

REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY FOR SWIMMING IN
DERBYSHIRE
POSITION STATEMENT
FOLLOWING THE MEETING ON 18 AUGUST 2009

1. Work is continuing in the review the performance pathway for swimming in Derbyshire. This review is being co-ordinated by the DASA Performance Management Group which has representatives from East Midlands Swimming, DASA, Derwentio eXcel and Derbyshire Sport.
2. The desired outcomes from this review are to;
 - improve the performance pathway for swimmers in Derbyshire
 - strengthen links between coaches at every level
 - strengthen links between clubs at every level
 - establish a robust financial model behind the swimmer pathway
3. Work is continuing and the work around the positioning of the Derwentio eXcel Squad within the pathway is now moving towards a conclusion.

What has been agreed so far?

4. It has been established that the squad will operate in the north and the south. In the north there will be a sharing of pool time with Chesterfield Swim Club.
5. It has also been agreed that the performance pathway will be established with 3 levels – home clubs, development clubs and a single performance squad - Derwentio eXcel Squad.
6. It has been agreed that the coaches within the development clubs (Mel Marshall, Joe Lack and Dave Sankey) will form part of the DX coaching team together with Kim Hill and Andi Manley
7. It has been agreed that there will be no “part time swimmers” within DX, but those swimmers in the county who are identified as having the potential to join DX in the future, will be invited to sessions, camps and meets as agreed between the coaches.
8. It has been agreed that an annual calendar will be produced prior to the start of the season which will identify the
 - training, competition and camps programme for DX
 - meets when swimmers will compete for DX and those when they will compete for their home clubs
 - camps where potential swimmers will be invited to attend
 - allow calendar planning by development clubs and home clubs

Work in progress?

9. Work is still progressing in the following areas and is due to be signed off by the group at the next meeting on 09 September;
 - DX squad selection criteria, de selection criteria and selection/de-selection process
 - Weekly training programme, pool locations and coaches at each session
 - Annual calendar including training, meets and camps for squad and potential swimmers
 - Headline income and expenditure budget to ensure programme is affordable – this will require further work with local authorities re pool costs and grant aid during September. A draft budget is in place, but this requires swimmer numbers, pool time requirements, coaching hours and local authority grants to be agreed before it can be finalised.

10. The next position statement will be issued shortly after 09 September 2009.

**Issued on behalf of DASA Performance Management Group
10 August 2009**