

East Midlands Regional Updates – 04.02.2022

NEW - Young Volunteer Programme – new deadline to apply

Due to there still being places available we have made the decision to extend the deadline for candidates to apply to our Young Volunteer Programme, the new deadline is next Friday 11th February 2022.

The first programme of 2022 will take place on SUNDAY 6th MARCH, where we will be holding two sessions; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each session will be for 100 Young Volunteers (50 per Region).

To be eligible to apply:

- You must be between the ages of 14 - 17 (age as of 6th March 2022)
- You must be a registered member of a Midlands club.

Sign up links:

9.30am - 12.30pm <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MARCHYVPAM>

1.30pm - 4.30pm <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MARCHYVPPM>

NEW - New Swim England Coaching Policy

Our existing Coaching and Teaching Statement from 2018 has been reviewed and a new Coaching Policy developed to focus on expected coaching qualifications whilst delivering any club activity or attendance at competitions. The new policy is a minimum expectation for affiliated clubs and is applicable for all disciplines. Read more here:

<https://swimming.app.box.com/s/bfduu1xflo13kw1dx6p5iqok5iu7lak2>

NEW - SEQ Level 2 Coaching Open Water Swimming course

Who is the course designed for?

Anyone who is a Swim England Coach, Swimming Teacher or Triathlon Coach and who wants to become an independent open water coach.

Venue: Spring Lakes Watersports and Leisure Centre

Course Start Date: 10th April 2022

Closing Date: 3rd April 2022

Booking Link: <https://www.swimming.org/ios/course/6240>

Prerequisites

- You must be at least 17 years of age at the start of the course.
- You must have one of the following qualifications:
 - Swim England Swimming Coach Certificate (or equivalent)
 - 1st 4sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Triathlon (QCF)
 - SEQ Level 2 Teaching Swimming and have experience of swimming in an open water environment

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Anyone who is a Swim England Coach, Swimming Teacher or Triathlon Coach and who wants to become an independent open water coach.

Venue: Spring Lakes Watersports and Leisure Centre

Course Start Date: 16th May 2022

Closing Date: 9th May 2022

Booking Link: <https://www.swimming.org/ios/course/6390>

Prerequisites

- You must be at least 17 years of age at the start of the course.
- You must have one of the following qualifications:
 - Swim England Swimming Coach Certificate (or equivalent)
 - 1st 4sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Triathlon (QCF)

- SEQ Level 2 Teaching Swimming and have experience of swimming in an open water environment

PREVIOUS INFORMATION:

IMPORTANT:

New bank details

The Region has now opened up a new bank account, if there are any payment you need to make to the Region, for example a licence fee, please pay them to the following account:

Account Name: Swim England East Midlands Ltd

Account Number: 77761068

Sort Code: 30-96-26

Regional Course Bursaries 2022

Please find attached details of the course bursaries available for SwimMark clubs 2022 which includes the link to submit applications. We have included the IoS/Swim England Land Training (Swimming) certificate which is due to launch during 2022, clubs and coaches will be notified when this is available.

We would be grateful when submitting the first application the club details for payment are reconfirmed to eastmidland@swimming.org

Account Name: (not branch i.e. ___ Swimming Club)

Account Number:

Sort Code:

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask, should you need any safeguarding certificates attached to a members account please feel free to send these through along with their Swim England number we can attach this to the members account.

Club Personnel Report – DBS and Safeguarding

A reminder for clubs to carry out regular checks to ensure that all DBS and safeguarding are kept in date.

UK Coaching and UK Coaching renewals are still accepted and should be sent to eastmidland@swimming.org with the members Swim England number to keep their record up to date.

Clubs are reminded that the UK Coaching renewal should only be completed if the previous UK Coaching certificate is still in date or on the date of renewal.

Swim England Safeguarding courses can be accessed via: [Swim England Safeguarding Dates](#)

COMPETITION:

Return to Competition - Training of Officials update

Whilst we continue to negotiate the return to competition within a landscape of changing Covid-19 restrictions, some adjustments to the requirements for training officials continue to be appropriate. The overriding principle remains adherence to the Covid-19 restrictions in force in the relevant area at the time. Training, mentoring and assessments must only take place if they can be conducted in a safe and legal manner. Please see the full statement attached.

Open Meet Licensing Criteria update - Effective until 10th March 2022

Whilst we continue to negotiate the changing landscape of Covid 19 the previous adjustments made to the number of Technical Officials required for Licensed Meets and the level of qualification required for each role have been extended. They have been designed to facilitate safe competition and should be seen as mini mum requirements. It continues to

be important for the sport that athletes have times that have a solid provenance and have been achieved at meets run with integrity. These adjustments will remain in place for all meets taking place up until 10th March 2022 (inclusive).

