



East Midlands Regional Updates – 30.05.2024

All regional updates and other regional information can be found on our website
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

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.

AGM Minutes

Swim England have recently released a guidance template for clubs to help ensure their AGMs are run according to the constitution, and minuted appropriately. This document can be accessed [here](#).

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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.



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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OMS Contacts

Please can all clubs ensure that their Club Chair, Welfare Officer and Secretary are listed on OMS under both Organisation and discipline(s). This will ensure they receive all relevant and necessary communications. Thank you.

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>

Club Financial Forum

The next Club Financial Forum will be on **Tuesday 11th June, 7.30pm - 9pm.**

For this session we're kindly joined by Rotary Beckenham Club and easyfundraising who will each give presentations on how they support clubs with fundraising activities.

Link to register here - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/clubfinancialforum>

Senior Coach Programme

The deadline for this year's Senior Coach programme as we have had a number of applications started but not yet submitted, if you can advise any applicants to complete this by **Thursday 30th May** at midnight. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any late applications for the programme.

Please click [here](#) for the Senior Swimming coach information page that has a link to WP Form application form.

Please click [here](#) for the Senior Swimming Coach Recognition of Prior International Learning information page that has a link to WP Form application form.



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>

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 for more information.



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
19th May 2024	Alfreton LC	Allen Urch MBE Memorial Meet 2024	Swimming Level 3	Officials Link Volunteers Link
23rd June 2024	Lake 86	Regional Open Water Championships		If you are interested in officiating or volunteering, please click here.