



## East Midlands Regional Updates – 13.06.2024

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

### Interest Registers/Course Requirements

Do you need a course or workshop? Let us know below!

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

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

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

### Key contacts and links

#### Contacts

- [Regional Welfare Officer - Ursula Beck](#)
- [Regional Manager - Fiona Conway](#)
- [Club Development Officer - Helen Bickerstaff](#)
- [Sport Development & Events Officer - Matthew McNicholas](#)
- [Regional Administrator - Melissa Lock](#)
- [Swim England Safeguarding team](#)
- [Swim England DBS team](#)

#### Links

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

# New Updates

## **East Midlands Regional Awards Panel: Volunteers Needed!**

Your region needs you! We are looking for dedicated volunteers to join the 'Annual Regional Awards' panel for this year. This exciting opportunity involves helping to select the winners of the prestigious regional awards to be presented later in the year.

Requirements:

Availability: Must be available for an online meeting during the week commencing 15th of July.

Responsibilities: Collaborate with the rest of the panel to review nominations and decide on the winners.

If you are interested in making a positive impact and recognizing excellence in our region, please get in touch!

Email: [eastmidland@swimming.org](mailto:eastmidland@swimming.org) for more information.

## **Inspired to Try Toolkit Launched**

The Inspired to Try toolkit has been launched to clubs via the club newsletter. The toolkit contains guidance, tips and templates to support them throughout the summer campaign. All clubs will also be entitled to a £20 advertising fund, and a free Inspired to Try medal for everyone who takes part in a taster session. Swim England will also publish a webpage listing all activation on, directing traffic to that page between July and Sept.

[View the toolkit here.](#)

## **National/Regional Awards 2024**

The Awards are now open for nominations, to view all the awards the Region are supporting please see the Regional Awards page:

<https://eastmidlandswimming.org/regional-awards-2024/>

All Swim England Awards can be seen here:

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/swim-england-national-awards/>

## **Aquatics Coach Mentoring Programme 2024 - 2025**

Swim England's Aquatics Coach Mentoring programme for 2024-2025 provides an opportunity for coaches across all areas of the sport to work with an experienced coach mentor. All details of the programme and the opportunity to apply can be found here:

<https://eastmidlandswimming.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Aquatics-Coach-Mentoring-Programme-2024-2025.pdf>

Please note this is one of the CPD opportunities that Regional funding available

# New Updates

## **Inspired to Try Toolkit Launches for Clubs**

With the Olympics and Paralympics just around the corner, we're encouraging clubs to organise free taster sessions for July and August through our Inspired to Try programme. Our Inspired to Try toolkit contains great advice to make the most of your taster sessions and the heightened interest in our sports during the Paris Games.

Download the Inspired to Try ToolKit [here](#).

If your club already has taster sessions organised then please complete this form so Swim England can promote your sessions to our audiences and networks and on Their website. Thanks!

Tell Swim England about your taster session [here](#).

Any questions please contact the Growth Team

## **Regional Coach, Teacher & CPD Bursaries Re-Opened**

We are pleased to advise that the bursaries are re-open for applications via:

<https://eastmidlandswimming.org/clubs/bursariesandfunding/>

In line with Wavepower and ensuring all bursaries are granted in line with the minimum standards given within this clubs should be aware of the following changes or reminders of previous requirements:

- The submitting club has no outstanding DBS or safeguarding issues on their Club Personnel Report
- The member appears on the club personnel report/coach & teacher register in an appropriate role for their qualification
- The application is completed within one month of the date given on the certificate\*
- The member has not previously received Regional funding for the submitted qualification

\*Please note due to the closed period until 30th June 2024 certificates dated from the 30th March 2024 onward will be considered subjected to all other requirements being met

# New Updates

## **Easyfundraising**

On this weeks Financial Forum Ben Harper gave an overview of Easyfundraising, which has been recorded, we would encourage all clubs to engage in this.

Sign up here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/swim-england/>

If you have an old account but no longer have access to this the Easyfundraising team can support.

Questions or support around to account required please email Ben Harper on :  
[ben.harper@easyfundraising.org.uk](mailto:ben.harper@easyfundraising.org.uk)



**SAVE THE DATE**

**OPEN WATER  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**SUNDAY 23RD JUNE 2024**

*Lake, 86 Spine Rd E, Cirencester GL7 5TL*



Volunteers and officials needed! If you are interested please click the link to [register your interest via email](https://www.emswimchamps.org.uk/Events/RegionalOpenWaterChampionships2024/index)

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## How to Reduce Financial Admin Work

Swim England's official payments partner, GoCardless, has issued advice on how aquatics clubs can reduce financial admin work and chasing late payments in its latest monthly article. Read the full story [here](#)

## Sport England Funding - £160M New Movement Fund

Sport England have transformed their funding application process to make it easier for sports clubs and other organisations who help people to take part in physical activity apply for money.

Their new Movement Fund, which has launched this week, simplifies funding applications and will help those with the greatest need secure investment to support people to live active, healthy, lives.

