



## East Midlands Regional Updates – 07.11.2024

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: [Register](#) currently being updated.

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

## SwimMark

The following clubs were due to reaccredit for SwimMark or reaffiliate this January. Emails were sent to Chairs, Secretaries and Accreditation Coordinators on 28.10.24 however if you did not receive an email, please contact [Helen.Bickerstaff@swimming.org](mailto:Helen.Bickerstaff@swimming.org).

Swim England announced yesterday that SwimMark will be put on hold as they look to develop a new framework to support the long-term development of clubs; easing the administrative burden on volunteers.

The decision has been taken following insight gathered from clubs, volunteers, stakeholders and operators during a six-month review, in addition to feedback gained at the Values and Vision Roadshows and the Listening Report. No new submissions for SwimMark can now be made in light of the outcome of the review. Clubs must continue to ensure they meet the mandatory requirements of Club Affiliation every 12 months (in their usual SwimMark quarter) – recognising that a club is operating in a safe and compliant way and has achieved the minimum standards of safe and effective practice.

For more information regarding the review and subsequent pausing of SwimMark, please click here:

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/swimmark-accreditation-scheme-paused/>

### SwimMark

- Arnold SC
- Bingham Penguins SC
- Calverton and Bingham SC
- Deepings SC
- Glossop SC
- Grantham WPC
- Hucknall WPC
- Kettering SC
- Leicester Masters
- Lincoln Trident SA
- Lincoln Vulcans SC
- Loughborough Town SC
- Mansfield SC
- Northampton WPC
- Nottingham Northern SC
- Rushcliffe SC
- Rykneld SC
- Shepshed SC
- Skegness ASC
- Ilkeston SC
- South Derbyshire WPC

### Club Affiliation

- Alfreton Swimming Club
- Loughborough University
- Royal Air Force Swim Team
- Spalding SC

# New Updates

## **National County Team Champs - a message from Regional President, Geoff Robilliard**

My thanks to all 5 counties of our region for their teams competitiveness, enthusiasm and effort. The noise level was astonishing. As were some of the outfits. The swimmers should all be extremely proud of themselves. The thanks are also to the Team Managers, Coaches, support staff, for getting our counties there.

To the regions officials and volunteers for standing up to be counted, especially those on the movable floor between the two pools.

My congratulations to the Presidents of the counties for showing support and cheering their teams on.

Huge congratulations to Derbyshire for their tremendous performance to get 3rd spot in the final ranking of this year's competition.

Also in alphabetical order - The swimmers of Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire all fought hard in a fiercely competitive arena and should be proud of their efforts. You certainly made your counties proud.

Best wishes for continued success.

*Geoff Robilliard*

SE East Midlands President

## **Masters Club and Section Requirements - a reminder**

A reminder to Masters clubs, and those clubs with Masters sections, earlier this year Swim England updated the requirements for Masters clubs, particularly regarding Welfare Officers, DBS checks and Safeguarding training. As of the 1st of August 2024, all Masters clubs should have a Welfare Officer in place and all Masters coaches, teachers and welfare officers should now have a basic DBS check, and have attended Swim England safeguarding training. For full details of Masters club/section requirements, [please click here](#).

We appreciate that the DBS requirement comes with an additional cost, which volunteers within non-masters clubs do not have to pay, so in the interests of equality and fairness, as a region we have agreed to reimburse the cost of DBS checks for any Masters welfare officers or **volunteer** coaches and teachers. For full details of this bursary, [please click here](#).



### **We are seeking applications for Team Managers for the Artistic Swimming Elite Training Squad.**

Team manager details can be found [here](#).

Assistant team manager details can be found [here](#).

### **Codes of conduct concerns/Behavioural Policy**

Our safeguarding team have recently received a few concerns that have in fact been behavioural/code of conduct issues. We would encourage clubs and club members to ensure they have familiarised themselves with club codes of conduct – which all members, and parents (for under 18s) should be signing to agree to each year – so as to ensure that any complaints or concerns are dealt with appropriately. For copies of the Swim England codes of conduct, behavioural policy and behaviour template, please click [here](#). For more information on club complaints please click [here](#).

### **Safeguarding concerns.**

A safeguarding concern is an allegation that harm has, or may have, occurred to a child or adult as a result of a form of abuse by another individual or group of individuals. If you have a safeguarding concern then in the first instance this should be taken to your club welfare officer. If you are unable to gain support from your club welfare officer then you can contact your county welfare officer or failing that, your regional welfare officer. You will be advised and supported if this complaint should go directly to Swim England.

If the concern is urgent and about a child at risk, and you cannot contact your Welfare Officer or the Swim England safeguarding team, you can call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000. If it is an emergency because a child or adult is at immediate risk, then call the police or children's social care (if appropriate) in your area. If a child or adult is in immediate danger contact the police on 999. For non-emergencies 101.

### **East Midlands Masters Championships**

The EM Championships will take place on Sunday 1st December at Moorways, Derby. Online entry is now open and closes 13th November.

<https://www.swimmingresults.org/events/eastmidlandsmasters24/>



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://eastmidlandswimming.org/?ff\\_landing=18](https://eastmidlandswimming.org/?ff_landing=18)

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

| Date                        | Location                            | Event  | Official Sign Up                                 | Volunteer Sign Up   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 21/12/2024                  | Pingles Leisure Centre,<br>Nuneaton | <a href="#">Leicester Sharks Christmas County Qualifier</a>  | Level 3  | <a href="https://swim-meet.com/Availability/?m=3657">https://swim-meet.com/Availability/?m=3657</a>               |
| 15th and 16th March 2025    | Harvey HAdden Sports Village        | <a href="#">Ernehale Open Meet 2025</a>                      | <a href="#">Swimming Level 3</a>                 | <a href="https://www.swim-meet.com/OfficialsSignup/Arnold/">https://www.swim-meet.com/OfficialsSignup/Arnold/</a> |
| 15th December 2024          | Hucknall LC                         | <a href="#">Ernehale Distance Meet 2024</a>                  | <a href="#">Swimming Level 3</a>                 | <a href="https://www.swim-meet.com/OfficialsSignup/Arnold/">https://www.swim-meet.com/OfficialsSignup/Arnold/</a> |
| 16th and 17th November 2024 | Water Meadows Mansfield             | Major Oak Meet   | <a href="#">Swimming - licensed level 3 meet</a> | <a href="mailto:mschelpteam@gmail.com">mschelpteam@gmail.com</a>  |
| 6th - 8th December          | Worksop Leisure Center              | BSS Early Christmas Party                                    | <a href="#">Level 3</a>                          | <a href="mailto:bassetlawsofficials@gmail.com">bassetlawsofficials@gmail.com</a>                                  |
| October and November 2024   | Hucknall LC and Arnold LC           | <a href="#">Arnold Swimming Club 2024 Club Championships</a> | <a href="#">Swimming Level 4</a>                 | <a href="https://www.swim-meet.com/OfficialsSignup/Arnold/">https://www.swim-meet.com/OfficialsSignup/Arnold/</a> |