Screen shots must be sent to me with post meet reports.** Failure to pay may result in the club being disallowed from running future meets.

Dates for Regional Competition

Clubs were disgruntled by the change of closing date for Summer Champs and have asked to me raise this at the meeting. Could Dates for the Summer Champs and the closing dates be released in the Autumn of the year prior to allow clubs to arrange their meets so they fall where times can be used to enter the SWR Competitions? Three clubs were left running meets that were of no use to swimmers who wanted to qualify for 2024 Summer Competition. They are not expecting a good entry into those meets which is disappointing both for entries and their finances.

Pool Depths & Height of Blocks

I am trying to build a spreadsheet of all of the pool depths both start end and turn end and the height of the top of the blocks to the water. If County Reps could help me complete this, I would be very grateful. This detail is now required on the Licence application. Where I am as below:-

Cornwall			
Venue	Start End	Top of Blocks to water	Turn End
Bodmin LC	1.8m	0.65m	
Carn Brea LC	2m		1m
Liskeard			
Penzance LC	2m	0.55m	1m
Truro LC			

Devon			
Venue	Start End	Top of Blocks to water	Turn End
Exe Valley			
Exeter School			
Exmouth LC	2m	0.66m	
Meadowlands LC	1.35m	0.60m	1.35m
North Devon LC			
Parklands SC			
Plymouth Life	2m	0.70m	2m
Tarka LC	1.8m		
Torbay LC	1.35m	0.65m	0.8m

Dorset			
Venue	Start End	Top of Blocks to water	Turn End
1610 Dorchester	2m	0.60m	1m
1610 Trinity	2m		1m
2 Riversmeet			
Bournemouth CS	3m		1.2m
Bridport	2m	0.40m	
The Dolphin Pool	2m		1.36m
Littledown	2m	0.60m	
Purbeck			
Rossmore	2m		1m
Weymouth LC	2m	0.55m	1m

Gloucester			
Venue	Start End	Top of Blocks to water	Turn End
Backwell LC			
Brockworth			
Chelt Lad Coll			
Cheltenham LC	2.5m		1.3m
Cirencester	2m		0.9m
Clifton			
Dean Close SC			
Freedom LC			
GL1	2m	0.70m	2m
Hengrove	2m	0.30m	2m
Horfield LC			
Keynsham			
Kingswood	3.8m		1.2m
Tewkesbury LC			
Yate LC			

Somerset			
Venue	Start End	Top of Blocks to water	Turn End
Burnham on Sea			
Cotswold LC			
Flamingo Pool			
Frome S&F			
Hutton Moor LC	1.8m	0.70m	
Kingswood LC			
Meadowlands LC	2m	0.60m	1.35m
Millfield School	1.8m	0.77m	1.8m
Millfield Prep	2m	0.55m	0.9m
Oxley Pool	2m		1m
Sherbourne			
Strode LC			
Taunton Prep			
Taunton School			

Wiltshire			
Venue	Start End	Top of Blocks to water	Turn End
Bradford on Avon	3m		1m
Calne LC	2m	0.64m	1m
Corsham LC	3m	0.60m	1.3m
Salisbury Five Rivers	2m	0.72m	1m
Link Centre	2m	0.62m	1m
Marl College	2m	0.65m	2m
Milton Road	3m		1.2m
Ridgeway LC	3m		1m
St Marys Calne	2m	0.40m	1m
Trowbridge	4m	0.70m	1m
Warminster SC	2m		1m

Officials

Officials Licencing at Swim England is very behind in updating and reporting new and current Officials Licence cards. Please could all Lead Referees ensure they check the officials Licence cards are current and have not run out. It is causing me a lot of work tracking down the information. It would be helpful if any discrepancies could be noted at the bottom of the Ref's report.

Also, many Officials are not allowing people to see their qualifications on their profile on OMS. It is really easy to do, and I would appreciate it if they could go into their profile and do the following:-

Show Qualifications & Certificates

Please go to <https://www.swimmingresults.org/membershipcheck/>

search your membership using your member ID

Click on - Member Options

Login in using your Member ID and Password

Click on - Online Membership System

Click on - Login in as Member

Click on - Edit Details

Click on - Data Protection Choices

Click **yes** in all boxes except the last four. If Disability does not apply say **no**. You do not want any personal info such as address and email/telephone numbers showing so say **no**.

Click Save

This would save me an awful lot of time in chasing up qualification and Card dates.

Officials Reimbursement at Meets

Qualified / Licenced Officials must be offered reimbursement if they attend a meet. This includes those officials who have children entered into the meet. Officials who officiate at any of the Sessions will be entitled to Mileage Expenses at a Rate of 45p per mile from their home address to the Pool Venue and return, with a limit of one claim per day, this is regardless of the number of sessions attended in that day. Officials should request an Expenses Application Form from a Referee which should be completed and returned to that Referee during the duration of the Meet. Officials who officiate for two sessions in one day may or may not be provided with lunch.

Coaches and Team Managers Passes

I ask the clubs to be mindful about the amount they are asking for Poolside passes. Following one or two queries into what is allowed.

Gone are the days when clubs have to print programmes and result sheets for every club all of that is available electronically. A club in the SWR is now charging £50 a weekend for a poolside pass with very little in return. Every club is struggling to make ends meet and if they send three poolside staff this is £150 on top of other reimbursable amounts to pay those staff. Please think carefully about this when Licencing meets.