<https://www.sportengland.org/news-and-inspiration/new-movement-fund-set-revolutionise-funding-applications>

## Aquatics GB National Para Swimming CPD For Technical Officials

The next online presentation will be on Wednesday 10 July 2024 @ 7:00pm by Zoom, the presenters are David Metcalf and Tony Ward (WPS ITO's).

The CPD is an introduction to officiating at events that include swimmers with a disability, aimed at swimming technical officials, Judge Level 1 or above. This CPD will give an overview of Functional Classification System, Terminology & Sport Class Overview including knowledge of World Para Swimming (WPS) rules and rule exceptions.

The CPD is free and attracts 3 points towards the renewal of the BS officials Licence. If you have already attended a similar Para Officiating CPD since Summer 2023, this is the same presentation and it is intended for new attendees.

To reserve a place on the course please click on the national link below. You will be contacted after 5 July 2024 with the Zoom joining instructions. Please remember after applying to make a note in your diary/calendar.

Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Para1007>

## SwimMark Survey

As you may be aware Swim England is currently undertaking a review of SwimMark. Please keep an eye out for the SwimMark survey that will be sent out by Swim England nationally on Saturday to Chairs and Accreditation Coordinators of SwimMark accredited clubs. We would encourage all clubs to feedback on this survey so clubs input into the review process as much as possible.

## GoCardless Swim England National Masters Open Water National Masters Championships

Please note the Conditions and Entry Pack have just been published for 2024's GoCardless Swim England Open Water National Masters Championships which take place at Rother Valley Country Park on 28 July 2024 and can be viewed / downloaded [here](#). **Entries are due to open today at 14:00, Thursday 6 June and close 12 noon, Wednesday 3 July.**



## Swim England Online Community

Swim England have created the Swim England Online Community to help encourage our members to '**join the conversation**' around our decision-making.

The online platform will be open to all members **aged 16 and over** from every aquatic discipline who will be required to complete between one and five activities a month.

These can range from live chats and discussions, creating videos, completing diaries, polls and surveys or tasks highlighting their online user journey.

You can read the **full launch** article [here](#) and sign up [here](#).

## Judge 1 in training

In order to act as a "Judge 1 in training" for meet licensing purposes the individual **must**:

- Have enrolled on the **Judge 1 course** and completed all of the online theory modules
- Have evidenced achieving **practical competence** as a timekeeper
- Be within the **requisite period** of completing their poolside competencies

Failure to meet the above pre-requisites puts meets at risk of being **downgraded** or the times not going into Rankings at all.

London Aquatics Centre is now available for clubs to hire Saturday and Sunday evenings subject to availability - this will give club swimmers the opportunity to experience swimming in the Olympic/Paralympic Pool from London 2012. Details of this can be found here:

[https://eastmidlandswimming.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/28805\\_LAC\\_Pool-Hire\\_Leaflet-2.pdf](https://eastmidlandswimming.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/28805_LAC_Pool-Hire_Leaflet-2.pdf)

## Coach Membership

A reminder to all club coaches that Swim England offer two forms of additional coach membership: Coach and Coach Plus. These additional annual memberships provide comprehensive insurance (personal, public and legal), free legal advice, access to learning and development opportunities and exclusive discounts and offers. If you would like more information, please visit <https://www.swimming.org/members/coach-membership/>



[Team Manager workshops](#)

[Time to Listen](#)

[Foundations of Inclusivity](#)

[Introduction to Disability Swimming](#)

[Competitive Starts](#)



## **Good Governance Workshops -**

*Mandatory for Chairs and Welfare Officers*

[Club Chairs Workshop](#)

[Club Welfare Officer Workshop](#)

[Club Secretary/Membership Officer Workshop](#)

## **Safeguarding**

[Swim England Safeguarding Course](#)

[Swim England Safeguarding Refresher](#)

*For those who have completed the full Swim England course in the last 3 years*



## **Forums**

[Welfare Officers Forum](#)

[Chairs Forum](#)



### Course booking reminder - 4 ways to save money!:

1. Ensure you use the [club offer booking process](#) - this heavily discounts the price:

Level 1 Coaching course reduced from £375 to £221.25 (41% discount)

Level 2 Coaching course reduced from £660 to £455.40 (31% discount)

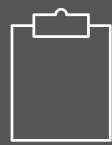
2. If you are a SwimMark club then each year (in line with your reaccreditation date) you will have a £100 IoS voucher which can be used for courses or CPDs.

3. After the member has completed the course and received their certificate, the club can claim a [regional bursary](#) (criteria dependent) of £50 towards assistant coach courses, or £100 towards coach.

4. After the course is completed and certificated, look into the [county bursary funding](#) available.



# Officials and Event Volunteer Opportunities



*National call for Technical Officials for all sports*

Swim England are looking for more technical officials to participate across our sports. If you already have an officiating qualification, apply here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OfficialVol>

**To add opportunities to this page please submit the details [here](#)**

Date	Location	Event	Event Level	Sign up link / Contact
23rd June 2024	Lake 86	Regional Open Water Championships		<a href="#">If you are interested in officiating or volunteering, please click here</a>