

21st April 2020

Dear all Skipton SC members

I hope this second letter finds you well as we enter week four of staying home and staying safe to protect the vulnerable and the NHS and slow the spread of COVID-19. As many of you know, I work for the NHS as a critical care sister over at ELHT and I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to you all for following the guidance, I understand it may not be easy and has been difficult to adjust, but I can assure you, despite the NHS going through an extremely demanding time, everybody playing their part and is making a difference. So thank you!

So back to business....

A small number of you have contacted me since the last communication regarding stopping their standing order whilst we are not at training, the vast majority have continued their standing order which we are extremely grateful. Craven and Pendle pools have not charged the club April fees for pool hire. Every member will be refunded in just one payment for the months missed once we return to training. As you can imagine refunding is a big job, so doing it once is ideal. That said, if you need to cancel your standing order, we understand, but please could I ask you to contact myself or treasurer@skiptonsc.co.uk so we can add you to a list.

You should have received refunds now for Harrogate and Leeds National meets, if you haven't please contact treasurer@skiptonsc.co.uk. We are still awaiting a refund from Sheffield Premier meet, which I have chased and once this has been refunded, entrants will be refunded.

Our committee are working hard behind the scenes, please check in with our website, private facebook page "Skipton SC new and views", for nutrition advice, exercise links and information from Swim England.

A quick mention of congratulations to Ned Sharp, Paige Fenton and Archie Minto, who should have competed at the Olympic Trials in London last weekend, although you couldn't compete, you qualified and should be really proud of your achievements.

Also as we know the British championships and English Nationals this summer have been cancelled which a number of our squad were hoping to qualify for, these swimmers train long hours over 6 days, 8 sessions plus land work and I am extremely proud of their hard work and determination....so keep focused, keep fit and we will be back training soon and looking forward to seeing your success in the forthcoming 2020/2021 season.

To all club swimmers of all ages and abilities, we will ensure we have an exciting season ahead for you, fun times at Stepping Stones and A&W galas, plus lots of electronic meets for those looking to improve times and progress on the competitive pathway.

As yet we do not have a date to return to training. We are receiving regular updates from Swim England and Swim North East who at this present time cannot confirm when training and competitions will resume but in the hope that there will be a strategy to implement training once restrictions are slowly lifted, we are looking at targeted meets end of August/September which will fall within the qualification time for the

Yorkshire winter short course competition, so those looking to gain those short course electronic times will not miss out....but as you all know we cannot guarantee these meets will be available.

So that's me for now, if you need to contact me for any reason, please do not hesitate to do so.

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

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