2022 Regional Championship Update - Information & Qualifying Times

Due to the ongoing circumstances, it is challenging, at present, to set the qualifying times for entry into the 2022 Regional Championships in April/May. This is due to both limited current data within rankings, as well as the circumstances and guidance in the run up to and during the Championships being unknown. Please read the full statement and current Qualification Times by clicking [here](#). Full schedules and conditions will be available on the Championship website in the New Year.

FUNDING:

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund

Sport England have announced a new funding stream to celebrate the Jubilee; the £5 million pot is part of more than £22m of investment from the National Lottery in schemes across various sectors that'll celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service. The funds could be used for things such as facility hire and coaching costs, or even small capital improvements. Find out more and apply to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund by clicking here:

<https://www.sportengland.org/news/queens-platinum-jubilee-activity-fund-launched>

Swim England's new toolkit to offer 'accessible' financial guidance to clubs

Swim England has started work on a new toolkit which will aim to offer 'accessible' financial guidance to aquatics clubs. The toolkit is being produced after the 'Return to Water' survey revealed that one of the main challenges faced by clubs was financial sustainability. The toolkit will help to equip clubs with the necessary knowledge for them to manage their finances efficiently, as well as support them with the process. The progress of the toolkit will be documented with updates from Swim England, with a view of officially launching the resource in spring 2022.

Coronavirus Grant Income: Tax Implications

Some clubs may not have realised, but this funding can have implications for corporation tax. Sport England Club Matters have distributed the following guide explaining how corporation tax works for different legal structures, how tax is calculated on Coronavirus Grant Income and how organisations can make payments and file tax returns:

https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/pluginfile.php/40592/mod_resource/content/1/20211007%20Sport%20England%20C19%20Tax%20Guidance.pdf

Easyfundraising offer for clubs

Raise money when your members and supporters shop online with over 6,000+ retailers! Clubs can earn donations as their supporters shop at popular online stores through Easyfundraising. Find out more by clicking the following link: <https://bit.ly/easyfundraising1>

Sport England £20m Together Fund

A further £20 million of National Lottery funding is being made available to help tackle inequalities in physical activity levels as the nation continues its recovery from the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Last year, as part of our initial response to the crisis, we launched the £20m Tackling Inequalities Fund (TIF) that focused on lower socio-economic groups, culturally diverse communities, disabled people and those with long-term health conditions. Now, a further £20m will be spent on helping the same audiences to become active or get more active as TIF becomes the Together Fund. Read more here:

<https://www.sportengland.org/news/continued-support-tackle-inequalities-20m-together-fund>

GUIDANCE:

Guidance update

- **From 27 January:** There's **no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering**. The Government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet. Swim England echoes this suggestion and **visitors should follow any procedures put in place by operators** at their local pool.
- **From 27 January:** Venues and events will no longer be required by law to check visitors' NHS COVID Passes. The NHS COVID Pass can still be used on a voluntary basis.

Covid-19 Club Support

- All Covid-19 information and guidance can be found on the Swim England website or by following this link: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/pool-return-guidance-documents/>
- The Government have developed a scheme to support event organisers where events are at risk due to an inability to obtain Covid-19 cancellation insurance. The aim of the scheme is to provide organisers (including sport) with the protection and confidence to plan ahead. The scheme will be reviewed during spring 2022 and will run until 30 September 2022. For more information please visit: <https://bateswells.co.uk/2021/09/too-little-too-late-or-a-lifeline-for-live-events-organisers/>
- Government guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-coronavirus-covid-19-measures-for-grassroots-sport-participants-providers-and-facility-operators>.
- Please see below two useful websites that have information around isolation and Covid precautions:
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-coronavirus-covid-19-measures-for-grassroots-sport-participants-providers-and-facility-operators>
 - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>
- If you have any other questions you can email us at clubguidance@swimming.org

SWIMMARK / STRONGER AFFILIATION:

Stronger Affiliation renamed Club Affiliation

From February 2022, Stronger Affiliation will now be called Club Affiliation. This is a name change only. The requirements to be compliant at the time of affiliation and membership renewal remain the same. Please note Club Affiliation still only applies to those clubs who have not completed SwimMark, clubs that have completed / are completing SwimMark do not need to worry about completing Club Affiliation.

SwimMark and Stronger Affiliation Update

Please see attached a document that was circulated to all SwimMark coordinators, we would encourage all clubs to ensure their SwimMark/Stronger Affiliation Coordinator is showing on their club personnel report under Support > SwimMark Coordinator.

