



Newsletter 2 Feb 2017

Swimming New England & North West Inc

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We are moving into a very busy time of the year with the swimming calendar. Area and State swimming events coupled with school swimming makes for a busy time. Please continue to take the time to read our newsletter as from now is when we start planning for the rest of the year and summer 2017/2018. Dates for winter and summer carnivals will be called for in the next few months, you will need to be aware of deadlines.

President – Anne Migheli

Vice President – Susanne Kable

Secretary – Tammy Elbourne

Treasurer – Nigel Jones

Registrar – Chelley Johnstone

Development C/O – Mick Migheli

C/Member – Brian Coombs

C/Member – Neander Walsh

C/Member – Charles McShane

ATSCC – Jeremy Deasey

NENW Development Officer
Pam Weste

**Presentation Night 6th May
2017 Tamworth**

AGM – 7th May 2017

Website

<http://www.newenglandnwnsw.swimming.org.au/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/newenglandnorthwestswimming>

Board Meeting 1st March

Presidents Meeting 2nd

March

Club Checklist

- Determined who will be your delegate for the AGM & Forum
- Gave some thought to awards for a swimmer and a parent which can be presented at our Presentation Night
- Started educating parents and swimmers about Break time, Qualifying times. Picnic, Development and Qualifying Meets
- Determined who in your club is a school teacher or holds Cert IV Workplace Training, who after completing some paperwork can become an Assessor and Presenter
- Discussed within your club Technical Official training and who would like to look at which positions.
- Started thinking about your swimmers and determining if you would like a picnic, development or qualifying meet next summer.
- Paid your Area affiliation Fees
- Organised a Board member to attend the Presidents Meeting to discuss Time Standards, Tos and Type of Meets on the 2nd March at 8pm.

Claim the dates!!!!

Presentation Night will be held on the 6th May at Tamworth 2017.

AGM will be held on the 7th May 2016 at 11am Wests Diggers Leagues Club, Tamworth.

AGM

Becoming a Board member is a fantastic way of having a voice about what happens in our Area. With our Constitution we have 10 Board members who will then meet to fill the positions required to manage our Area.

Clubs need to send a delegate to the AGM and Forum afterwards to gain preferences on the Area Meet calendar. The delegate CANNOT be a current Board member.

With our new constitution nominations cannot be taken from the floor, they are required to be sent in prior to the AGM.

At the AGM, club delegates will either:

- agree to accept the nominations or
- vote to determine the ten Board members based on the people who have nominated.

Could clubs please start planning for our AGM and determine who their delegate or delegates will be (you may send more than one, only one can vote though)

Area Championships

Congratulations to the Age Champions and Runner Ups from the results of our Area NENW LC Championships. These will be presented at our Presentation Night.

Competing at the Area Championships is a Swimming NSW criterion for the 2017 development squads.

Information about development will be distributed soon.

Speedo Squad

Congratulations to our members who have qualified for Speedo Finals in March @SOPAC. You should be receiving emails from Chelley and planning is well underway. Your managers are Chelley Johnstone, Neander Walsh, Andrew Avard and Tammy Elbourne. Coaches are Pat McAdam and Graham Johnstone.

Presentation Night

After surveying our members, 70% said they would support a Presentation Night.

It will be held @ Tamworth on Saturday 6th May. We will be presenting:

- Age Champions from Area LC Championships
- Runner Ups from Area LC Championships
- Record Breakers from Area Championships
- Participation Certificates for Development 2016
- Acknowledgement of Technical Officials

There was also overwhelming responses regarding a special award for swimmers who always try 100% and for parents who go that extra mile. Could clubs please have a think about this and pass on their thoughts about what these awards could be called and what the selection criteria could be. We would like to acknowledge both and from each club. We will call for your nominations for these awards closer to the date.

Areas the Board is Currently Discussing

1. Time Standards

As a swimmer progresses, they will move through stroke competency and improve their times. As an Area Board we are currently in discussion about Time Standards that will be applied in 2017/2018. This is not set as yet and discussions are continuing.

What this means for your child is they will qualify for meets based on their achievements. ie they make progressions.

The progressions for your swimmer will be:

- Area Development Meets
- Area Qualifying Meets
- Area Championships
- NSW Country Championships
- NSW State Age
- NSW State Open
- SAL Age Championships
- SAL Nationals Championships

At our local Area Meets, a swimmer will either; qualify for a Development Meet or a Qualifying meet and then progress to our Area Championships.

Terminology that will be used are BREAK TIMES and QUALIFYING TIMES.

