

County Championships 2022 – Use of Swim-Meet Officials Module

Sam Dyson successfully utilised the Swim-Meet platform to organise and manage more than 80 officials in over 340 roles at County Championships across the two weekends. This platform allows the Officials coordinator to setup the meet and then invite Officials across the County to register the sessions they are available to attend. The system records their ASA numbers, level of qualification and mentoring requests. In the back end the coordinator can use the registration list to allocate roles, contact Officials and produce session reports to be used for licensing purposes.

The County Performance Swimming Committee agree that it would be beneficial for the County to purchase a license for use of the Swim-Meet platform, however there are two options available.

Option 1

Swim-Meet for Officials for just the County is £79 / year for unlimited meets. As the County only run two meets per annum this equates to a cost of £40 per meet.

Each additional module (e.g. Swim-Meet for non-Technical volunteers or Swimmer Withdrawals) is £40 / year.

Option 2

Swim-Meet for Officials for the County and all clubs within the county is £300 / year for unlimited meets. Each subsequent module is £80 / year.

Some Clubs in the County are already using Swim-Meet:

The Chiltern Network (Amersham, Chesham, Chalfont) - Group license £150 - Officials Module and Volunteers Module £75 (Total £225)

Wycombe District - £79 Officials Module

Bracknell & Wokingham - £79 Officials Module

The following Clubs are not using it so far:

Maidenhead, Windsor, Newbury, Reading, Tilehurst, Ascot Royals - No modules

Proposal

If we take Option 1 (£79), we can cover County Dev Meet 2022 and County Championships 2023.

If we take Option 2 and include both the Officials and Volunteers module (£380) then we would be able to offer this platform for all [11] Clubs across the County. Currently the 5 Clubs using the platform are paying a combined total of £383. The owner of the software has also offered to include a newly created Artistic Swimming Module as well as a Swimmer Withdrawal Module without any additional costs. They are also willing to create a Diving module if there is appetite from the Diving Clubs in the County.

In addition to the existing users, we would expect at least Maidenhead and Windsor to start using the platform for managing their open meets if they are offered this to use free of charge by the County. We also can see the other Clubs using this platform to manage officials and volunteers for internal events such as Club Champs. We estimate that the software would be used for approx.20 meets across all the clubs and the County equating to a cost per use of less than £20.

Therefore, the Performance Swimming Committee is proposing that the County purchases the license to cover all Clubs (option 2 £380 / year) for both the Officials and Volunteers modules as well as the free to use modules. It would be more cost effective to purchase the license for a group of Clubs versus each Club purchasing independently. We believe that this would generate a lot of goodwill amongst the County Clubs who would welcome the County Management Board support to manage their volunteer workforce and provide something of tangible benefit to each Club for what we consider to be a relatively small outlay.