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Dear Secretary,

### Regional Affiliation Fees 2019

I wish to inform you that the Regional Management Board, at its meeting held on 10 July 2018, agreed that the Regional affiliation fees for 2019 will be as follows:

- Category 1 Member - £5.00
- Category 2 Member - £6.00
- Category 3 Member - £0.00

The minimum payment per club (including leagues, schools and other affiliated organisations) would remain £25.

The Region continues to provide many development opportunities in addition to the base level offerings of high level competitions in all disciplines. To name a few, the Region continues to fund the South East England Diving Scheme (SEEDS) based in Southampton, a Swimming Team to attend overseas competition and provides a generous bursary scheme for SwimMark accredited clubs, to assist with the cost of Coaching Qualifications and Safeguarding & Protecting Children Training. Following the restructure of Swim England last year, the Region now also employs the Regional Office Manager, as well two Regional Club Development Officers, to provide support to our Clubs and the sport across the Region. For more details on the support that the Region offers I would encourage you to view our Benefits of Affiliation document that can be found on our website: <https://www.southeastswimming.org/clubs/affiliation/>.

Based on the first draft budget for 2018/2019, the Board was faced with a deficit of £103,535. With reserves of £220,001 (excluding the segregated Disability monies), this was clearly not something that could be recommended and the Board has therefore set about trying to achieve 2 outcomes:

- An acceptable deficit budget for 2018/2019;
- An objective of achieving a balanced budget in the future.

It was agreed that the Region wished to continue to levy no fee for the membership of volunteers, coaches and teachers who make up the Category 3 membership, and provide the backbone of our sport.

The outcome of this increase of £1.00 per annum for Category 1 and 2 members, together with some expenditure cuts, is that the budget deficit for 2018/2019 was reduced to £50,750. As you will appreciate, this will be the first increase to affiliation fees since 2016. The Board believes that this increase will then see a significant move towards a balanced budget.

Please note that Swim England will continue to collect all fees i.e. those set by Swim England, the Region and Sub-Regions (if appropriate). You should receive notification of the Swim England fees for 2019 directly from Swim England.

Also, should your Sub-Region decide to levy a Sub-Regional affiliation fee for 2019, you should be informed of this directly by your Sub-Region.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Penfold', with a large loop at the bottom.

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