



Welcome to the July Club Newsletter

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Multi-million-pound Swimming Pool Support Fund open

A multi-million-pound fund to help local authorities keep afloat swimming pools struggling with soaring energy bills has been launched. A total of £20 million is available in phase one of the Swimming Pool Support Fund and is targeted at those facilities at risk of closure or reduced service provision as a direct result of the increased expenses to operate them.

[Click here to read the full story.](#)

British Para-Swimming CPD for Technical Officials

The British Para-Swimming CPD for Technical Officials can now be delivered virtually, I delivered the first of the four planned national deliveries this month to officials from England, Scotland and Wales. It was a success with 75 officials attending the first evening.

We are lucky in England, many other countries around the world do not have inclusive swimming. Our para swimmers are able to train and swim with able-bodied athletes and have for many years been able to enter open meets, not being restricted to para-swimming-only galas.

The CPD is an introduction to officiating at events that include swimmers with a disability, aimed at swimming technical officials, Judge Level 1 or above. This CPD will give an overview of the Functional Classification System, Terminology & Sport Class Overview including knowledge of World Para Swimming (WPS) rules and rule exceptions.

The CPD is free and attracts 3 points towards the renewal of the BS Officials Licence.

This CPD will be delivered by David Metcalf, the SEER Officials Manager and will take place on Wednesday 23 August 2023 @ 7.00 pm.

If you would like to attend, please [click on this link](#), the link takes you to the regional website page, and the registration section is further down the page.



Swim England's Listening Project

Swim England has commissioned independent experts The Behavioural Architects, to conduct comprehensive research in order to hear the views of everyone in the aquatics community. The Behavioural Architects are therefore now inviting everyone to come forward to share views and experiences and Swim England has asked us to share the information below.

Anonymous online 'Listening Space'. Contribute your views anonymously on [this online form](#). You will not be contacted after contributing unless you choose to share contact details with the researchers.

Prearranged interviews, focus groups and online research:

You will be in dialogue with researchers and everything you say is confidential. If selected, you would be offered a small financial token to thank and compensate you for your time. To find out more and register your interest, [click here](#).

If you have any questions about the research, please email the research team at listening@thebearchitects.com.

Please share this with anyone within your club who might be interested in sharing their views and contributing to the research

Swim England turns weighing aquatic athletes' guidance into policy

Swim England has taken the first steps to turn existing guidance into policy following a commitment made in its safeguarding, welfare and culture plan.

The national governing body vowed in the [Heart of Aquatics](#) to move towards publishing policy rather than guidance, where it is applicable, in areas that impact safeguarding, welfare and culture.

To view the policy [click here](#).

Important upcoming policy dates to remember!

From September 2023:

- [Transgender & Non-Binary Inclusion Policy](#)
- [Club Supervision Ratio Policy](#)

From November 2023:

- Swim Mark & Club Affiliation: additional Equality, Diversity and Inclusion requirements, including the free [Foundations of Inclusivity](#) and a mandatory Governance Workshop for Chairs and Welfare Officers

From January 2024:

- [Safeguarding Training and DBS Requirments](#): From January 1 2024, Swim England will only accept Swim England Safeguarding training for those working within our clubs, counties and regions. Any teachers, coaches or volunteers without a valid Swim England Safeguarding training and/or valid and in-date DBS will not be permitted poolside!

Constitutions



The majority of clubs in the region are unincorporated (an organisation set up through an agreement between a group of people who come together for a reason other than to make a profit) which is common for a sports club.

However, there are other options such as becoming incorporated or becoming a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) which may be more attractive to your particular club for a variety of reasons.

If your club is considering changing its status, please ensure that our Membership Officer is contacted, in the first instance, to establish what particular rules of the club that you will need. He can also provide guidance and advice on the correct procedure to change your status.

Membership Officer - Chris Galer
membership@eastswimming.org

TRS - Trust Registration Service

The Sport and Recreation Alliance, with support from Sport England, has obtained legal advice to seek clarification on the impact of Trust Registration Service (TRS) for the grassroots sport sector. The legal

advice broadly confirms their initial understanding that unincorporated sports clubs/organisations will **need to register with TRS**.

Unincorporated clubs/organisations have no distinct legal entity to hold assets such as real property, equipment and bank accounts therefore the legal opinion suggests trustees are appointed to hold these assets on behalf of the members of the club/organisation. The Sport and Recreation Alliance will produce further guidance on when unincorporated clubs/organisations are required to register and how they do so.



We share the opinion of the Sport and Recreation Alliance that the requirement for grassroots clubs/organisations to register with TRS is completely disproportionate to the aims of the legislation and we will support their conversations with Ministers in this regard. We will share further guidance as soon as it's available. In the meantime, please visit HMRC's webpage for **further information**.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops

Please see our website for [Team Manager workshops](#) and [Time to Listen and Safeguarding workshops](#)

You will also find links to the Swim England workshops for [Club Chairs](#), [Club Secretaries and Membership Officers](#) and [Club Welfare Officers](#)

National Chairs Forum

The National Chairs forum will be taking place at 6pm on 17th July and another on 20th September. Any Chairs who are interested in attending who do not already receive the joining link please email clubdevelopment@swimming.org



Qualifications

East Region-Based Qualifications:

- [8266 Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach](#) - Blended Learning 7/8/23 Inspire: Luton
- [8024 Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach](#) - Blended Learning 25/8/23 John Warner Sports Centre - Hoddesdon
- [9361 Swim England Swimming Coach](#) - Blended Learning 27/8/23 Vivacity - Peterborough

National Qualifications of Interest:

- SEQ L2 Coaching Open Water Swimming - [Open Water 2023](#)

2023 National and Regional Volunteering Opportunities



[East Region Volunteer Opportunities](#)

SEER Open Water Championships,

Date: Sunday 9th July

Venue: Whitlingham Adventure, Norwich, NR14 8TR

Please email swimvolunteers@eastswimming.org if interested

SEER Water Polo Academy,

Coaches, Team Managers & Athletes Needed!!!

Date: Sunday 15th July

Venue: Riverside Ice and Leisure Centre, Chelmsford,
Please email emma.winter@swimming.org if interested

[Regional Gala Officiating Opportunities](#)

Applications are now invited from technical officials licensed Judge Level 1 or above to officiate at the following Regional galas:

- East Region Para-Swimming Meet on Sunday 17 September 2023 at Newmarket, Suffolk
- East Region Masters Championships on Sunday 1 October 2023 at Newmarket, Suffolk
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If you would like to offer to officiate or if someone in your family is able to help as a poolside volunteer (non-technical role) [click here for more details](#).

[National Volunteer Opportunities](#)

FIG World Trampoline Championships - Birmingham

Dates: 9th - 19th November

Applications Close: July 12th

Register to volunteer: <https://volunteerscollective.unitedby2022.com/register>

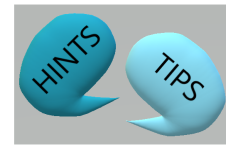
[FIG World Trampoline Gymnastics Newsletter](#)

British Swimming Volunteer Registration

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

Hints and Tips for clubs

From the 1st November 2023, attendance on both the [Chair and Welfare workshops](#) will be **mandatory** for all affiliated clubs and will form part of the required evidence for Club Affiliation and SwimMark renewals. Each session is **free of charge** to attend and will be delivered online via Zoom.



Any Chair or Welfare Officer who attends a workshop will have their membership record updated and this information will transfer automatically to the Club Personnel Report. Please note any previous attendance has been recorded. We recommend attending the workshops on an annual basis to ensure important updates are received.

Regional Staff Contacts

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