Changes to SwimMark and Stronger Affiliation deadlines

Please see below this year's (2022) SwimMark and Stronger Affiliation deadlines:

Reporting Quarter	New Regional Deadline	Current National Deadline	New National Deadline
First Quarter	19 th January	8 th December	31 st January
Second Quarter	13 th April	23 rd March	30 th April
Third Quarter	13 th July	22 nd June	31 st July

Fourth Quarter	19 th October	21 st September	31 st October
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Should clubs wish they can move forwards a panel this is possible, clubs can't move back. If your club wishes to move forward a panel please let us know: eastmidland@swimming.org
We will be sending further details direct to SwimMark Coordinators as given on the clubs personnel report on Monday.

WORKSHOPS / TRAINING / FORUMS:

How to make the most of the CIMSPA Digital Marketing Hub

The Digital Marketing Hub is a free resource for anyone in sport and physical activity across England – provided by CIMSPA and funded by a National Lottery award from Sport England. It has been designed to help organisations, groups and clubs to enhance their digital marketing skills for free.

Join them to explore:

- What is the Digital Marketing Hub and why it's being offered right now
- Why investing in your digital marketing is key
- How the Digital Marketing Hub can help your club
- What's new for 2022
- Your ideas to help improve the Digital Marketing Hub

There are two sessions available: Monday 14th March at 7pm & Monday 21st March at 11am. The sessions are open to all levels and all discipline coaches and club officers. Registration closes on Friday 18th March at noon:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYYbufpQhTuGRSnxPdw5fzo_d7xfmtQN4hliwHqPVWsnramw/viewform

Diving Senior Judge Course

There is a fantastic opportunity for Diving Judge 2s to gain skills to become Senior Judges. This would enable them to judge at the British Diving Cup and British Diving Championships. In order to gain the skills the J2s would need to shadow a judge and be evaluated at either of the following British Diving events: British Diving Cup (11th - 13th Feb) or British Diving Championships (17th - 19th June). Those wishing to take part can express their interest via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LN8VZ7R> you must register by the 24th January.

New Diving Recorder Pathway introduced to 'Meet aspirations of volunteers'

A new Diving Recorder Pathway has been introduced in a bid to bring further clarity to the progression of volunteers within the sport. The pathway has been designed to meet the aspirations of volunteers within diving, from supporting an event to independently running a competition. Find out more and register your interest in a new Diving Record Course here:

https://www.swimming.org/diving/new-diving-recorder-pathway-released/?fbclid=IwAR3HqTTmkzvO6gW_T7XICueFSqnMEY6fs0awiX3yVONcyyIZBLFYBavFXA

National Chairs Forum

The following dates have been confirmed for the National Chair's Forum in the first part of 2022; Monday 21st March and Monday 23rd May. The forum is designed to give a space for Club Chairs to share good practice or to use as a platform to raise a current unresolved issue and seek guidance. Each forum will last no more than 90 minutes and will be delivered online via Zoom. Anyone interested in receiving the link to the forum should register using: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L57JP5X> All those who have attended or registered their interest previously will be sent the joining links directly.

Register your interest – Assistant Water Polo Coach Course

The Institute of Swimming is currently organising dates for an Assistant Water Polo Coach Course, if you are interested in attending this course please send us an email and we will notify you once this has been organised: eastmidland@swimming.org

New Artistic Swimming webinars

Swim England are launching a new series of webinars for athletes and coaches. Due to the success of the virtual training and education webinars artistic swimming ran over lockdown, we are launching a full years' worth of 8 athlete sessions and 5 coaching sessions for people to join. More information can be found here: <https://shop.swimming.org/artistic-swimming>

New Artistic Swimming courses

Swim England have provisionally set some dates for some exciting new Swim England Artistic Swimming courses and workshops for judges. They are as follows:

- Judge 2 course

Thursday 24th February 2022 from 6-9.30pm and Tuesday 1st March from 6-9.30pm via Zoom. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ArtisticSwimmingJudge2course>

More information to follow. Please direct any enquiries you may get to volunteering@swimming.org

Courses & CPDs available online now

Please see attached a list of upcoming regional workshops:

- Team Manager 1
- Team Manager 2
- Time To Listen – [Booking Policy](#)

If there is a workshop you would like to attend that is not currently running, or if none of the dates are suitable please register your interest for future courses

here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wshopinterest>

Other Courses:

- Swim England's Welfare Officer Workshop can be booked by clicking [here](#)
- Swim England's Information Session for Chairs can be booked by clicking [here](#)
- Swim England's Club Secretary & Membership Officer workshop can be booked by clicking [here](#)
- Swim England Safeguarding courses can be booked by clicking [here](#)
- The Swim England Swimming Technical Officials – Timekeeping course is now online too and can be booked onto by clicking [here](#)
- Swimming Technical Officials – Judge 1 Theory can be booked by clicking [here](#)
- Information on Teaching courses can be found by clicking [here](#)
- Information on Coaching courses can be found by clicking [here](#)

