



Welcome to the October Club Newsletter

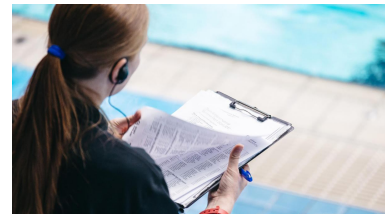
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Updated training for Swimming Officials

Swim England has recently updated the guidance for training of officials on poolside.

Whilst the return to competition is negotiated following the Covid-19 pandemic, adjustments have been made to the number of Technical Officials required for Licensed Meets and the level of qualification required for each role.



The document also confirms timescales for training, as well as how mentoring and assessments can take place between now and 31st December.

All the updates can be found in the [Return to Training of Officials document](#).

Club and Operator Toolkit



Have you had a look at the Club and Operator Toolkit yet?

It is a useful resource created in conjunction with a focus group consisting of Swim England, club and operator representatives and has been driven by the sector as both sides recognised the need to work effectively together.

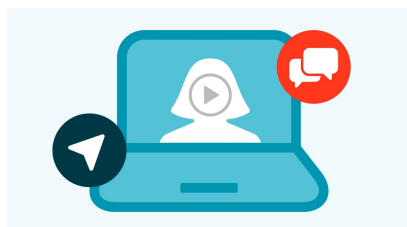
The toolkit aims to help develop new, and build upon, relationships between clubs and operators, which are both seen as cornerstones of the aquatics sector.

The toolkit contains useful templates including a Pool Space Calculator and a Service Level Agreement (SLA). The toolkit can be found on the [Swim England website](#).

Useful Webinar/ Podcast recordings

Swim England hosts an array of free webinars and Podcasts, covering a variety of topics, including Inclusion, Mental Health Awareness, and the Learn to Swim Framework. Whilst they are mainly aimed at the learn to swim audience, there are some really useful points that are very relevant for clubs and associations too.

The recordings are worth a watch/ listen at your convenience for some insightful ideas and discussion points.



Club bank accounts



A number of clubs use special bank accounts set up for the purpose of supporting clubs and community groups. HSBC has now withdrawn their offer of free banking for Clubs and will now charge.

A number of banks still offer a free banking service, particularly for charity groups and some more information on this can be found on the [MoneySavingExpert website](#).

Stronger Affiliation

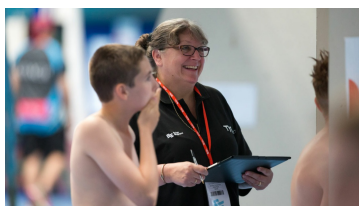
It is that time of year again for clubs to start thinking about submitting the evidence required for Stronger Affiliation, a mandatory element of renewals. SwimMark accredited clubs are exempt from this requirement.

The deadline for submission of the evidence required is 15th January. Clubs will be receiving further information soon on how to get started.

If you need some support or clarification on any of the evidence required, please get in touch with east@swimming.org.



Club internal disputes



The Region has created a document which summarises the internal dispute processes as outlined in the Swim England Handbook. It also offers support when finding an independent panel is proving tricky.

The document is located on the [Welfare and Internal Disputes webpage](#).

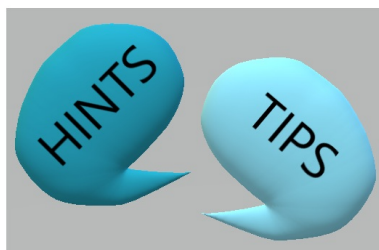
Workshop attendance

Whilst it is great to see so many people booking onto our Team Manager and Time to Listen workshops, please can we ask you to notify us if you are no longer able to attend. We often reach full capacity and have to turn people away, yet we often see reduced numbers on the night.

Let us know!

Please email bookings@eastswimming.org if you can no longer attend a workshop. We may be able to offer your space to someone else.

Hints and Tips For Clubs This Month



- Please make sure there is a contact email listed on the Swim England Online Membership System for each member of your club. Without emails listed, important information such as selection letters to talent camps cannot be sent.
- With Judge Level 1 theory training available online, and with the return of competition, now is a great time to begin the rewarding journey of becoming an official. If you often spend the day sat on the balcony spectating, why not be part of the action and contribute? Sign up via the [Institute of Swimming webpage](#).
- With competitions returning, please be aware that volunteers supervising athletes poolside at

events must have a valid DBS check, and have attended a recognised safeguarding workshop. In addition to this, a recognised certificate of coaching, or team managing, depending on the role. Some poolside passes now require evidence of all the above before a pass will be issued.

Workshops coming up

Team Manager Module 1

Team Manager training is designed to ensure any volunteers who are taking groups of athletes to competition or camps, are fully equipped to do their role.

Monday 11th October at 6pm
Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 6pm
Monday 4th April 2021 at 6pm
Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 6pm
Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 6pm

Booking information can be found on our [workshop webpage](#).

Time to Listen course

Time to Listen courses are available for club Welfare Officers and covers what to do if an incident arises, and what the role of the Welfare Officer entails. Welfare Officer attendance on this workshop is a requirement of Stronger Affiliation and SwimMark.

Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 6pm
Booking information can be found on our [safeguarding webpage](#).

WORKSHOPS

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