



## East Midlands Regional Updates – 05.05.2023

All regional updates and other regional information can be found on our website  
[www.eastmidlandswimming.org](http://www.eastmidlandswimming.org)

### Interest Registers/Course Requirements

Assistant Coach/Coach Courses: [Requirements register](#)

Land Training (Swimming): [Interest Register](#)

Workshops (including Time to Listen and Team Manager): [Interest Register](#)

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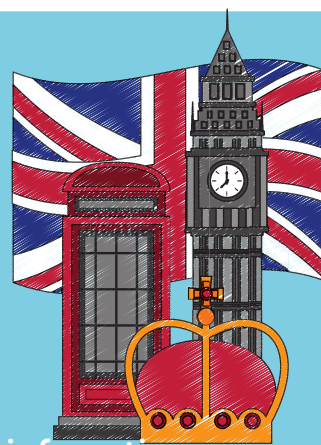
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### Key contacts and links



#### Contacts

- [Regional Welfare Officer - Ursula Beck](#)
- [Club Development Officer - Fiona Conway](#)
- [Club Development Officer - Helen Bickerstaff](#)
- [Swim England Safeguarding team](#) - Safeguarding or welfare concerns
- [Swim England DBS team](#)

#### Links

- [Coaching courses and club offer booking process \(all disciplines\)](#)
- [Reporting a safeguarding concern](#)
- [Swim England Safeguarding courses](#)



## 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.

Safeguarding forms an integral part of the Club Affiliation process and contributes towards a safe environment for our members.

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.

## Swim England Senior Swimming Coach

Applications are now open for the 2023 Swim England Senior Swimming Coach programme. Applications must be submitted by midnight on the 22nd of May 2023. [Please click here for more information.](#)

## SwimMark - July clubs

All July SwimMark clubs should now have received an email from Helen Bickerstaff. Emails were sent to the club Chairs, Secretaries and Accreditation Coordinators but going forward will be sent only to accreditation coordinators so please ensure this role is filled on OMS with an up to date contact email address. If you have any queries, or would like support, virtually or face to face, please do not hesitate to email [helen.bickerstaff@swimming.org](mailto:helen.bickerstaff@swimming.org)



### **Open Water Technical Officials Course:**

Dates have been identified for delivery of the Open Water Technical Officials Course:

- Sunday 7th May
- Saturday 3rd June

These dates are primarily aimed at new Open Water officials, they can either be completely new to officiating or hold an officiating qualification in another discipline. However, if you know of existing Level 1 officials who wish to upskill please ask them to complete the survey so that we can establish demand for a session just for this purpose. The cost of the course is £20 for new officials, which will include a practical logbook and their first licence upon qualification, or £15 if they already hold a licence in another discipline. The cost for the upskilling course will be advised once demand has been established. To register interest in the courses please follow this link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SEOWT023>

### **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. A workshop is 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.



## Regional Workshops

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

For Time to Listen courses [please click here](#). - **NEW DATE 17th JULY**

## National Workshops/CPDs

### Club Secretary & Membership Officer workshop

Thursday 1 June  
Wednesday 28 June

[Click here to register](#)

### Club Chair workshop\*

Thursday 4 May  
Monday 12 June

[Click here to register](#)

### Club Welfare Officer workshop\*

Monday 22 May  
Wednesday 21 June

[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

Wednesday 17 May, 6pm

Monday 17 July, 6pm

If you are a club chair and would like to join register, please email [Clubdevelopment@swimming.org](mailto: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. 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. More details to follow.

## 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.

### Club Offer Courses

For details of upcoming courses, and for the club offer booking process [please click here](#). In order to benefit from the club offer rate, and to use your SwimMark £100 voucher (if applicable) you will need to follow the club offer booking process.

An assistant coaching course under club offer rate is £221.25 (down from the full price of £375). A coaching course under the club offer rate is £455.40 (down from £660).

Please can we encourage all clubs to set up an IoS club account using a generic club email address (i.e. secretary@swimclub.co.uk) so the log in details can be passed on if the account holder leaves their role. If you need help creating a club account, please follow the below link for a how-to guide:

<https://eastmidlandswimming.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Company-user-guide.pdf>

