

Quarterly Newsletter -  
April 2023



## Congratulations to our re-accredited SwimMark clubs!

### Full re-accreditation:

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

### Health check re-accreditation:

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

## 2023

## SwimMark Deadlines

### 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:

- **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 at all sessions 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.

- **AGMs not being run in accordance with club constitution**

A reminder to clubs to please consult their club constitution to ensure your AGM is run correctly. Some common issues we noticed were:

- Clubs not electing the correct number of committee members
- Clubs not sharing the independent examiner's report on the accounts
- Clubs not electing or confirming their independent examiner
- Elections not being made in line with constitutional procedure i.e. proposed and seconded

# Clubs due to reaccredit in July

The following clubs are due to re-accredit in July

*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:**

- Daventry Dolphins SC
- Derby Excel
- Eckington SC
- Etwall Eagles SC
- Gainsborough Dolphins SC
- Horncastle Otters SC
- Leicester Penguins SC
- Market Harborough SC
- Northampton SC
- Nottingham Leander SC
- Nottingham Portland SC
- Repton Swimming
- Sutton in Ashfield SC
- Swadlincote SC
- Worksop Dolphins SC

## **5 element Health check**

- Corby Steel Diving

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

**Monday the 17th of July**

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 a National SwimMark guidance workshop  
[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.