



## DUAL CLUB RECOGNITION

### WHAT *DOES* THIS MEAN?

There had for some time been a request, particularly from clubs based on squad schemes where the swimmer needs to belong to more than one club, for the ASA to allow the recognition of more than one club against a swimmers name on meet programmes and results sheets. This would recognise the contribution of both his squad club and his base club, although he would only be scoring any points for one of those clubs in that meet.

This had also become an issue with the pending National and Regional Performance Centres. It is important however to understand that this recognition does NOT alter any ASA Law or competition conditions. It is not a way of allowing a swimmer to represent one club in the individual events and another club in the relays - that situation is governed by the rules of the competition.

The other important issue to understand is that the nomination of the two clubs to be dual recognised must be through completion of a special form sent to the ASA for entry in the swimmer's registration. This is where the information is generated to meet organisers - **IT IS NEVER ENTERED ON ENTRY FORMS.**

If you as a swimmer are already registered with more than one club, if you wish, you can obtain a "Dual Recognition Form" from your Club Secretary. This will give you the option to recognise two of these clubs, the choice is yours - it is not mandatory. For swimmers joining a second club from now on, there will now be an option to identify two clubs for Dual Recognition on the yellow multi-club registration forms.

All National Championship swim meets will show the status of dual recognition, below National level, it is the choice of the meet organisers.

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### DUAL RECOGNITION - the conditions

#### PRINCIPLES

1. The swimmer to the ASA will formally notify the Dual Recognition status, by the use of the relevant form.
2. A swimmer may nominate two clubs for dual recognition, but he must be a registered member of both.
3. The dual recognition database will hold details of swimmers from Scotland and Wales
4. Dual recognition is only the cosmetic appearance in programmes result sheets or ranking lists of two clubs against the name of one swimmer; it does not have any impact, for example, on points scoring in the event.
5. Dual recognition presentation will apply to the National Ranking System and to all National Championships, including Club Team Championships.
6. The ASA encourage, but will not impose presentation of Dual Recognition status onto the organisers of County, District, Designated and like meets.
7. In order to limit the risk of inconsistencies or omissions, Dual Recognition status will be maintained



on the registration computer database by the ASA office.

8. For Meet Organisation the swimmer will enter in the name of the club for which they will be scoring points (if any). This means that a swimmer does not have to fill in dual recognition on an entry form.

9. The order in which the clubs are shown on a programme or results sheet is determined by the swimmers entry to the meet. The club that the swimmer has entered the meet under is the club listed first. For purposes of the National Ranking lists the club listed first is the club which has been designated by the swimmer as their ranked club, if there is no designation the club with the longest unbroken membership is the ranked club.

10. The recording of the dual 'clubs' in the database will NOT identify relative status of the organisations involved i.e. longest unbroken membership/1st claim.

### **METHOD**

11. The Dual recognition information will be part of the database of the Registration system. The dual recognition identification in the database will be by recording a (Yes) status against 2 only of the swimmers registered clubs. This Y status cannot be applied to 1,3,4 or 5 clubs

12. Recording of Dual recognition will be via a modified version of the ASA registration form for English swimmers and by a new suitably designed form for Scottish and Welsh swimmers. To offer this facility to swimmers already registered a special form will be sent to all clubs regarding this matter only. New multi-club forms will be printed with this option included.

13. The definitive ASA/GB list of all 'dual recognised' swimmers will be made available in a universally compatible format, on computer disk from the ASA office to anyone running at Open Meet.

14. If a meet chooses to be "a dual recognition meet" it must include the information about dual recognition. This must be picked up automatically by the meet management software, assuming the swimmer enters under either of the two clubs for which he is dual registered. If he is a member of a third club and enters under that name, his dual recognition will not be picked up and he will be shown with that third club.

15. At a swim meet, the dual recognition status may be presented in one of the following ways:

a) A page in the programme showing a single table, which lists all dual, recognised swimmers at the meet.

b) Alongside each swimmers name in the event lists with the identity of the two organisations separated by a suitable delimiter using the four letter code e.g. NOV/LEAM (which is not terribly spectator friendly)

c) Alongside each swimmers name in the event lists with the identity of the two organisations separated by a suitable delimiter using the twelve letter meet code e.g. NOVA

CENT'N/NOTTMLEANDER (which is more helpful to the spectator, but restricts printing in meet programmes and results sheets to single column or takes up two lines for these swimmers).

(The order in which the clubs are shown depends on which club the swimmer has entered the event under (see 9)

16. Recognition in the Ranking Lists will be by display of the 4-character club code for each of the two organisations involved.

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