

Welcome to the September Club Newsletter

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Swim England Coach Pathway Conference- Multi Discipline

Tickets are now on sale for the inaugural Swim England Pathway Coach Conference 2021.

The conference will feature reflections from coaches who have represented Great Britain at key international junior events through summer 2021, a breakdown of each discipline pathway and working with parents in sport.

It takes place virtually on Sunday 19 September between 9.30am and 4.15pm and is open to coaches from all aquatic disciplines.



The Swim England Pathway Coach Conference is aimed at the following:

- Swimming: Targeted at coaches typically working with age group/early youth competitive swimmers in their early to mid-adolescence years (aged approximately 11-16 years of age) competing at County level and upwards.
- Para Swimming: Targeted at coaches typically working with age group/early youth para-swimmers aged 12-16 years.
- Artistic Swimming: Targeted at coaches typically working with National Age Group and Championship athletes.
- Diving: Targeted at coaches typically working National Age Group or Elite level athletes.
- Water Polo: Targeted at coaches engaged with players typically aged 14-16 years, competing at regional level or involved in the National training programme.

Tickets are priced at £20 and can be bookedby clicking here before the closing date of Thursday 16 September.

Regional Competition Dates in 2021

SEER Diving Club Championships- 9th-10th October, Southend Pool (entries now open)



SEER Masters Championships- 10th October, Newmarket Pool (entries now open)

SEER Short Course Championships- 5th- 7th November, Luton Inspire (intention document available)

SEER Water Polo Grand Prix- 27th November, Riverside Ice and Leisure

SEER Open Water Championships- 10th July 2022, Whitlingham Lakes

Award 2021 Regional Winners

Congratulations to all those that were nominated for the Swim England National Awards 2021. A list of those nominated can be found on our website.

These Awards recognise and celebrate the incredible spirit of our aquatic community especially evident during these challenging times.

The winners of the Regional Awards 2021 are;

Engagement Innovation Award- Nikki Merrill/ Stewart Park (Norwich Swan SC) Inspirational Athlete Award- Evie Reynolds (Chelmsford City SC- Artistic Swimming)

Inspirational Club Coach/ Teacher Award- Dave Champion (Teamipswich Swimming)
Inspirational Volunteer Award- Louise Perkins (Teamipswich Swimming)
Inspirational Young Volunteer Award- Molly Monk (Dereham Otters/ City of Norwich SC)
Sport Innovation Award- Lottie Thompson (Cambridge Dive Team)



Swim England Competitions



Artistic Swimming-

National Virtual Junior and Senior Championships- entries open today. National Virtual Age Group Championships- entries open Friday 1st October.

National Masters Championships- entries open Friday 5th November. Combo Cup- entries open Friday 26th November.

Masters National Championships- 29th- 31st October, Ponds Forge. Entries open 8th September.

Swimming Winter Championships- 3rd- 5th December, Ponds Forge. More information will be published soon.

Information on National Water Polo Competitions to follow soon.

Club Funding

This year has been a challenging time financially for clubs, and some may be looking at funding assistance over the next few months. A few options have been highlighted below to help with the search.

Sport England Return to Play Small Grants Fund

This fund awards £300- £10,000 to help clubs respond to the immediate challenges of returning to play in a coronavirus-safe way. This includes contributing to covering the increased costs due to changing how or where you deliver your activity.



Sport Engand Active Together Fund (Crowdfunding)

Up to £10,000 in match funding, as part of a support package to help clubs and organisations set up and run crowdfunding campaigns related to Covid-19, such as for a loss of income due to the pandemic.

National Lottery Awards For All Funding

This fund covers your organisation's running costs, equipment, one-off events, staff costs, training costs and volunteer expenses.

Funding4Sport

Funding 4 Sport provides services to support the seeking and gaining of funding by assisting with applications and finding suitable funding sources.

Postcode Lottery- Magic Little Grants

Funding can go towards improving mental wellbeing, enabling community participation in the arts, Enabling participation in physical activity, and responding to the climate emergency and promoting sustainability.

Tesco Community Grant

The money raised from 5p bag charges are used to fund local community projects. Tesco offers this grants programme to make a positive difference in the communities where it operates.

Other options

Your local Rotary club, local Councillor, local businesses, trusts, and community funds from local waste management companies such as BIFFA are all worth looking into.

Hints and Tips For Clubs This Month



Swimline is the Swim England and NSPCC Child Protection Helpline for anyone involved in our sports, including children and young people, who believe that the welfare of a child is at risk. The calls are managed by trained and experienced counsellors. We encourage clubs to promote this number to your members.Swimline- 0808 100 4001. Calls to the Swimline number do not appear on itemised landline bills. Leaflets to promote Swimline can be downloaded from the Swim England website.

• Technical Officials do not need to undergo a DBS check unless they take on another role which does require one completed. It is an offence to request a DBS check on a role that does not need one.

National Leaderboards

Throughout the year, thousands of swimmers across the country competed as part of Level X across racing, artistic swimming and diving. With Level X now closed, and the Festival of Swimming having come to an end, take a look at the leaderboards/ Hall of Fame to recognise the athlete success and achievements.



Level X Racing, Series 2: Leader boards to be <u>published here soon</u>

Level X Artistic Swimming: Final results to be <u>published here soon</u>

Level X Diving: Hall of Fame published

Festival of Swimming: Leaderboards have been <u>published</u> with full <u>results here</u>

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