



Welcome to our October Members Newsletter



Regional Award Winners 2024



The Swim England National Awards for 2024 were announced back in June.

The region's Award Panel have deliberated and considered all the deserving nominees for each award very carefully and we are delighted to announce that these are the region winners.

These winners have been invited to the Swim England National Awards to be held on Saturday 30th November at The Great Hall at the University of Birmingham, where each regional winner will be considered for the national award.

Huge congratulations to all of our winners:

Artistic Swimming Development Coach - **Emma Chapman**

Artistic Swimming Performance Pathway Coach - **Kerri Brennan**

Diving Development Coach - **James Hadley**

Swimming Development Coach (Inc Masters & para) - **Nick Thompson**

Swimming Performance Pathway Coach - **Ben Negus**

Water Polo Development Coach - **Adam Page**

Artistic Swimming Club of the Year – **Potters Bar Artistic SC**

Swimming Club of the Year - **City Of Peterborough SC**

Water Polo Club of the Year - **Watford Water Polo Club**

Technical Official of the Year - **Jane O'Brien**

Volunteer of the Year - **Lottie Thompson**

Congratulations to all of our 2024 Regional Award winners!

Swim England Handbook 2024 – updates

The Swim England Handbook 2024 has been updated, which is effective from Tuesday 3rd September, with updates including:

- Amendments to regulations relating to membership
- Incorporating Swim England's new Judicial and Safeguarding Regulations.

Changes to the regulations are made specifically to Safeguarding, Club complaints, Judicial complaints, Introduction of a Disciplinary officer and Water Polo complaints.



Please see the Handbook here:

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/swim-england-handbook/>

Please see our article here for a more in-depth understanding of the key changes to the regulations

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/updated-regulations/>

Reporting a concern

Safe Supervision

Swim England have made a number of changes to the "Safe Supervision of Programmed Swimming Lessons and Training Sessions in Swimming Pools" document.



It is important that the guidance in this document is followed if your club delivers programmed sessions for example, coaching sessions or swimming lessons.

This will help you to understand your key responsibilities for these sessions, for example, the need to provide lifeguard cover where this isn't part of your agreement with a pool operator.

What actions do I need to take?

1. **Read** through the document and familiarise yourself with the requirements
2. **Share** this document with anyone in your club that runs pool sessions
3. **Attend** one of our online briefing sessions to learn more about Safe Supervision
4. **Review** your club's current position - rescue qualifications and risk assessments

Safe Supervision Document.

There will be two briefing sessions to talk through the Safe Supervision document and what it means for clubs.

Thursday 3 October, 6-7pm
Friday 4 October, 12.30pm-1.30pm

Register Here

Para-Swimming Officiating CPD



The next online presentation will be on Friday 11 October 2024 at 7:00pm by Zoom, the presenters will be David Metcalf and Tony Ward (WPS ITO's).

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 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 AquaGB Officials Licence.

To reserve a place on the course please click on the national link below. You will be contacted after 2 October 2024 with the Zoom joining instructions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Para1110>

If you are not able to attend on this date, please register your interest at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParaRol> and you will be advised as future dates become available

Diving Judge Courses

Judge 1

Swim England are running a Diving Judge 1 course on 15 October. To express interest for this and future courses candidates can complete the form via the link below:

<https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/BXHVRJ3>

Judge 2

Swim England would like to gauge interest in a Judge 2 course, date (likely early 2025) and venue TBC. Candidates can express interest via the link below:

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



Artistic Swimming Judge Training



Swim England will be running an Artistic Swimming Judge 1 course via zoom on 7 Nov 6-9pm and 10 Nov 3-6pm (attendance at both is required to qualify).

Those wishing to attend can register interest via the link below:

<https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/LYQQ2FF>

East Region Welfare

Wavepower Version 2 Launched

SE Safeguarding launched Wavepower Version 2 on 3rd September 2024 this brings the policy in line with the new Regulations.

You can access Wavepower version 2 here <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/> and the FAQ's here <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-faqs/>.



Online Community

The National Welfare Officers have asked that Welfare officers in the East Region consider joining the online community.

They're keen to hear from more Welfare officers as they aim to listen to the views of the entire aquatics

family.
The community is a user-friendly way of letting members have their say – and, importantly, for SE to listen to their opinions.

To join please follow this link <https://swimenglandonlinecommunity.incling.com/welcome>

Safeguarding courses and DBS checks

As part of the Safer Recruitment Policy as laid out in Wavepower, clubs are reminded that roles listed in Wavepower on page 72 in particular Coaches and Team Managers must have completed a Safeguarding course **and** have a valid DBS (Enhanced with Barred List Check) in order to fulfil their roles.

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SE Safeguarding – safeguarding@swimming.org

Raising a concern with SE Safeguarding - <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/how-raise-concern-complaint/>

Wavepower - <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/>
SE Inclusion Hub - <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/inclusion/>

Meet Licensing



Meet Promoters

Please ensure the most recent versions of documents are used when reporting after your meets.

The latest version of the Promoter and Referee Reports are available on the [Aquatics GB webpage](#).

Templates for Officials Duties are available on the [region website](#).

Qualifications

East Region-Based Qualifications:

- 10011: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 04/10/24: John Warner Sports Centre
- 10067: [Swim England Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 07/10/24: Stanground Sports Centre
- 10284: [Swim England Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 07/10/2024: Inspire: Luton Sports Village
- 10068: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 08/10/2024: Stanground Sports Centre
- 12459: [Swim England Assistant Diving Coach](#) - Blended Learning - 10/10/2024: Parkside Pools
- 12207: [Swim England Swimming Coach](#) - Blended Learning - 13/11/24: University of East Anglia

Hints and Tips for clubs

GDPR and cyber security is a hot topic currently and we will always ensure that your data is protected at all times.

However, as an Official, it is possible to just allow your Officiating qualifications to be visible on your Swim England Record by the careful tweaking of your Privacy settings thus allowing a volunteer Referee to see your qualifications when looking for officials who have offered their services for a meet using www.swimmingresults.org.



Please can Club Secretaries encourage their officials to do this, to update Privacy settings to help another fellow volunteer?!

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