

## **Young Volunteer Award – Parent Guide**

### **Introduction**

The Young Volunteer Award must be completed within 12 months of the date of the Young Volunteer's final face to face Zoom Session.

It is a requirement that YV's attend both Zoom sessions in order to complete the course.

During the 12 months, YV's will have access to their specific Google Classroom and will receive an email notifying them when their Classroom has been updated, information has been provided or when online work has been assigned.

### **Google Classroom**

- **Young Volunteer Award – 12 month schedule**
  - This section provides a clear outline of the Young Volunteer Award over the next 12 months including assignment scheduling dates and deadlines - Young Volunteers are advised to check this regularly to familiarise themselves with the content.
- **Step by Step Guides**
  - Within this section there are a wide range of step by step guides designed to assist YV's when completing their assignments.
- **Information**
  - This section provides a brief introduction to the Young Volunteer Award
- **Face to Face Session 1**
  - 2.45 hour Zoom Session – Introduction, this session will explain what the Award entails and how it will be achieved. Then 'Volunteering in Aquatic Sport' workshop.
- **Face to Face Session 2**
  - 2.15 hour Zoom session – 'How do you learn?', 'Working as Part of a team', 'Qualities of a Good Teacher', 'Risk Assessments' and 'Hazard Identification'
- **Online Assignments**
  - This is where assignments will be located (as listed in the 12 month schedule) once they have been published.
- **Shadowing Experience**
  - Divided into three sections, YV's will be required to shadow and evidence their experiences:
    - Officials/Event Volunteer – 1 x 1 hour session (minimum) to be evidenced – see Google Classroom for further information
    - Club Governance – 2 x 1 hour sessions (minimum) to be evidenced – see Google Classroom for further information
    - Coaches/Teachers – 4 x 1 hour sessions (minimum) to be evidenced – see Google Classroom for further information
- **Introduction to Officiating**
  - YV's must complete 1 of the available 'Official Qualifications' or 'Practical Experiences' linked to their discipline (please note that YV's may incur an additional up-front cost in order to complete specific officiating qualifications, however this will be refunded upon completion of the FULL qualification by Swim England North West – both Theory and Practical sections). Should a YV choose to complete more than one qualification this is encouraged but not required.

- Further Information
  - In this section we may include additional information which YV's may find useful at any time during the year
  - We may add additional website links to this section for YV's which they may find useful during their YVA or in the future.

YV's are expected to work through their Award steadily throughout the 12 months, working with their club and keeping parents up to date on their progress. By being provided with this responsibility, it is anticipated that YV's will become better organised and more confident over the duration of the Award.

## T-Shirts

YVA T-Shirts will be sent out to all Young Volunteers shortly after completing their 2 x Zoom sessions, Young Volunteers are encouraged to wear their T-Shirts whilst carrying out any shadowing sessions or other volunteering activities relating to their Award over the 12 months.

## Contact Us

We hope the information provided gives you an understanding on how the Young Volunteer Award will run, however should you have any queries at all regarding the YVA – please do not hesitate to contact me on [clubdevelopment@swimnorthwest.org](mailto:clubdevelopment@swimnorthwest.org) and I will be more than happy to help.

On behalf of Swim England North West, thank you once again for supporting your child to complete the Young Volunteer Award. We hope they enjoy their experience over the next 12 months, and we look forward to working with the Young Volunteers in the Region and perhaps Nationally over the coming years!

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