



Cancellation of the Swim England North East Regional Championships 2020

Swim England North East Region have decided to cancel the Regional Swimming Championships which were due to take place on the 25th/26th April & 9th/10th May 2020 at Leeds and on the 2nd/3rd May 2020 at Ponds Forge, Sheffield

This decision has not been taken lightly.

HM Government & Public Health England announced yesterday that they wanted to stop non-essential contact with others, and that people should not make any unnecessary journeys.

Subsequent to this Swim England issued a statement confirming that all Swim England National Events, scheduled to be held before the end of May, would be cancelled.

The relevant Swim England advice is as follows:-

'Sadly, this virus is impacting our sport at a key time for open meets and regional championships. Whilst Swim England cannot dictate to regions and clubs, we do strongly recommend that, for the health and wellbeing of our membership, the advice of the Government is heeded.'

'We do not recommend training camps or competitions take place with members from different clubs.'

Clubs with upcoming Licensed Meets should take account of this advice.

British Swimming have now also cancelled their events in March/April 2020.

British Summer Championships (21-26 July)

After consultation with our Home Nation partners, we have decided to suspend the published Qualifying Window dates and process with immediate effect. Once we have had an opportunity to assess the viability of the summer competitions and the feasibility of staging such events, we will advise the wider swimming community of the updated invite process for these Championships.'

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