

Club Newsletter | March 2021



## Welcome to the March Club Newsletter

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### Return to Training



Following the announcement from the Government on the roadmap out of lockdown Swim England are currently in the process of updating the Club Guidance for returning to the water and hope to have this available for circulation as soon as possible. The date of release is dependent on a few specific pieces of information required from both Sport England and DCMS in relation to the detail behind the announcement.

The [FAQ's](#) have been updated to reflect the information that has been confirmed to us so far:

- Outdoor pools and venues will reopen on 29 March.
- In outdoor venues organised club activity will be unrestricted for both adults and under 18's across all disciplines. Social distancing rules will still apply.
- Children who were under 18 on 31 August but have subsequently turned 18 are still classed as under 18 for the purposes of returning to training.
- Land training can resume outdoors from 29 March with unrestricted numbers as long as it is a formal organised club activity and those from different households maintain social distancing at all times.
- Level X competition can resume once clubs are back in the water, and the Swim England Swimming Leadership Group are keen to see the return of competition before the end of the season.

If you wish to receive direct updates from Swim England on returning to training you can sign up by emailing [clubdevelopment@swimming.org](mailto:clubdevelopment@swimming.org).

### Save the Date- 22nd April 2021

Clubs and organisations that attended our Annual Council Meeting in September will recall that we mentioned that, because the meeting agreed to change our financial year to tie up with the membership year, the Annual Council Meeting, which had previously been held in September, would move to April. Last year's ACM also agreed arrangements for the region to become an incorporated company with charitable status and, as a result of this, our governance arrangements are changing. For this year only, we need to hold a Special Council Meeting to agree the final accounts for the old unincorporated association, and hold an Special General Meeting of the new Company to elect the new President and President Elect and confirm the appointments for committees.



We therefore give notice that on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm** we will hold a Special Council Meeting for clubs and associations, and that this will be followed for a Special General Meeting for Members of the Region's Members Forum, who are nominated by counties. The meetings will take place by Zoom, and agendas and supporting papers will be published shortly.

### Thank you to Kevin Pickard



At the end of the month we said farewell to our Regional Swimming Talent Officer, Kevin Pickard. Kevin, who has made a significant contribution to the development of swimming since joining the Region in 2017, is moving on to explore consultancy opportunities.

On behalf of the many athletes, coaches and clubs that he has supported over the past four years, we say a big thank you and good luck to Kevin. From the messages on our social media channels it is clear the clubs, athletes, parents and coaches will miss him.

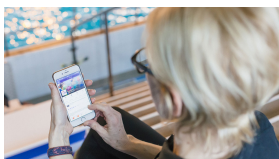
## SwimMark

Due to the advancements in the automated reporting of personnel within our clubs, there is now no need to manually upload the Welfare Officer certificates to the portal. They both appear in the personnel record under E13. Please remember that if someone has attended a course outside of Swim England (or IoS), their certificates will need to be manually uploaded to the individuals record via the [membership page](#).



This means that for the June panel and beyond only 15 elements are required (and only 5 for the Health Check and Stronger Affiliation).

### Welfare Officer Details



Does your club prominently display contact details for your Welfare Officer on your website/ notice board?

If a situation arises within your club, how easy is it for a parent/ athlete to find the relevant information?

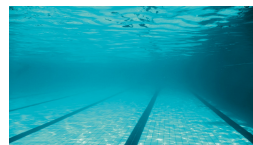
Does your membership know who their Welfare Officer is and what their role is?

Please spend a minute checking details are visible and up to date, and that your membership know how the Welfare Officer can be of help. It could make a world of difference.

### Covid Lead Online Refreshers

Swim England will be hosting refresher sessions for Covid Leads to run through updated guidance, and to make sure we are all ready to return once our pools allow. The sessions available will be a combination of day and evening to cater for everyone.

Dates and booking method will be available soon. Watch out on our website and social media channels for more information on these.



### Workshops

WORKSHOPS

**Time to Listen**- A requirement for Welfare Officers to have attended this course. It may also be useful for Club Chairpersons to have attended. Sunday 28th March, 9.30am- 1.30pm.

**Team Manager Module 1**- Team Manager training is designed to ensure any volunteers who are taking groups of athletes to competition are fully equipped to do their role. The face to face workshop is recommended for anyone aged 16yrs or over. This course does not cover overseas or overnight stays.

Available dates- 13th April (7pm) and 19th August (7pm).

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