

Northumberland & Durham Swimming Association 2022 Championships (under Swim England Laws & Technical Rules)

## IMPORTANT UPDATE

After consulting with various stakeholders, including the facility management, officials, volunteers and Clubs, taking into account prevailing Government guidance around Covid-19, and considering the continued high infection rate across the County, the N&D Board has decided that there will be <u>no spectators</u> at this year's Championships. This decision has been made to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of those essential to the event, namely the swimmers, coaches, officials and volunteers.

Whilst we acknowledge that many will be disappointed by this decision, safety must come first.

As a result of this decision, we have arranged for the entire Championships to be live streamed, free of charge, to ensure family members and supporters can still watch the top swimmers in our County compete.

In addition, everyone aged 18 and over attending the Championships in whatever capacity must provide evidence of a negative lateral flow test taken within the last 48 hours. Anyone unable to provide such evidence will be refused entry to the venue.

Final arrangements, including Covid-19 measures, will be published next week prior to the start of the Championships.

Clubs are reminded that the meet conditions require those who hold poolside passes to have attended a Team Manager Training Course and agree to comply with the relevant Swim England Child Protection Procedures. Clubs are required to register the names of their poolside pass holders with <u>ndswimmingentry@hotmail.co.uk</u> by no later than 9 February 2022 to allow checks to be carried out through the Swim England OMS – Clubs should ensure Team Manager Training has been correctly registered on OMS.

Entries are still being accepted for the Championships and must be submitted by an authorised Club official using the usual online entry system by no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 9 February 2022.

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