



County Competition 2021 and 2022

The County have been trying to obtain clear guidance from Swim England on County Competition. This information has not been forthcoming yet, so the County Management Board have discussed and have agreed to proceed as follows:

- County Championships 2021 – we had provisionally booked weekends in June and early July, in line with Swim England guidance, issued earlier in the year. Obviously, with current restrictions we would not be able to run anything prior to 21st June and Crown Pools are being cautious about any large scale competitions at present. In addition, we are led to believe that Swim England will be suggesting that Counties focus on planning County Championships for 2022. We have therefore decided to cancel all June/July pool bookings.
- As an alternative to annual County championships awards, consideration is being given to making awards to swimmers in 2021 based on Level X or ranking times – further work needed on this idea.
- We still have a provisional booking for Crown Pools for 23/24 October 2021 – we have agreed to keep this booking and hopefully run a competition based on the Development Meet weekend for swimmers that are not potentially included in the Festival of Swimming being planned by the Region for July and August. This would be planned in more detail once we have full details of the Festival event.
- County Championships 2022 – we have provisionally contacted Crown Pools to book the following weekends in preparation for these County Championships –
 - 22/23 January 2022
 - 29/30 January 2022
 - 5/6 February 2022
 - 12/13 February 2022

We have booked an additional weekend in case we need to run our own long distance events as we are not sure of Norfolk ASA plans at present.

We will look to produce qualifying times / consideration times by 1st September 2021

- County Virtual League using level X times – this will not be held as timescales are tight and clubs will have opportunities to run Level 4 and/or other level meets before the summer, based on current 'Return to Competition' guidance from Swim England.

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