

REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY FOR SWIMMING IN
DERBYSHIRE
POSITION STATEMENT
FOLLOWING THE MEETING ON 08 SEPTEMBER 2009

1. The work to review the performance pathway for swimming in Derbyshire is now drawing to a conclusion and the details will be announced on 19th October.
2. This review is being co-ordinated by the Derbyshire Amateur Swimming Association (DASA) Performance Management Group which has representatives from East Midlands Swimming, DASA, Derventio eXcel and Derbyshire Sport.
3. 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

What has been agreed so far?

4. It has been established that the squad will continue to operate in the north and the south and that in the north there will be a greater sharing of pool time with Chesterfield Swimming Club.
5. It has also been agreed that the pathway will be established with three levels – home clubs, development clubs and Derventio eXcel Squad.
6. It has been agreed that the coaches within the development clubs and home clubs will work much more closely with the DX coaches – Andi Manley and Kim Hill.
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 encouraged to train within Development Clubs and be invited to DX 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 during the year

9. Work has now been finalised in the following areas and the details will be released on 19 October:

- DX squad selection criteria, de-selection criteria and selection/de-selection process
- Transition arrangements for current squad members who do not currently meet the criteria
- Weekly training programme, pool locations and coaches at each session
- Annual DX calendar including training, meets and camps for squad and potential swimmers
- Headline income and expenditure budget

Work still in progress

10. Work is progressing in the following areas and will be finalised by mid-October:

- Detailed budget planning for DX
- Meetings with local authorities/pool providers to discuss costs and support
- Criteria for top squads within Development Clubs
- Development Club competition calendars
- Links between Development Clubs and Feeder Clubs

**Issued on behalf of DASA Performance Management Group
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