

# Diving Leadership Group

5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 12:15 via Zoom

## Attendees:

Lottie Thompson	Chair
Connie Ford	Swim England Diving Talent
Sam Buck	Coaching Lead
Ekaterina Boyd	Swim England Head of Events
Gareth Picken	Swim England Sport Development Administrator

## Apologies:

Helen Weeks	Sport Governance & Welfare Manager
Alex Harrison	Sport Operations Committee Leadership Group Liaison
Sarah Barrow	Technical Officials Lead

Item	Agenda
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Action Log</b>
	<p>LT opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Apologies were received by HW, AH and SB ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>LT began by reviewing the action log. Either actions were completed or an update was provided to the Group.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Talent Development Officer Update</b>
	<p>CF provided the Group with an update on the Talent Games and selections for Team Z. Reflecting on selections, CF mentioned that the standard was lower than in previous years with only eight divers being selected.</p> <p>Following a discussion regarding Group E divers, SB suggested that Group E divers that achieved the required standard should be invited to attend one day of the Team Z camp so they gain some experience and be included without having to be away for the whole camp. The Group agreed with this suggestion and CF confirmed she would consider this for 2024.</p> <p>CF reported she was currently waiting upon some competition dates in order to book training camps for the different teams in the talent pathway. Some training camps in early 2024 have already been provisionally booked.</p>

<b>3.</b>	<b>DLG Vacancies Update</b>
	<p>LT raised to the Group that there are two positions on the Diving Leadership Group, which are current out for advert. One application has been received for the Volunteers Lead role and three applications have been received for the Competitions Lead role. The Volunteer Lead applicant has been successful in progressing to the interview stage, whilst two of the Competition Lead applicants have been success in progressing. Interviews are to take place in the new year, with the hope to fill the positions by the next meeting.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>2024 Diving Leadership Group Meeting Calendar</b>
	<p>GP raised to the Group a proposal of dates for the next meeting. Following the format of 2023, all meeting will take place on Tuesdays between 12:15 -13:30. The proposed dates were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 23<sup>rd</sup> January</li> <li>- 12<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>- 28<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>- 23<sup>rd</sup> July</li> <li>- 1<sup>st</sup> October</li> <li>- 3<sup>rd</sup> December</li> </ul> <p><b>Action – GP to circulate the meeting dates as diary holds.</b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>AOB</b>
5.1	<u>J2 Course</u>
	<p>LT reported that a J2 course took place at the London Legacy Open event during which six people attended and all subsequently passed. LT is looking into holding another J2 course alongside Armada Cup for those who could not attend the London Legacy event, subject to demand.</p>
5.2	<u>Dryland Training Course</u>
	<p>SB mentioned that Josh Devine had contacted him asking, whether he would want to be a tutor of a weightlifting dryland training course which the IOS were looking into developing. SB asked the Group whether they had heard of this previously and if they could provide some background to this course.</p> <p>CF mentioned that this has been developed through DISE and the performance teams to create a cross-discipline certificate. The theory element will be the same across the course, but the practical element will be discipline specific.</p>

<b>5.3</b>	<b><u>Championship Dates</u></b>
	<p>EB asked the Group whether they were happy with the National Age Group dates and the National Skills Finals dates. The Group confirmed this.</p> <p>EB further added that the national event dates and venues will be announced in the club members' newsletter on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.</p>
<b>5.4</b>	<b><u>Safeguarding</u></b>
	<p>LT mentioned that British Gymnastics has brought out their new safeguarding policy, noting that they do not promote the practice of training sessions taking place during school hours. Where this is unavoidable, the athletes and their parents/guardian must gain the agreement of the athlete. LT asked whether such a similar approach would be taken by Swim England?</p> <p>CF confirmed that she was aware of the policy and that this was being reviewed. She noted that Swim England camps used to always take place on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday, however as athletes would always miss Friday lessons the camps now alternate between Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Additionally, where possible camps take place during school holidays.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Close of Meeting</u></b>
	<p>LT thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished the Group a happy Christmas.</p> <p>LT closed the meeting at 13:00.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>Date of Next Meetings</u></b>
	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 12:15.