

## **RLO – Report      28/06/2022**

Licensed meets are proving to be a bit difficult. We have clubs trying to run meets for the first time without any knowledge of how to do so. Meets being cancelled or postponed because of lack of officials, complaints about badly run meets and Counties trying to buck the very good system we have. 212 meets have run and completed between September – June 22. 12 have been cancelled due to lack of officials, 7 have had date changes due to lack of officials, 3 have had date changes due to unforeseen circumstances. We have 144 meets so far pencilled in for 2022/23, to date

There have been some disputes over clubs being able to run on Regional Dates and also which Regional dates are blacked out. I can confirm these should be any SWR Competition that is Licenced for competition:-

Summer LC Regional Competitions

Para Competitions

Fast Five Competition (if reintroduced)

Winter SC Regional Competition

I have had a concern from one region over the allocation of meets and the decision of a club to disallow their swimmers from entering a County Competition.

I would like to confirm where the County stands on the allocation of Open Meets and the ranking order of meet allowances. With regard to allocation based on country wide competition. Allocation of dates follows the below in ranked order.

1) British & National Competition

2) Regional Competition

3) County Competition

4) Club Competition

A County has a right to disallow any meet within their County that they feel may impede on, or interfere with, the attendance of both swimmers or officials into County run events.

Clubs should not encourage or insist that their members do not enter County Competitions in order to benefit their own events. All swimmers have a right to choose what meets they enter and any forcible attempt by a club to stop members of the Dorset Clubs to enter County Competitions should be reported to the County Executive.

With regard to Club allocation of open meets. This was discussed at the Swimming Committee. We Agreed to limit clubs to a maximum of three meets a year and a County to four LL4 - L1 events per year – 2 x LL4 or L3 and 2 x L1 or 3. It was decided to leave this to individual Counties to decide if they wanted to allow clubs to run more than three meets a year.

One thing that was agreed was that no one club should be given priority or benefit, above others. We all felt that must be enforced by all Counties, but we allow them to set their own rules and guidelines. Counties should set ALL of their dates for the year, then clubs can apply to the County Coordinator for dates they would like. No dates for the coming year should be accepted until the County has set their dates. This of course should not interfere with any SWR or National dates.

If however a County needs to change a date they have every right to withdraw the date from a club should they feel it necessary. This should only be done prior to entries having been accepted by the Club Promoter. As an example - Wiltshire have chosen to limit clubs to three per year to ensure all clubs get a fair opportunity to raise funds for the club and offer a variety of levels of meet.

I have received a number of complaints about the recent L1 TBAS & Millfield Meet at Millfield School. There were a number of difficulties at the meet mainly arising from the very poor condition and operation of the timing equipment and electrical equipment. There were also three quite serious complaints about the conditions of the changing facilities that were deemed by many to be unsanitary and a welfare issue. It has also come to light that there are discrepancies in some of the times sent to rankings, I have asked the Promoting Club to look at this as a matter of urgency. I did receive a very in-depth report from the Lead Referee and a follow up phone call. That was very helpful.

I also received a complaint from a parent of a TBAS swimmer who had been disallowed a spectator bracelet because she was not helping at the meet. This of course was wholly unfair. The conditions did not state that the TBAS parents were subject to different rules to other club's parents. I told the club they could not do this,

but they failed to reply in time to put this right. Clubs must not penalise non-working parents when swimmers have entered and paid full entry fees the same as others. Clubs must also be careful that all their conditions will cover all eventualities if they wish to avoid complaints being upheld.

I am becoming quite frustrated with Promoters not reading my emails and requests for meets. Details of the updated forms and bank payment details have been sent out so many times and still clubs are not sending the returns as they should or screen shots of the payments. Stacey Millett is really good at keeping all info updated on the website, but I am really struggling with this. Any thoughts on how we can improve this would be really helpful.

It would be helpful to have all the Counties & the Regional dates for 2023 as I already have many meets pencilled in. This will help clubs understand where they can apply for dates.

I am experiencing problems with the notification to Jill Beard of Stand Alone Time Keepers in particular. The process of reporting a TK and the uploading of their certificates is not being done properly and is causing me many problems in checking the officials from Post Meet Reports.

Jill has kindly detailed how this should be done

#### **In order to become a Stand Alone Timekeeper**

Theory then practical - Certificates from both should be uploaded as they are completed in the order

1 TK theory

2 Certificate of practical competency

It is OK to act as a timekeeper AFTER THE practical certificate has been issued (which will be after the theory completion) but before upload. It will be necessary to share both certificates with Lesley when the relevant post meet reports are submitted

It is of course important to get the certificates uploaded as soon as possible as well.

So everything can be as prompt as possible I enclose 1. How to upload certificates 2. A template that can be used to show timekeeper competency. The TK certificate can be authenticated by the person who observed the competency who must be at least a J1.

#### **Congratulations you have successfully completed the online learning**

**If you are a member of Swim England or Swim Wales, you need to upload a copy of your certificate (or competency page) to <https://swimmingresults.org>**

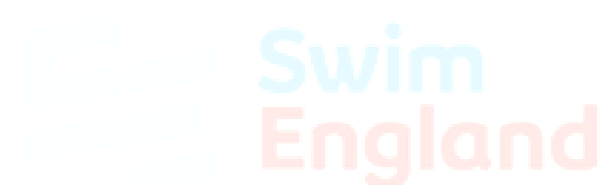
1. Register (You only need to do step 1 once) at [https://swimmingresults.org/member\\_options/register.php](https://swimmingresults.org/member_options/register.php), using the email address on your membership record
2. Log in at [https://swimmingresults.org/member\\_options](https://swimmingresults.org/member_options)
3. Once logged in, **select the following options within the website:**
4. To view or upload a copy of listed certificates to be added to your membership record select **here** (within the website)
5. To upload a new certificate select **here** (within the website)
6. Use the Certificate Type drop down menu to choose **Swimming J1 Theory ( TK Theory; Timekeeper practical or J1 practical as appropriate)**
7. **Select Certificate**
8. Select **Choose File**
9. Add the date as shown on your certificate
10. Select **Upload Certificate**

Jill Beard

SESW Regional Officials Training and Development Coordinator

## TIMEKEEPER PRACTICAL COMPETENCE

Candidate's Name	
Club	
Membership Number	



I confirm that I have observed the above named individual acting competently in the role of timekeeper and am happy for them to be awarded the appropriate qualification.

Observer's Name & Signature	
Membership Number	
Officiating Qualification	
Level of Event	
Role at Event	
Date	