Swimming Judge 1 Training Deadlines

Following the reintroduction of a level of competition across the home nations, the British Swimming SOG has taken the following decision with regards to deadlines for candidates to complete Judge 1 training:

- Anyone who completes their Judge 1 online theory training by the 31 August 2021 will have until 31 July 2022 to complete their practical training
- Anyone who completes their Judge 1 online theory training from 1 September 2021 onwards will have 11 months to complete their practical training

GENERAL REMINDERS:

New Swim England Model Constitution

We have launched a new Model Constitution for unincorporated members' clubs. A new detailed guidance document is also available to assist clubs when they renew their current club constitution. If you have any questions, email clubdevelopment@swimming.org

Read more: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/new-model-club-constitution/>

Download the model constitution: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/becoming-a-members-club/>

The Region is currently working to agree timescales for clubs to update their constitutions in line with the new model constitution, this will be communicated to you in due course. Should any clubs have transferred onto the new model in the mean time they should send it through to eastmidland@swimming.org

Batonbearer nominations

Birmingham 2022 is staging the 16th official Queen's Baton Relay – an epic journey across the Commonwealth, with The Queen's Baton visiting all 72 nations and territories. The Relay began on 7th October 2021, with Her Majesty The Queen placing her Message to the Commonwealth into the Baton. The Baton is now on its 294-day long journey to every corner of the Commonwealth. The Queen's Baton Relay returns to England this summer and will be carried across the country by over 2,000 inspirational Batonbearers. Have your say on who carries the Baton in your region by nominating a Batonbearer now!

<https://www.birmingham2022.com/queens-baton-relay/batonbearer-nominations/>

2022 membership renewals process is now open for your club

We wanted to let you know that you are now able to start renewing and lapsing your members on the Online Membership System (OMS) for 2022.

 **Deadline** - All clubs must complete a 2022 renewals return by Monday 28th February including submission of your renewals batch and full payment as indicated on the OMS estimate. Failure to complete a renewals return by the deadline will result in your club being suspended.

 **New Members** - You may have new members join your club before you are ready to submit your renewals batch, as soon as you add them onto OMS, these members will be insured to train with your club. Once you have added these members, they will be listed in your renewals batch under the Batch Management tab of OMS.

 **Stronger Affiliation and SwimMark** - All clubs need to ensure they are compliant with the minimum standards of Stronger Affiliation or are up to date with their SwimMark accreditation renewal in order to complete their membership renewal batch for 2022.

 **Club Compete Members** - If you have new Club Compete Members (Category 2) or members that require processing ahead of your renewals batch being complete, make the amendments to OMS and then complete the Fast Track request form. We will process any requests to register and upgrade members each Wednesday.

Disciplines - To make sure we have up to date information about your club on Poolfinder, please provide details of the activities offered at your club for 2022:

<https://www.swimming.org/poolfinder/>

Submissions

When submitting your renewals you need to indicate your club activity at the bottom of the 'confirm batch submission' by selecting the disciplines which form part of your club activities. Only select activities that:

1. Are offered by your club and have designated pool time for 2022.
2. Your club has the necessary personnel to deliver these sessions.

➤ If you have any questions, please email the Swim England team at renewals@swimming.org

➤ Visit Online Membership System (OMS): <https://www.swimmingmembers.org/>

Volunteer & Officials Information

Please see attached a document which details information on the current Volunteer and Officials workshops available to club members.

Uploading Officials Certificates to <https://www.swimmingresults.org/> update:

Helen Akers, Officials Development Coordinator, has emailed us to share the following around uploading officials' certificates:

- Please do not email copies of certificates to Swim England Membership as they will not be able to add them for you.
- You need to ensure you choose the right type of certificate and also use the correct date, if you don't please do not upload it again. Helen will be able to sort this out but can only verify each qualification once, meaning that duplicate uploads have to be rejected.
- Please do not upload old-style certificates. You can only be credited with a qualification once, so they will also be rejected.
- If you are signing evidence of timekeeper competence, please remind them that they also need to upload their theory certificate.

Sport England Digital Marketing Hub

Sport England have launched a new Digital Marketing Hub. The Digital Marketing Hub is a free to access digital platform designed to help those involved in the delivery of sport and physical activity gain more confidence and skills in digital marketing – helping to grow participation, engagement and income. Join the Digital Marketing Hub and raise your digital marketing game: <https://digital.cimspa.co.uk/>

To keep up to date with all the latest information from Swim England East Midlands please follow our social media pages

Instagram: [@swim_east_midlands](#)

Twitter: [@SwimEngland_EM](#)

Facebook: [@SwimEastMidlands](#)

Many thanks,
Grace and Fiona
Swim England East Midlands