

Welcome to the December Members Newsletter



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**From all of us here at the Swim England East Region,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

As we all start to think about the holidays around the corner, we wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the year we have had here in the East Region.

There are so many amazing volunteers, coaches, athletes and staff across our Clubs, Committees, Schools/Academies, Counties and within the Region who without, we would not be able to put on our events across the year. Sadly if we listed everyone by name to thank you, then this newsletter may end up longer than Santa's list!

On behalf of the Region, we would like to send our sincere thanks and the very best of festive wishes to every single member who has helped make the last twelve months such success at every level here within the East Region.

We look forward to welcoming each and every one of you to our 2024 events in whatever capacity you can attend!

To your clubs, families and to you, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Club Health Tracker Year 2

Swim England's online tool, the Club Health Tracker is open for Year 2 submissions.

The aim is to help clubs identify and confirm areas of strengths and weaknesses and see how that compares to other clubs.

The tracker provides support to make improvements catering to each individual club's needs.

Each discipline section of a club is invited to complete the tracker, to ensure all sections of our clubs are represented and supported, helping to develop discipline-specific benchmarking of results where possible.

The Club Health Tracker is also used by Swim England and its Regions, to help monitor the health of all aquatic clubs and to inform the type of development and support that clubs need going forward.



To receive your logins, and passcodes or answer any questions, please email [the Club Development Team](#)

GoCardless Swim England Water Polo National Age Group (U17/U19) Championships 2024



Please note the [Entry Pack](#), including the Conditions, and key event information has now been published for 2024's [GoCardless Swim England Water Polo National Age Group \(U17/U19\) Championships](#).

The Finals Weekend will take place on **Saturday, 20th and Sunday, 21st April 2024 at GL1, Gloucester** with the prelims taking place as follows:

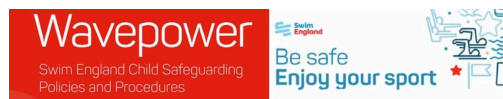
- U19 Open - Saturday, 3rd February:** Matlock and Haberdashers
- U19 Female - Sunday, 4th February 2024:** Matlock and Haberdashers
- U17 Open - Saturday, 16th March:** Walsall and Grantham
- U17 Female - Sunday, 17th March:** Walsall and Grantham

Entries are open from 12 noon, on Wednesday, 20th December 2023 and close at 12 noon on Wednesday, 10th January 2024.

Please Note: as of 1st September 2023, Swim England competitions run under the [Swim England Transgender and Non-binary competition policy](#). This Championships is made up of U17/U19 Open and U17/U19 Female Championships. The categories are:

1. Open – Those with a birth sex of male, transgender or non-binary competitors who are not eligible for the Female category.
2. Female – Those with a birth sex of female.

Keep your eyes open for the new Wavepower 2024



It is expected that in early January Swim England will publish the latest version of their Child protection and safeguarding policy, Wavepower.

In the meantime, the Swim England Safeguarding team have created a set of FAQs to introduce any key changes.

Please see FAQ's here: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-faqs/> and more detailed information on these changes here: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/>.

Artistic Swimming Scorers World Aquatics Update

On Sunday the 28th and Wednesday the 31st of January there will be compulsory update sessions for all Artistic Swimming Scorers.

All scorers must attend at least one session to allow them to Judge in 2024. To book a place please follow the link below: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRZ6KD2>



Potential Diving Judge 2 Course - February 2024



There may be the possibility to host a Diving Judge 2 course on either Saturday the 10th or Sunday the 11th of February in Plymouth.

Please can we ask anyone who may be interested to fill out the Survey Monkey below:

<https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/PWDS5BV>

Should there be enough interest to run the course, further details will be shared at the earliest opportunity.

Have you completed the Swim England Foundations of Inclusivity CPD?

The aim of this eLearning CPD is to provide individuals with the foundations of inclusivity to enable a change in mindset by adopting the social approach of inclusion in a range of environments. It will give you an introduction to equality, diversity and inclusion, covering the path to inclusion, the use of appropriate language and the importance of adaption.

It is recommended for club Chairs, Welfare Officers, Team managers and Coaches and teachers.

[Foundations-of-inclusivity online module](#)



East Region and National Office Festive Closures



Please note that between the 22nd of December 2023 and the 2nd of January 2024, the Swim England East Region offices will be closed, with limited monitoring of emails and correspondence.

During this period the Swim England Head Office in Loughborough will also be closed with the majority of teams having limited staff available.

Welfare & Safeguarding:

Should you have a Safeguarding or Welfare concern or wish to seek advice, there will be a duty officer monitoring reporting over the festive period, however, please complete a referral form to ensure your concern or enquiry is logged.

To contact the Safeguarding and Welfare team please email safeguarding@swimming.org OR call 01509 640700 (Option 1 followed by Option 3) OR complete the [online referral form here](#).

Qualifications in 2024

East Region-Based Qualifications:

- [10104](#) - SE Swimming Coach - 11/01/24 - Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre
- [10777](#) - SE Assistant Swimming Coach - 15/01/24 - InspireLuton Sport Village
- [10059](#) - SE Assistant Swimming Coach - 30/01/24 - Vivacity Regional Fitness & Swimming
- [10918](#) - SE Assistant Swimming Coach - 04/02/24 - Runnymede Lesure Centre
- [10012](#) - SE Swimming Coach - 12/02/24 - John Watner Sport Centre

National Qualifications:

- [11472](#) - SE Diving Coach - 06/01/24 - Face to Face Dates: Ponds Forge, Sheffield (6th & 7th Jan) and London Aquatic Centre (16th & 17th March, 2024)

National and Regional Volunteering Opportunities



British Para-Swimming CPD for Technical Officials

David Metcalf, our Swimming Technical Officials Group Manager will be running a Para-Swimming CPD for Technical Officials in January 2024.

The next presentation will be on Wednesday 3 January 2024 at 7:00 pm. You can click on the link below to register and your details will be forwarded to David in the week before Christmas. You will then receive the meeting joining details once the deadline has passed and David has had the opportunity to process the expressions of interest.

To apply, please [click here](#)

Volunteer Opportunitites

Swim England Water Polo Leadership Group: [Coaching Lead](#)
Swim England Judicial Appeals Panel: [General Members](#) / [Safeguarding Specialists](#) / [Legal Specialists](#)

East Region, Regional Operations Committee Vacancy

The [Swim England East Region Operations Committee](#) is very much the 'sport' committee, reporting directly to the region's Board of Directors and is responsible for oversight of the region's Discipline Leadership Groups and supporting and ensuring the implementation of the strategy of the region.

Membership of the ROC includes six independent and member-elected members, as well as, two of the Regions Directors, one of whom is the Regions Chairman, who also acts as Chair of the ROC.

There is currently one vacancy on our Regional Operations Committee and we would welcome informal expressions of interest to our Chairman Ian Cotton via email: chairman@eastswimming.org

British Swimming Volunteer Registration

[Click here](#) to register your interest and join the British Swimming Volunteer mailing list.

Hints and Tips for clubs

For SwimMark and Club Affiliation, all personnel who require a DBS check for their role must have safeguarding training and both must be in date and showing on the Club Personnel Report from OMS by the end of the quarter that your accreditation is due!

Anyone who is about to or has just turned 16, will have one month's grace to complete the DBS check and safeguarding training.

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