

## **Swimmer Selection Criteria for North District Meets**

### **Background**

One of the key development criteria for swimmers in the north of Scotland is attendance at the various North District meets that occur. These meets occur throughout the year and are organised by Scottish Swimming under the auspices of SASA.

There are clear rules for the number of timekeepers, judges, starters and referees, (Swimming Technical Officials - STO), that must be supplied by each Swimming Club.

At these North District meets, Dolphin COAST swimmers swim as Dolphins.

There are punitive arrangements, (varying from non acceptance of application, through disqualification, to large fines), for not supplying the necessary number and mix of technical officials.

It is the responsibility of all clubs to supply the necessary number and mix of officials. Without the correct number, we **must** downsize the number of swimmers put forward to the meet.

### **For clarity, the expectations of Aberdeen Dolphin Swimming Club are;**

That the proportion of STO duties undertaken by parents and guardians of swimmers will be in approximate proportion to the number of swims of the swimmer compared to the total number of swims entered by the club.

In the allocation of STO duties, parents and guardians of swimmers that may reasonably be anticipated as reaching a final will be allocated STO duties, **when necessary**, in the final session of that day, ahead of others.

At the Dolphin AGM of November 2006 a set of rules was approved which attempted to clarify the selection criteria for these meets. This was revised for the 2009 AGM. This proposal is a further refinement of the 2009 proposal based on feedback from members.

### **Policy**

For North District Meets, the Meet Sec shall determine the maximum number of swimmers that can be entered by the Club dependent on the number and mix of technical officials declaring themselves to be available for duty on the appropriate entry forms.

Where there are insufficient declared technical officials, then swimmers will be selected for the event based on the following criteria:

1. Swimmers who have a parent/guardian who will be attending the Meet as a Dolphins referee, starter, judge, timekeeper or swimming coach
2. Swimmers who have a parent/guardian who will be attending the Meet in a Dolphins approved organising or supporting capacity (e.g. Dolphins Chaperone)
3. Swimmers who have a parent/guardian who has regularly officiated as a Dolphins referee, starter, judge, timekeeper or swimming coach at North District Meets during the preceding 12 months
4. Swimmers who have a parent/guardian who has regularly attended North District Meets in a Dolphins approved organiser or support capacity during the preceding 12 months
5. Swimmers who have a parent/guardian who is recognised by the Dolphins Committee as having assisted the Dolphins club in the preceding 12 months in other ways (e.g. Treasurer, Meet Secs, Swim Shop, COAST Chaperone, Raffle Organisers etc)
6. By ballot from the remaining swimmers

The Meet Sec will liaise with the Committee regarding this process and will consult with the Committee should this policy need to be used. Should this process be used, a full listing of all swimmers and criteria will be published by the Meet Sec in advance of the application being made.

**It is hoped that the setting of the above criteria will encourage ALL parents/guardians to become a technical official (of some level or other) in support of their swimmer and the Club - and recognise the requirement to offer to officiate at North District Meets.**