

# Welcome to the June Club Newsletter

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#### **National Volunteers' Week**

In celebration of National Volunteers' Week our Regional Chairperson, Joan Wheeler, would like to say a big 'Thank You' on behalf of the Management Board, to all our volunteers that give up their time to contribute to the sport.

The staff have produced a <u>short video</u> giving their thanks to the volunteers that work hard to create a safe and thriving environment for our athletes.

#### **Events**

Swim England has made the difficult decision to cancel all competitions until the end of 2020. Following this statement, the East Region has made the decision to cancel the following regional events for the same time period;

- Masters Championships
- · Disability Championships
- Short Couse Swimming Championships
- Regional Swimming Talent Camps (will be delivered online)





#### **Team Manager Workshop**

Swim England East Region staff are now able to deliver the Team Manager workshop online and we are taking bookings from learners.

If you would like to attend an online Team Manager workshop, book a place via our website.

### Safeguarding Workshops Online

Swim England now offers an online Safeguarding webinar as part of the online resource package. It is essential for all teachers, coaches, and other poolside personnel to undertake a safeguarding workshop every three years.



For more information, visit the Institute of Swimming webpage.

If you have already undertaken the UK Coaching workshop and simply need to renew, you can do their online elearning refresher found on the UK Coaching website.



#### **Club Contacts**

If your club or county has a change of secretary, please do not forget to notify your county association, and region (via <a href="mailto:east@swimming.org">east@swimming.org</a>) as well as updating the Online Membership System. This way your club will continue to receive important updates from all parties.

#### **Stronger Affiliation**

ALL CLUBS MUST BE EITHER SWIMMARK ACCREDITED, OR HAVE COMPLETED <u>STRONGER AFFILIATION</u> BY THE END OF THE YEAR TO AFFILIATE FOR 2021.

The online portal is now live so clubs can begin uploading the essential evidence for affiliation in Jan 2021. If your club has SwimMark, you dont need to do anything else.

If your club does not have a login for the portal, email <a href="mailto:clubdevelopment@swimming.org">clubdevelopment@swimming.org</a> and they will provide one for you.



# **Swim England Covid-19 Guidance Updates**



Swim England has released regular updates in response to Covid-19, providing clubs and members with essential information at this time.

Latest guidance includes <u>an update after the easing of lockdown rules</u>. Further 'returning to the pool' guidance will be released to clubs mid June.

#### **Meet Licensing**

Swim England has provided an update on licencing of meets for the remainder of 2020.

No competition licences will be issued at levels one or two for the remainder of 2020. Meets that have already been granted licences for forthcoming events in 2020 at levels one and two will have the option to be downgraded to level three or four in the first instance. It should be kept in mind that licensing at all levels remains suspended until further notice, with all currently issued licences being provisional in status.



Full report can be found on the East Region website.



#### **Swimming Coach Drop In Sessions**

Our Swimming Talent Officer has organised some more weekly coach drop in calls via Zoom due to the success of our previous ones. They are an opportunity to listen and share ideas with fellow coaches from around the region, usually based around a theme. The next calls are taking place on Friday 5 June, 1pm and Thursday 11 June, 6pm.

If you do not already receive information on these and you would like to, please email <a href="Kevin.pickard@swimming.org">Kevin.pickard@swimming.org</a>

### **Annual Council Meeting**

The Swim England East Region Annual Council Meeting will be taking place on Saturday 12th September 2020. More details are to follow, but for now, please save the date.



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