

## **Berkshire and South Bucks Meeting – September 2020**

### **COVID 19 – Update – return to the Swimming Pool**

Swim England has published its comprehensive Return to Pools Guidance ahead of the Government easing the current lockdown measures. Five detailed documents have been created and are based on the latest scientific advice and Government guidelines. <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/pool-return-guidance-documents/>

The documents are being continuously updated. The changes that are made between each version can be found at the back of each document.

### **Swim Mark**

The following clubs have submitted evidence for the September SwimMark Panel; Wycombe, Maidenhead, Tilehurst, Reading SC and Slough Dolphins.

Reading Royals are due to submit their evidence for the November SwimMark Panel.

For both SwimMark and Stronger Affiliation purposes, Swim England have developed a PDF download for club personnel records through the Swim England Online Membership system. This replaces all other evidence to be provided for element 13. Clubs are encouraged to update their records on that system in preparation.

### **Stronger Affiliation**

Clubs are now able to upload their evidence onto the portal.

- Windsor and Maidenhead Star Fish have started uploading their evidence.
- Reading Cygnets and Eton College have now requested and received their portal login details.
- We have received no response from Gerrard Cross Taper Tigers
- Bracknell Synchro have suggested that they will be folding as a club due to a lack of competition opportunities.

### **South East Training/ Workshops**

- Time to Listen course have gone online – Booking Page - <https://www.southeastswimming.org/time-to-listen-training/>
- Team Manager Training gone online – next TM1 date with space is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Booking Page - <https://www.southeastswimming.org/workforce/team-managers/>

### **Coach Workshops**

Over the past few months the region has been running a number of coach and chair meetings in order to support clubs during this time. We are currently looking at what clubs and coaches now need from us, any feedback on what support clubs would like would be most welcome.

We have also delivered six swimming specific technical workshops. The presentations and videos can be found on the website; <https://www.southeastswimming.org/swimming/conferences-and-workshops/>

### **Para Swimming Online Workshops**

Following on from successful online workshops run earlier this year, Swim England are running a further two national workshops. Full info below please use the form to book your place

- Topic: Developing Physical Literacy in Para-Swimmers - Tuesday 8th September
- Topic: Identifying suitable practices for the development of Para-Swimmers - Thursday 10th September

<https://www.southeastswimming.org/uncategorized/para-swimming-online-workshops-2020/>

### **Clubs return Survey to water**

Last month Swim England distributed a questionnaire about the opening of swimming pools in England. The questionnaire asks clubs to provide the latest information about how they are returning to the pool.

Swim England are encouraging clubs to update this survey as often as needed to give a rolling picture of their status and their return to water.

Clubs can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ClubsReturnToTheWater> at any time and it will display previously entered data if the club use the same entry point and the same browser.

Currently 7 of the 19 clubs from the county have responded to the survey. The clubs that have completed the survey include, Albatross Diving, Bracknell and Wokingham, Chalfont Otters, Newberry, Reading Royals, Windsor and Wycombe.

### **Regional Pathways Camp**

The region are running a virtual development camp for the 12 year olds this year on the 26<sup>th</sup> September. Jason Keeler (Amersham and Chesham) is Head Coach and Joe Evans (Wycombe) is completing his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a skills coach on the programme. The following Berkshire and South Bucks Swimmers have been selected;

Tansim Chen, India Washer, Dominic Adams and Marcus Haigh (Wycombe), Edith Hamilton (Bracknell), Jonathan Ireland (Maidenhead).

### **Senior Coach Programme**

Congratulations to David Cummings and Gemma Jones (Amersham) who have been successful in getting places on the programme for 2020/2021.