Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In light of the current outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), Diss Otters has reviewed its current position, and has issued the following statement to share information to ensure all possible precautions are taken:

Ahead of the competition, please take note of the **latest information from the Government and Public Health England** regarding novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Swimmers are reminded to shower before using the pool, to shower on leaving the pool and to follow the necessary hygiene precautions when visiting public places to help reduce the risk of infection.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind participants, coaches, volunteers and spectators of **the latest NHS guidance and hygiene precautions** that can help reduce the spread of infection.

The Pool Water Treatment and Advisory Group (PWTAG) has been in contact with Public Health England regarding novel coronavirus. A spokesperson for PWTAG said: "Public health opinion is that it is generally safe to go swimming at this time. Water and the chlorine within swimming pools will help to kill the virus.
However, visitors to swimming pools are reminded to shower before using the pool, to shower on leaving the pool and to follow the necessary **hygiene precautions** when visiting public places to help reduce the risk of infection."

Should government advice change, members and spectators should be aware that Diss Otters cannot offer any refunds or recompense to athletes, coaches or spectators for any expenses incurred in relation to an event cancelled due to coronavirus **other than entry fees.**

If people have any doubt about their attendance at events, whether it be as a volunteer, coach, athlete or spectator, they should stay at home, rather than risk putting themselves or others at risk.

Please check back for updates as the situation develops.

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