

## 2023 London Region Open Diving Skills Group A Update

The Swim England Diving Leadership Group (DLG) have recognised that there is currently a gap for skills level divers over the age of 16, and are looking to update the 2024 National Skills Finals conditions to provide 1m and 3m events for them.

The DLG are proposing that in 2024 Group B+ is changed to Group B (divers aged 14 & 15) with the same conditions that are currently in place for Group B+. Then Group A (divers aged 16/17/18) events are introduced which will use the following conditions:

Age Category	Height	Conditions
Age Group A 16/17/18 years	1m	3 dives from 3 groups (5.4 dd) + 3 dives from 3 groups (6.9 dd) Minimum 4 groups to be covered (no repeats)
	3m	3 dives from 3 groups (5.7 dd) + 3 dives from 3 groups (7.9 dd) Minimum 4 groups to be covered (no repeats)

To allow for this transition to the new age groups and event format for 2024, Swim England London would like to introduce Group A events here this year (for divers aged 17&18) with the above conditions.

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Group A conditions recognise 1m and 3m as two separate events, not a combine circuit like the current B+ conditions.

The Swim England London Region Open Diving Skills Competition will be hosted at the London Aquatic Centre, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April between 10:30\* and 17:00. (*\*start time may be subject to change, with an earlier start possible depending on final availability. Notification of any change will be made at the earliest available opportunity*).

Entries for the Group A 1m and 3m will be charged at £17.50 per board/event. Divers who enter both 1m and 3m are offered a two-board price of £30.00.

Should enough entries be received to run both 1m and 3m, divers will start with their 3m event followed promptly by their 1m event.

Please note that should there not be sufficient entries in Group A to run both 1m and 3m, divers will be invited to dive as guests in Group B+.

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The DLG will then use any feedback to finalise the conditions and to set the qualification standards for the 2024 National Skills Finals.

Recognising that these divers are important members of our diving community that often go on to compete in masters and volunteer at club, regional and national events, we hope this will help clubs retain them in the sport for longer.

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