

25th March 2020

Dear all Skipton SC members

I hope this email finds you well, and you are adhering to the advice of staying home to protect the vulnerable and the NHS and slow the spread of COVID-19?

A very small number have emailed regarding fees during the closure of the Craven/Pendle Leisure. After discussions with a few committee members, we would like to ask you to continue with your standing order whilst the closures are in place, when we are able to return to training we will look at reimbursement of the fees paid during the weeks of closure. There are a number of ways we could do this, refund by BACS to your bank account, refund in the form of vouchers for local shops (helping them get back in their feet) etc, or maybe put the money towards a party for us all!

The reason we are asking people to continue to pay the fees as they are set up by standing order (not direct debits, which could easily be frozen and restarted by us - as they no doubt will be if you are a member of Craven Leisure or other gyms). Standing orders means the club has no control over when they are restarted. If everyone were to cancel their standing order, it would create a lot of work in checking everyone had re set up their standing order before they returned to the pool. Even if just a small number of members were not to set their standing order back in place before returning to training, the club would be financially hit. The checking of the bank accounts to check payments had been reset up, would be a mammoth task for a number of committee members who already work so hard to run the club alongside their full time job (many of whom are front line key workers), even a delay of a few weeks in restarting your standing order would have a knock on effect financially for the club.

Skipton SC refunding its members for the loss of training will still be a huge task even doing it this way but we feel this is the easiest and least time consuming way for the club to do it.

Whilst I write this request, I do understand that some of our members may need to stop their standing order due to not working/self employed during this unprecedented time etc, if I could ask you to email myself (address below) and copy secretary@skiptonsc.co.uk and treasurer@skiptonsc.co.uk before you cancel just so we can formulate a list.

We are currently in the process of waiting for refunds for Harrogate Spa town meet, Sheffield Premier meet and Leeds National qualifier, once these are refunded we will begin the task of contacting you to arrange refunds. Please bear with us, as again it will be another time consuming task.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or the two email addresses above. I will endeavour to answer your emails as soon as I can, but as front line worker myself there may be a delay.

Kind regards, stay healthy.... stay safe everyone!

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