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Club Premierships 2010

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Club Premiership Competition

The Club Premiership competition is a prestigious event where swimmers get to work together as a genuine team in order to show the strength of the club. It's a great forum to build some friendly rivalry and to compete for the premiership shields which have a rich history over many years.

The competition planning committee has considered the importance of this meet in terms of the contribution to the sport by providing a platform from which we can build strong clubs. A major purpose of Swimming WA is to develop competitive swimming clubs and it is felt that building the importance of this meet is central to achieving that purpose. There has been a tendency for some clubs to avoid this competition and so the following decision has been made to rebuild the momentum.

From the 2009/2010 competitive year:

-it is compulsory for metro clubs affiliated to SWA to enter the Club Premiership Competition. Country clubs are strongly encouraged to enter, in particular the Country Pennant winner.

-A and B division minimum events should remain as is (36/10 and 30/8). There will be no minima for C and D divisions.

-Divisions will be filled from top down subject to a minimum of 3 clubs in the lowest division.

-2 clubs will be promoted and 2 relegated from each division after each competition.

-Clubs not entered in the 2008/09 competition who enter in 2009/2010 will do so in the lowest division.

-Clubs who drop out for a season will re-enter in the lowest division.

-Existing club amalgamations will be allowed to continue (Stirling, Great Southern, Central Midlands) but no new amalgamations will be allowed for metro clubs. Country clubs will be allowed to amalgamate in their Regions and enter in the lowest division at the beginning.

This information puts all clubs on notice about the requirements for next year and gives a full 12 months notice for clubs to start to build towards this event. Strong clubs means a strong sport and we look forward to this competition being bigger and better in 2009/2010 and beyond.

David Toll
Executive Director

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