



East Midlands Regional Updates – 02.06.2023

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- [Regional Welfare Officer - Ursula Beck](#)
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National and Regional Awards 2023

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Saturday 26 November



Regional Awards 2023

We are very pleased to announce the return of the Swim England Regional and National Awards for 2023.

The Regional Categories will be as follows:

- Swim England Sport Club of the Year (one award per aquatic discipline)
- Swim England Volunteer of the Year
- Swim England Technical Official of the Year
- Swim England Coach of the Year (one award per aquatic discipline)

National and Regional Awards 2023



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Regional Awards 2023

The Swim England National Awards will return to the Great Hall of the University of Birmingham on Saturday 18 November 2023.

The Swim England East Midland Regional Awards will be presented at an event in September 2023 - Date and venue TBC.

Your nominations will be sent to our regional selection team and then winners from each category will be sent to the National team.

We are very proud to say that in the past we have had a number of regional winners who have gone on to win nationally.

This is a great opportunity to recognise the invaluable work and successes of our Volunteers, Officials, Coaches and Clubs - we would urge you to nominate anyone who you feel is deserving of recognition.

For more information about the categories, including criteria, please [click here](#).

Nominate here!

The nomination deadline is Sunday the 2nd of July 2023



Volunteers Week 2023

1st - 7th June 2023

Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering in their communities.

We are so grateful to the incredible volunteers that keep aquatic clubs and events going at local, county, regional and national level - without you we would not exist!

If you post on social media about volunteers this week, please use the hashtag #VolunteerWeek and our instagram handle @swim_east_midlands and we'll share as many as we can!

If you have any ideas for how we can recognise, thank and reward our volunteers throughout the year, not just this week, then please do [email us!](#)

Swim England Open Water Age Group Championships 2023 - Entries now open

Pool based entries are now open for the Open Water Age Group Championships.

The competition will take place on 29 July 2023 at Thrybergh Country Park.

The closing date for entries is the 1st of July. [Click here](#) for more information.

Entries for the Masters event on the 30th of July at the same venue are set to open on the 8th of June.

East Midlands Festival of Swimming - 22nd/23rd July

The 2023 East Midlands Festival of Swimming will be held at Moorways Pool, Derby on the 22nd and 23rd of July. Full information along with entry information is available on the [**East Midland Regional Championships website.**](#)

If you would like to sign up to volunteer, [please click here.](#)

If you would like to sign up to officiate, [please click here.](#)

Travel expenses and refreshments are provided for volunteers and officials. If you have a swimmer, we will ensure someone relieves you of your post during their swim so you are able to watch.



Para-Swimming Officiating CPD

via Zoom.

Mon 12 June 7pm – 8:30pm

Wed 14 June 7pm – 8:30pm

Tues 20 June 7pm – 8:30pm

Thurs 22 June 7pm – 8:30pm

Sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CMYXMDD>

SwimMark and Club Affiliation

In order to support clubs in completing the information required for their SwimMark and Club Affiliation renewals two workshops are being delivered online by the Swim England National team.

Dates are as follows;

- 26th July
- 14th August.

To register please use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SMandCA>

If you would like any specific support with your own club SwimMark submissions please do contact Helen - Helen.bickerstaff@swimming.org to chat via email, phone, zoom or at a face to face meeting.



New Club Offer Booking Process

The new booking process for club offer price spaces will start from 5th June 2023. This process will allow clubs to use their club account to book spaces directly at the club offer price, the details of this are attached as it is important clubs have their club account in place to access the discounted rates. Please note members or clubs booking direct via the IoS website and not via their club account will be booking full price spaces. The current process that will be in place until the 5th June 2023 is available here: <https://eastmidlandswimming.org/volunteers/coach-education/> this page will be updated with the new guidance document on the 5th of June.

Open Water Cut-off Times

The Regional Open Water Championships cut off times have been amended. [Please click here for more details.](#) Entry links are within the conditions. The closing date for entries is the 13th of June 2023

Connecting with Coaches - Multi-discipline

The next multi-discipline Connecting with Coaches will be on eating disorders. The session will be facilitated by Laura Salmon, Lead Performance Nutritionist and HCPC Registered Dietitian with athlete insight from Olympic medallist, Cassie Patten.

