

Suffolk County ASA

Development Championships Report - June 2009

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support with the Development Championships last weekend - the competition went very well, and the feedback has been positive with the only negative comment about the size of the programmes!! I would like to give personal thanks to Robin Deal for all his help with the entries.

In terms of the competition for 2010, the following needs to be considered -

- Possible non availability of Crown Pools due to major refurbishment
- Is the date too close to Age Group Regional Championships for officials and coaches?
- Do we look to alter programme so Saturday evening session slightly longer, and so earlier finish on Sunday evening?
- We have reached maximum number of swims, and so will need to adjust qualifying times for 2010
- Do we need to make allowance for following possible loopholes :
 - Swimmers who don't achieve county qualifying time for March, but then go too fast to compete in Development Champs, and so can't compete in that event
 - Swimmers who have birthday between main championships and Development Championships, and so are able to compete in same event at both

I would appreciate Executive members and clubs views on these points.

Finally, there is a possibility that I will not be able to promote this competition next year as my personal circumstances have changed recently with new job - I will ensure that I have made a decision by September meeting so we have time to plan to put someone in place by AGM.

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