

## **Statement: Withdrawal of Skins events from PG22**

Just to advise that after much review we have decided to remove the skins events from the end of each of the days on Saturday and Sunday.

This was not an easy decision as it was felt that the skins event provides some fun at the end of each of the main days and is a differentiator for the gala.

The main reason for this is the larger numbers of swimmers we have had that currently have no swim or slower swim times for the events, this increases the estimated time in the system and slower time heats will take.

In the end the decision was taken that the importance was to enable swimmers to obtain times and faster times for County and Regional considerations, rather than removing swimmers (clubs) from the gala to provide the skins event.

We hope you understand this decision and support the organisers in taking this approach as per our gala conditions.