East Midlands Regional Updates – 18.03.2022

Interest Registers/Course Requirements

Assistant Coach/Coach courses:
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/assistantcoach_coach_requirements
Land Training (Swimming):
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LandTraining_RegofInterest
Workshops (including Time to Listen and Team Manager):
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wshopinterest

NEW – Distance Time Trial

Details are available on the website:
https://www.emswimchamps.org.uk/Events/RegionalDistanceTimeTrial2022/index
A level 1 license has been applied for so our officials will be essential in ensuring this opportunity is successfully run, we would be grateful if the details can be shared within your team:
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DistanceTT_Officials

REMINDER – Bursary Applications

This is a reminder to clubs that clubs have until the 31st March 2022 to submit certificates dates the 1st January 2020 or later. From the 1st April – 9th December 202 certificates must be dated within the 3 months prior to submission.

REMINDER - Regional Office Coordinator on annual leave

From Friday 11th March the Regional Office Coordinator, Grace Grove, will be on annual leave. She will return to work on Monday 21st March 2022. During this period the office phone (01527 888 929) will also be out of use. While she is on leave please send any queries to eastmidland@swimming.org

REMINDER - Office furniture available to collect

As some of you may be aware the Region has taken the decision to close its Regional Office in Bromsgrove, the office will be closed from the 31st March. As part of this closure we no longer require the desks and cupboards in the office and would like to offer them out to our clubs. All items detailed below are available for clubs to come and pick up. Reserving an item will work on a first come, first served basis. Anyone wishing to reserve an item can do so by emailing midlands@swimming.org All items must be collected by **Wednesday 23rd March,** if not before, and pick up can be arranged with the Regional Staff via email. You must be able to make suitable arrangements when collecting an item, the Regional Staff will not be able to help with the removal of these items. All items are in a light wood finish, details below:

- 1 x desk (no draw unit) 1200mm x 800mm
- 1 x desk (no draw unit) 1600mm x 750mm
- 1 x desk with integral draw unit (2 draws) 1200mm x 800mm
- 1 x desk 1200mm x 750mm with additional matching draw unit (fitting underneath)
- 1 x L shape desk with attached draw pack overall size 1500mm x 1610mm – draw pack needed to hold desk up – left hand sit, for example:

- 1 x L shape desk with attached draw pack overall size 1500mm x 1610mm – draw pack needed to hold desk up – right hand sit, for example:

- 1 x open shelving unit 765W x 915H x 310D with 1 shelf
- 1 x open shelving unit 805W x 600H x 365D with 1 shelf
- 1 x cabinet with doors 770W x 770H x 460D with 1 shelf
- 1 x tall storage cabinet with doors 800W x 1800H x 450D shelves included
- 1 x tall storage cabinet with doors 770W x 1790H x 450D shelves included

Collection will be from: Unit 7 Basepoint Business Centre, Isidore Road, Bromsgrove Enterprise Park, Bromsgrove B60 3ET
Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

REMINDER - Open Meet Licensing Criteria – effective from 11th March 2022

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Swim England facilitated the return to swimming competition by temporarily reducing the total number of technical officials required at each licence level. At the same time, the level of qualification required to perform certain officiating roles at some licence levels was also temporarily relaxed. This period of relaxed requirements will expire on 10th March 2022, in readiness for the start of the national qualifying window. From 11th March 2022 the minimum number of technical officials and the required qualifications will revert to the pre pandemic situation as outlined on the attached document.

REMINDER - New SwimMark/Club Affiliation element templates

Please note that Element 6 and Element 7 the Welfare and Chairs statements have been updated to include additional questions, both templates are now available on the SwimMark Portal.

REMINDER - Win free training and membership for a year – worth up to £1,000.

Being a Swimming Teacher is an incredibly rewarding career and as part of National Careers Week we want to hear why you love it! To enter, share a video of yourself saying why you teach or want to become a swimming teacher, using the hashtag #WhyTeachSwimming. The top three entries will receive free training for a whole year and be supported by our membership package. Find out more about how to enter and our terms and conditions: https://bit.ly/WhyTeachSwimming

REMINDER - Quarter 2 SwimMark Deadline

All clubs that usually goes through SwimMark in the second quarter of the year have been contacted by the Regional Club Development Officer, Fiona Conway, with all of the

information they need including that the Regional Deadline for clubs to be green ticked on the portal is the 13th April 2022.

