



Welcome to our September Members Newsletter



The Region is recruiting a new Regional Chair

Swim England East Region is seeking to appoint a passionate and self-motivated leader to take on the role of Regional Chair, providing leadership and direction to the Board of Directors for the region.

The successful applicant will lead and guide the East Region to develop the strategy, identifying the priorities and areas of focus in line with those of Swim England nationally. The role holder will also be responsible for adherence to the highest standards of governance within the region.

This pivotal voluntary leadership role involves overseeing the strategic direction and operational management of aquatic activities within the region. The Regional Chair will act as a key liaison between the committee, clubs and Swim England ensuring alignment with national strategies while addressing the unique needs of our region.



If you are keen to get involved or want more information, please see [our advert and complete the application process.](#)

New Swim England Regulations from September 2024



Swim England is to publish updated regulations which aim to reduce the workload on club officials and volunteers by offering increased structure and support when dealing with complaints or safeguarding concerns.

The revised Judicial and Safeguarding Regulations will come into effect from 3 September 2024 and aim to ensure a fairer process for all involved.

They have been updated as part of the next phase of work following recommendations contained in the Weston Report,

which was published in March, and findings from the Listening Report.

The regulations cover, among other things, club complaints, safeguarding, judicial complaints, a new role of Swim England disciplinary officer and complaints made during water polo matches

Swim England East Region Masters Championships 2024

This year's East Region Masters Championships will be held on 29th September at Newmarket Leisure Centre. For the first time, this will include Para awards, plus, as usual, a Top Team award and Top Individual Open/Male and Female awards for region's clubs and athletes.



The closing date is soon!
Midnight on September 18th 2024.

[More Information](#)

Swimming Officials Contact Information



Please use these email addresses if you need to contact Swim England direct with a swimming official query:

officialslicensing@swimming.org

For queries relating to officials licensing

renewals@swimming.org

For general membership queries

swimmingofficials@swimming.org

For queries relating to certificates, log books and general training admin

[Para Swimming CPD - 11th October 2024](#)

Club Portal

SE Safeguarding are running a trial of a case management system called Club Portal.

The purpose of this pilot project is to:

- To provide a standardised system for selected Swim England affiliated Clubs to securely log, record and store low-level concerns and the related outcomes.
- To provide members of those Clubs with a simple means to raise a concern directly to the Welfare Officer, via a short online referral form.
- Provide the foundations for a wider rollout to all Swim England affiliated Organisations



Ten clubs in the East Region along with two County Welfare Officers and the Regional Welfare Officer are part of the trial.

Regulation Changes

As part of the regulatory changes in September 2024, from that date all Clubs will be required to provide their low-level Welfare outcomes to Swim England. The process for doing this will be shared by Swim England soon.

East Region Welfare Forum Tuesday 17th September at 7pm

The next East Region Welfare Officer Forum will take place on Tuesday 17th September at 7pm via Zoom. We will be talking about Club Portal and will be joined by one or both of the National Welfare Officers. There will then be a Q&A and opportunity to share best practice and ideas.

It is a great opportunity to network and pick up ideas that can help you in the Welfare Officer role so please try to come along.

Please respond to fran.vesztrocy@swimming.org to confirm your attendance. A link will be sent to you nearer the time.

DBS Launches Supporting Safer Sports Campaign

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) has launched a new Supporting Safer Sports campaign, providing resources to those working and volunteering in sports. They are running a series of free workshops on different aspects of DBS which may be of interest and of use to club welfare officers or other club officers who have responsibility for DBS checks. To book please click the link for the workshop you would like to attend.

Please note these workshops are not run by Swim England and are not mandatory to attend, your attendance will not be noted on your SE membership.

Club Welfare Officer details

To support and protect SE Members it is important that Club Welfare Officer's name and contact email address should be displayed in a prominent position on club websites or social media accounts. This also assists National, Regional, County Welfare officers and SE Safeguarding contacting the right person.

To maintain confidentiality Welfare Officer email accounts should only be accessible by the Welfare Officer and should not be a generic "contact us" form that is then directed to the Club Welfare Officer.

Clubs are asked to ensure that the Club Welfare Officer details are updated on OMS under officers and are listed as Welfare Officer.

Welfare Contacts

Regional Welfare Officer – Fran fran.vesztrocy@swimming.org or eastwelfare@swimming.org

SE DBS – DBS@swimming.org

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/>

Water Polo Updates



New Information for Water Polo referees, delegates and coaches.

[These documents provide updates and clarification on equipment and field of play, rules including foul play and particular areas for referees to pay special attention.](#)

Please note the files are large and will need to be downloaded to be read.

SwimMark - Vouchers

In partnership with Institute of Swimming, Swim England SwimMark clubs are eligible for a yearly £100 credit that can be used against any course purchased by a club.



Please check your SwimMark confirmation letter for further details. **Use it, don't lose it!**

Meet Licensing

British Swimming is now called Aquatics GB so please ensure that you use Aquatics GB in your meet conditions when submitting them to the region for approval.

Swim Meet

You should now only be referring to Club Compete/Club Train and not Cat 1 or Cat 2 members.

The Regional Licensing Officer requires a minimum of two months notice for licence approval. If a licence application is needed more urgently, please ensure it is marked as urgent and we will try our best to have it approved in time.

Qualifications

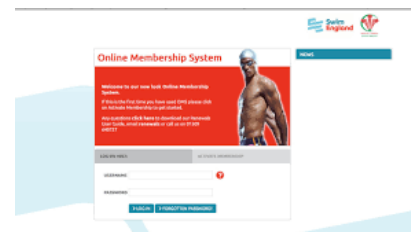
East Region-Based Qualifications:

- 10919: [Swim England Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 02/09/24: Runnymede Leisure Centre
- 10087: [Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach - Blended Learning](#) - 10/09/24: Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre
- 10159: [Swim England Assistant Water Polo Coach – Blended Learning](#) 01/10/24: Riverside Leisure Centre - Chelmsford
- 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

Online Membership System

Please ensure that your teaching and coaching team have the correct role descriptor assigned to them in OMS. If they only have teaching qualifications, then they should be listed as teachers.



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