Dates:

- Wednesday 12 July, 1pm - 3pm
- Wednesday 12 July, 6pm - 8pm

To book on, [please click here](#)

Swimming -specific Connecting with Coaches

Technical workshop for swimming coaches with Kevin Renshaw, discussing preparation for the Benchmark meet and Tapering.

£5 or free for Coach Plus members

Thursday 20 June, 10am - 12pm

Please [click here](#) to book on

Good Governance Chairs and Welfare Officers workshops

We have been made aware that from November 2023 it will be a mandatory requirement for all Club Chairs and Welfare Officers to have attended their relevant Good Governance Workshop. These **free** workshops are run for all roles every month. For more details please go to our [workshops page](#). The requirement for Masters clubs will only be for a Chair's attendance, not welfare officers.



Important change to safeguarding training requirements.

From 1st of January 2024, the Swim England Safeguarding CPD will be the only acceptable training for those working or volunteering within our clubs, counties and regions.

All current approved training will be valid until it expires.

Training is a mandatory requirement for coaches, teachers and all volunteer roles who require a DBS and must be renewed every 3 years.

This update also addresses a gap in the national governing bodies training policy to cover 16 and 17 year olds who are in a 'Position of Trust'. From the start of next year, Swim England Safeguarding Training will be required for those in this age group that are in coaching or teaching roles and are delivering a Swim England recognised activity.

Supervision ratios

Swim England have published a [new policy](#) regarding the supervision ratios for clubs within aquatics.

Previously, the guidance was in Wavepower and within Swim England's Team Manager training, however, as part of our commitment to providing a safe environment for all members, a new policy is being introduced. The policy along with the accompanying FAQs are available via the following link: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/swim-england-relases-supervision-ratios-policy/>

Good governance reminder

We have recently been made aware of issues within clubs relating to volunteers not being members, and also regarding AGMs being run incorrectly.

A reminder to all clubs:

- Any and all persons helping within the club (in a paid or voluntary role) must be a club and hence Swim England member.
- At club AGMs or SGMs the only persons allowed to vote or be heard are "paid up members who have reached their 16th birthday" – please note parents do not have a right to speak or vote on behalf of their children unless they are paid members in their own right. Some clubs have implemented the following clause in their constitution to address this: [For every family with one or more children under the age of 18 a minimum of one parent or guardian must be a member of the Club and all relevant fees paid]
- Please could we encourage and remind clubs to consult their constitution (particularly sections 9-12 for unincorporated clubs) prior to their AGM in order to ensure it is run correctly.



Regional Workshops

For details of upcoming Team Manager workshops please [click here](#).

For Time to Listen courses [please click here](#).

National Workshops/CPDs

Club Secretary & Membership Officer workshop



28th June
24th July
13th September

[Click here to register](#)

Club Chair workshop*



12th June
31st July
6th September

[Click here to register](#)

Club Welfare Officer workshop*



21st June
26th July
4th September

[Click here to register](#)

***Please note: from November it will be a mandatory requirement for all Chairs and Welfare officers to have attended a workshop for their role.**



[Swim England Child Safeguarding - online course](#)

[Swim England Safeguarding refresher course - \(NEW\) - only for those who have previously attended the SE Safeguarding online course](#)

National Chairs Forums

Monday 17 July, 6pm

Wednesday 20th September 6pm

If you are a club chair and would like to join register, please email Clubdevelopment@swimming.org

New National Welfare Forum

Swim England will be hosting a new National Welfare forum. The forum will enable important updates to be shared and will act as an opportunity for all Welfare Officers - and others involved in supporting Welfare and Safeguarding concerns - to come together to share good practice and seek support for issues raised.

The forums will take place on a bi-monthly basis.

The next dates are the 26th of June and 30th of August.

Please [click here](#) to register.

Competitions



Regional Open Water Competition 2023

We are pleased to confirm that our 2023 Regional Open Water competition will take place at Lake 86, Cotswolds Water Park on the 25th of June.

Conditions including entry links can be found here:

<https://swimming.box.com/v/EMWMSW-OpenWater2023>

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<https://www.emswimchamps.org.uk/Events/FestivalofSwimming2023/index>

Funding



Regional Course & CPD bursaries 2023

The 2023 bursaries applications are now open, all details can be found on the [Regional website](#). All other funding opportunities, including links to county funding information, can be also found on our website.

