

ESSA NATIONAL DIVING

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TO ALL COACHES

At a recent meeting of the ESSA council it was decided to suspend the Diving & Synchronised Swimming National Championships for the academic year 2011 - 2012.

The situation has arisen through 2 main factors:-

1. ESSA have no sponsorship other than that provided by the ASA. The governing body has deemed that diving & synchronised swimming are not school based sports & the money allocated to the ESSA by them should not be used to support these activities.
2. The change in the Divisional set up to the 8 ASA regions would mean a complete overhaul of the diving criteria & conditions. This would need radical input from the diving fraternity & full support from the diving coaches for its future success.

The 18 months with no English Schools National Championship for diving, gives time to reflect on the future. Can we find a place for schools' diving within the National Plan which would be acceptable to the ASA? If not the 61 years of diving, the two gymnastic aquatic events will cease to be part of the schools' national scene.

Your thoughts & ideas would be much appreciated, I am happy to be guided by you the coaches.

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