

Off the Blocks—go onto British swimming website and request permission to get a password, alternatively email james.abbott@swimming.org

Competition review

- County slide updated in presentation—counties start at 10/11 and only 400 IM / 800/1500 events are excluded
- Counties are held weeks 2-9 of the year
- BS/ASA preferred option is for finals in the evening, but understand implications of this
- 200m finals optional

16+ age group

- 3 additional solutions, to support individual counties, approved by swim management group
 - Hold additional finals if capacity
 - Qualifying times added if not getting enough 16 year olds in the event
 - Give medals for different ages
- Comment that there is no difference between males and females in the 16+ age group and due to the maturity rates differing this limits 16 year old boys
- For nationals only 5 age groups can be accommodated due to time restrictions
- Comments that the meet management system cannot do 16+ age group and then split it. Can the ASA talk to sport systems so this can be amended
- One suggestion was to hold another event at the same time to mirror the counties for those who do not qualify i.e.) short course event at the same time as the winter nationals
- Larger counties cannot cater for the 16+ age group so a lot of 16 year olds struggle to qualify for counties—can an option be for some counties to add the 16 age group for swimmers –
Grant to take this to the PIG group
- Do we want inclusivity with a larger number of qualifiers or exclusivity where the best swimmers attend? One solution is a main county championships and then a later development championship for those who do not qualify (Devon do this). Inclusivity is the preferred option
- Do we have evidence that 16 year olds drop out of the sport because they don't get into the county championships
- 16 year old males who are late developers miss out so can we have an education link so swimmers joining the pathway later can still get the education at the correct age

County Camps Proposal

- Swimmers aged 11, minimum 12 female and 12 male
- 3 x 1 day camps
- Staff payment guidelines will be in the county document that is produced in November. This will be linked to national and British swimming staff payments
- Selection from the rankings after the county championships
- What if there is not a suitable head coach—counties can join together, EP and club regional officer can assist and suggest a coach suitable
- It is not a mandatory requirement, but a preferred method of support for the competitive pathway—England Programmes struggle to support all counties, this is a concise way of trying to do this. Over and above this EP will not be able to support additional county activities
- No need stop other activities, but EP will not be able to support

Rankings- Chris Bostock

- Find these on swimmingresults.org
- Can use the programme to generate qualifying times for a meet
- Sending times in
 - Sport system—fix the errors first and make sure the report file is clear
 - High Tec-check and make sure the entries are green rather than red before sending in
- Record checking
 - This is in test mode
 - Aide memoire for automatic record checking for counties and regions
 - To access this ask your records officer to contact Chris Bostock with their name and membership number
- Rankings—this shows the current ranked club and the club changes when the swimmer moves to a different area. Records show the club they swam for when the record was done
- Is it possible to put the named ranked club and the name of the club where they did the time on the ranking system?
- Don't use any apps on the web site as these don't have the correct data protection or licences
- High-Tec-doesn't show the DOB. Need to download free sports system version to get a dummy meet list to check the DOB
- For summer window, If the top 25 swimmers needs to be anonymised this needs to be fed back to the PIG group

Coach Education

- Intercounty dates 8/10/17, 7/10/18
- Send the conference dates to the county secretaries
- Jo to send coach 2024 information out to the counties for their information
- Coach selection—important that coaches make the first move to apply for places at competitions, camps and education rather than being asked as this gives better buy in
- Need to improve marketing to get the messages to coaches that they need to apply
 - Letting the county secretaries have control is possibly one way to get more coaches involved

Send the audit form to county secretaries

Training day for county head coaches? 1st March.