



### **Swim England North East Regional Championships (25m) 2021**

I am conscious that we have not yet published full details for the Swim England North East Regional Swimming Championships (25m) which are due to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at Ponds Forge, Sheffield

This concerns both the Open & Age Group Championships which are normally swum in adjacent 25m pools.

As most will be aware Ponds Forge imposed a capacity limit, when it reopened after the last lockdown, of 440 within the Pool Hall. Hence there were no Spectators permitted at the recent Festival of Swimming Event.

That capacity limit is still in force. Air quality tests are to be carried out at the two Level 3 Meets over the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September to determine if the capacity limit can be safely increased. Until the results of these tests are known we are unable to publish final details of the Short Course Championships.

Once Schedules/Qualifying times are published entries will not close until the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We will be accepting times from meets Licensed at Levels 1 to 4.

I realise that this is not an ideal situation. We are hopeful that both meets can take place.

You can be assured that we will publish further details once we have a decision from Ponds Forge.

I would recommend that any bookings made for accommodation at Sheffield are on a refundable basis. The Region will not be held responsible for any costs incurred if one, or both, of the Championships are postponed or cancelled.

Stay Safe

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