A BREAKTIME is a time listed for a specific stroke and distance in a meet's program, which swimmers must swim slower than, to be eligible to compete.

Eg if the Break time for 50m Freestyle is 40.00, a swimmer must swim slower than that to enter, if they swim a 38.45 this would be too fast and they cannot enter, but they do qualify for the Qualifying Meet.

A Qualifying Time is a time that the swimmer must swim equal or faster of. The time standard we adopt would mean a swimmer qualifies for a Development meet or a Qualifying meet.

Area Championships

This years qualifying standard was Country plus 50%. We would like to see Area Championships as an event our swimmers strive to achieve the qualifying standard ie it is the pinnacle event in our Area. We are in discussions with Coaches and the Board to tighten these qualifying standards.

2. Training your Technical Officials

By now you should be aware technical officials are a vital part of our Area and are required to ensure every swimmer is given the best and fair opportunity to show what they are capable of.

Swimming NSW has module training notes and exercises; which provide you with a great background about each position. <https://nsw.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=139>

National Officiating Accreditation Program (NOAP) Learner Guides:

The Swimming Australia Participation and Sport Development Unit and Swimming Australia Technical Swimming Committee, have recently updated the Learner Guides for the National Officiating Accreditation Program (NOAP) Learner Guides:

These new learner guides have been updated to reflect stronger officiating principles to assist technical officials with their understanding. As per Australian Sports Commission (ASC) requirements, these guides have been refreshed to be more contemporary and have also been updated in line with recent changes to FINA rules.

These Guides now also allow Technical Officials to work at their own pace with information easier to comprehend for technical officials at any level or experience. <https://nsw.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=151>

Then: **Swimming NSW now has online modules** for:

- Judge of Stroke
- Inspector of Turns
- Marshal
- Check starter
- Timekeeper, @ <https://nswtraining.swimming.org.au> which allow you to take the theory component of the course at your time.

Assessors and Presenters

Are an important component of this as well, these people can present the technical official program and assess someone's competence in a role for each position they are accredited in. If you are a school teacher or currently hold a CERT IV in workplace training and assessment, rather than completing the course you may simple complete some paperwork and gain this credential. This will then allow you to work with your club to up-skill your technical officials. Please contact ATSCC (swimmingnenwatscc@gmail.com) or Area (swimmingnenw@gmail.com) for the link.

The Area is currently putting together a proposal which will give points to a club for the Technical officials they can supply to host a Qualifying Meet and these clubs will be given preference on the number of points they have. We need to urgently address the number of Technical Officials we have

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Types of Meets

Picnic/Fun Meets

These meets are held to give swimmers an opportunity for a day of racing and fun. Events may include novelty events such as kickboard, noodle racing as well as 12, 18 or 25m events. It would be great to see events suitable for our Optus Dolphin swimmers at these picnic meets. These meets do not need Board Approval, however we ask that you do not clash with a Board Approved Meet. We will be trying to identify suitable weekends for a Picnic meet in the calendar.

Development Meets

These meets are run to provide swimmers with an opportunity to experience their first meet and to gain qualifying times. It also offers technical officials an opportunity to gain experience and accreditation at a meet. At a Development Meet events include 25m, 100m and on occasions 200m. Some might offer 200m Freestyle, another 200m IM, another meet might offer the 200m Back etc. These are only recommendations. Although swimmers can enter with No Times (NT), an alternative is to use an e-entry from the club carnival secretary which would allow for club night times to be used.

If no qualified Referee and Starter are present at these meets times cannot be uploaded to the national database as an approved time. If human resources are possible: a Qualified Referee and Starter are present, times can be uploaded and approved to the national database. 25m events cannot be uploaded however 50, 100 and 200m events may be. These meets allow clubs to train technical Officials and to be assessed when an assessor is available which will allow clubs self-sufficiency and an increased skill set for the club. These meets require Board approval.

Summary:

- require Board approval
- swimmers may enter with no times, or club night times
- will have Break times set by the Area Board applied
- may (if required TOs are present) have results uploaded and approved
- great opportunity to have TOs assessed at
- rule considerations may apply

Qualifying Meets

These meets are held for swimmers with qualifying times. We are looking at spacing these out to give the swimmers a better chance of performing based on recommendations from the coaches. (The recommendation has been 2-3 weeks apart)

Summary:

- Qualifying times will be on all events. The Area Board will provide the qualifying time standard. Swimmers cannot enter events without a qualifying time.
- 25m events will not be offered.
- Qualified technical officials officiating; Referee, Starter and at least 1 Judge of Stroke/Inspector of turns to be present to ensure a quality standard
- These meets require Board approval.
- No rule considerations