REMINDER - Young Volunteer Programme deadline

We would like to take this time to remind clubs that the deadline for young volunteers to submit their logbooks is approaching. The deadline for submission is Monday 4th April 2022. Please can all completed logbooks be sent to midlands@swimming.org.If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with the team at the aforementioned email address.

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

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:

Save the date – Midlands Open Water Championships 2022

The 2022 Midlands Open Water Championships are confirmed for Sunday 3rd July at Spring Lakes, Nottingham. Further details will be circulated as soon as available.

Swim England Artistic Swimming National Junior and Senior Championships 2022

Entries are now open for the Swim England Artistic Swimming National Junior and Senior Championships! The event will take place from 23rd - 24th April at the Harvey Hadden Sports Complex in Nottingham. Please find more information here:
https://www.swimming.org/artistic-swimming/national-champs-competitor-information/

Swim England Water Polo National Age Group Championships 2022 (U17 & U19)

Entries for the Swim England Water Polo National Age Group Championships (U17 & U19) are now open! You have 1 month to enter, find out more and enter now by clicking here:
https://www.swimming.org/waterpolo/nag-champs-competitor-information/

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:

Regional Course Bursaries 2022

This is a reminder to clubs that clubs have until the 31st March 2022 to submit certificates dates the 1st January 2020 or later. From the 1st April – 9th December 2022: certificates must be dated within the 3 months prior to submission. Please find attached details of the course bursaries available for SwimMark clubs 2022 which includes the link to submit applications. 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:

Get funding for your club!

Swim England clubs like yours have just received a share of £23,000. Want to be in the next payment run? Register your club with easyfundraising to start earning free funding when your members shop online at over 6,000 retailers. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/swim-england/

Funding

All funding opportunities can be found here:
https://www.swimming.org/eastmidland/fundingstreams/

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.
- All Covid Guidance documents can be found here: https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/pool-return-guidance-documents/
- If you have any other questions you can email us at clubguidance@swimming.org

SWIMMARK / STRONGER AFFILIATION:

Changes to SwimMark and Stronger Affiliation deadlines

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

Reporting Quarter	New Regional Deadline	New National Deadline
Second Quarter	13th April	30th April
Third Quarter	13th July	31st July
Fourth Quarter	19th October	31st October

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.

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WORKSHOPS / TRAINING / FORUMS:

Last chance to sign up for free digital marketing hub webinar

Join a CIMSPA webinar to find out how to make use of their FREE Digital Marketing Hub including 1-2-1 Google sessions.
Monday 21st March – 11am
Book your place here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYYbufpQhTuGRSnxPdw5fzo_d7xfmtQN4hIiwHgPVWsnramw/viewform

Assistant Coach and Coach Course needs

While there are a number of courses which are close to the advertising stage, due to the success of the register for workshops to help establish the need within the Region we have set up the below register of members requiring a course:
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/assistantcoach_coach_requirements
Members on the register will be contacted as soon as a course is available to give them as much opportunity to book as possible. We will also collated numbers and locations on a regular basis and liaise with the IoS on the results of this.

Coaching Courses

Please see attached a list of upcoming Coaching Courses available for members to book onto.

Land Training (Swimming) Coach Qualification – Interest register – Coaches only

We have been asked by the national to start gathering a list of interested **Coaches** to help shape the courses offered when launched in 2022. Please note the following is to be confirmed on launch of the course (pilots due early 2022). Interest Register link:
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LandTraining_RegofInterest

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.

Courses & CPDs available online now

Please see attached a list of upcoming regional workshops:

- Club Personnel Report Webinar
- SwimMark and Club Affiliation Workshop
- 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 with 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 Coaching Policy

Swim England's 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

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.

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,
Fiona and Grace
Swim England East Midlands

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