

Quarterly Newsletter -  
January 2023



## Congratulations to our re-accredited SwimMark clubs!

- Arnold SC
- Bingham Penguins SC
- Calverton and Bingham SC
- Deepings SC
- Glossop ASC
- Grantham WPC
- Hucknall WPC
- Kettering SC
- Lincoln Trident S.A.
- Lincoln Vulcans SC
- Loughborough Town SC
- Mansfield SC
- Northampton Water Polo
- Nottingham Northern SC
- Rushcliffe SC
- Rykneld SC
- Shepshed SC
- Skegness ASC
- Ilkeston SC
- South Derbyshire WPC

Special congratulations to Leicester Masters on their first SwimMark accreditation

## 2023

## SwimMark Deadlines

### April

Monday 17th April

### July

Monday 17th July

### October

Monday 16th October

# Key areas of Concern

This quarter we noticed a few reoccurring trends of concern that may prevent not only SwimMark accreditation but also Swim England Club Affiliation:

- **Club Welfare Officers not being independent.**

Please be mindful that your Club Welfare Officer should not be in the role of Executive Officer, Coach, Teacher or Team Manager - nor should they be related to, or in a relationship with anyone in these roles .

- **Sessions being run without a level 2 Coach on poolside.**

As per the Swim England Coaching Policy:

*For club coaching and training sessions, Swim England expects that there is at least one active Coach / Level 2 equivalent as a **minimum** on poolside who is responsible for the activities taking place.*

- **DBS and/or Safeguarding missing, expired or not fit for role.**

Please be mindful that as per WavePower, all persons aged 16 or over in relevant roles require a DBS check, and all persons aged 18 and over in relevant roles require Safeguarding training.

We advise clubs to check their personnel reports on a monthly basis to ensure their are no missing or lapsed DBS checks or safeguarding training.

# Clubs due to reaccredit in April

The following clubs are due to reaccredit in April.

*To ensure you receive the relevant emails with support and guidance please check that you have an accreditation coordinator listed on OMS*

## **Full 15 element reaccreditation:**

- Ashbourne & District SC
- Chesterfield SC
- Derby Phoenix SC
- Dronfield Dolphins SC
- Matlock WPC
- City of Leicester SC
- Coalville SC
- Hinckley SC
- Neptune (Leicester) SC
- Boston Amateur SC
- City of Linc Pentaqua SC
- Louth Dolphins SC
- South Lincs Competitive SC
- Corby ASC
- Rothwell SC
- Rushden ASC
- Wellingborough SC
- Bramcote SC
- Carlton Forum SC
- Falcon (Hucknall) SC
- Green Arrows SSC

## **5 element Health check**

- Bakewell Swimming Club
- Dolphins of Spinkhill SC
- Matlock & District SC
- Oadby & Wigston SC

Your deadline for all submissions to be submitted **and approved by** is

**Monday the 17th of April**

If you have any questions or concerns, or you would like to arrange a face to face or online support meeting please email [Helen.Bickerstaff@swimming.org](mailto:Helen.Bickerstaff@swimming.org)

To book on to the National SwimMark guidance workshop on Thursday the 9th of February at 6.30pm [please click here](#)

# Benefits of SwimMark

- **Quality Standard**

Proof that your club exceeds the minimum affiliation standard and recognition of high standards of governance, sustainability and effectiveness.

- **3 Free bronze listings on Careers in Aquatics**

- **5% off Swim England Awards**

- **£100 IoS voucher**

- **Access to regional and county bursaries**

SwimMark accreditation allows you to claim County and Regional bursaries worth hundreds of pounds that can be used for coaching courses, teaching courses and CPDs.