

Please see latest regional information including events and courses that are coming up over the next few months,

### **New Swim England Welfare and Safeguarding reporting and recording process**

In light of the new judicial regulations that came into effect on the 3rd of September, Swim England has now standardised the reporting and recording of welfare and safeguarding concerns and issues across all aquatic disciplines including masters. A new form has been devised for you to use, [please click here](#). In all matters reported to you relating to welfare or safeguarding the form must be completed and sent to [safeguarding@swimming.org](mailto:safeguarding@swimming.org) on conclusion of the issue or at the point a formal referral to Swim England Safeguarding is made. Can you please look back in your records and if you have dealt with an issue/concern on or after the 3rd of September, please report the matter and its outcome to Swim England to comply with these new regulations. Those Clubs who are on the 'Club Portal' trial should continue to use this system as you are trialling the suitability of a fully on-line reporting system.

### **SwimMark accreditation paused as Swim England looks to develop new framework**

Swim England have announced they are pausing the SwimMark accreditation scheme for future submissions as a new framework to support the long-term development of clubs is created – easing the administrative burden on volunteers, [click here for further details](#)

### **Swim England North West Water Polo Regional Level Referee Course 12.1.2025**

SENW are pleased to announce a Regional Level Referee Course which is set to be ran on Sunday 12th January at The Pelican Centre, Tyldesley, This course is aimed at volunteers who wish to progress to refereeing at events organised by the Region in the hope to grow our network of local referees, [click here for further details](#).

### **Swim England North West – Technical Swimming Officials Co-ordinator Required**

An opportunity has arisen to be a key figure of future regional swimming events in the North West, we are looking for a volunteer Technical Swimming Officials Co-ordinator, [click here or further information](#). Closing date for applications 30.11.24

### **Swimming Technical Officials - Judge 1 Theory**

This online learning is the first step to achieving Judge 1 status for swimming technical officiating. It is accessible to anyone who wants to understand the World Aquatics rules relating to swimming and the process of being a Judge Swimming Official and Time Keeper. You must be at least 15 years of age at the start of the course, [click here to book](#).

Reimbursement is available on full completion of the course (both theory and practical sections) please contact [swimnorthwest@swimming.org](mailto:swimnorthwest@swimming.org) for further details.

### **Swim England Diving Judge**

Judge 1 Course 3.12.24 - Registration of Interest - [Click here to register your interest](#)

Judge 2 Course - Registration of Interest - [Click here to register your interest](#)

### **Artistic Swimming Stickers**

Does your club issue stickers to apply to your Artistic Swimming Awards? if so and you require either Gold or Silver please contact [synchrofoex@gmail.com](mailto:synchrofoex@gmail.com)

### **Swim England Artistic Swimming Coaches Day 23.11.24**

Hengrove Leisure Centre, Bristol, Learn how to develop techniques for both acrobatics and the new difficulty table, [click here to register](#).

### **2024 Swim England Winter Championships**

The SE Winter Championships are taking place 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> December at Ponds Forge, SE are seeking additional officials for the afternoon sessions at this event (the distance freestyle events) as this will be running in two pools. All applicants must be qualified at least to Judge Level 1 and must possess a valid official's licence. If interested please email [helen.akers@swimming.org](mailto:helen.akers@swimming.org) with details of availability.

### **2025 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships**

Applications are also now open to officiate at the 2025 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships, to be held 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive) at the London Aquatics Centre, all applicants must be qualified at least to Judge Level 1 and must possess a valid official's licence, A final decision has not yet been made on whether accommodation will be on a shared or single basis – if this affects your willingness to volunteer please ensure that you annotate your application accordingly. Swim England members should apply for the event using [the online system](#) Initial applications will close on 17.11.24. There may be additional vacancies available after this date but SE expect this event to be extremely popular.

### **Governance Guidance – Club Structures and Templates**

As part of affiliation to Swim England all clubs have to have a constitution i.e. the document that outlines the functions and the rules under which the club operates.

The constitution, together with the club's policies and procedures, helps to protect club members and officers, and makes the club run more smoothly.

If your Club/League/Local Association constitution is due to expire in 2024 please contact

[swimnorthwest@swimming.org](mailto:swimnorthwest@swimming.org) to ensure you have the correct constitution model template to complete.

### **GoCardless Swim England National Winter Championships 5-8 December 2024 – Ponds Forge, Sheffield**

Entries Open: 12 noon, Wednesday 30th October, Online Ticket Sales Open: 12 noon, Wednesday 30th October, Entries Close: 12 noon, Wednesday 27th November, [click here for further details](#)

### **Coaching Courses**

- **Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach – Isle of Man (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 14.11.24 [Click here](#)
- **Swim England Assistant Water Polo Coach – Bolton (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 19.12.24 [Click here](#)
- **Swim England Swimming Coach – Sale (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 1.1.25 [Click here](#)
- **Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach – Sandbach (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 13.1.25 [Click here](#)
- **Swim England Swimming Coach – Preston (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 29.1.25 [Click here](#)
- **Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach – Stockport (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 3.2.25 [Click here](#)
- **Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach – Birkenhead (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 7.2.24 [Click here](#)
- **Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach – Sale (Blended Learning)**, Closing date 16.2.24 [Click here](#)

[Click here to see available funding for coaching courses.](#)

### **Volunteer Training Courses**

- **SE Safeguarding**, 13.12.24, 5.30pm – [click here](#)
- **SE Welfare Officer Training (Time to Listen)**, 16.1.25, 6pm – [click here](#)
- **Team Manager 1**, 24.1.25, 6pm – [click here](#)
- **Team Manager 2**, 4.12.24, 6pm – [click here](#)

A Safeguarding refresher module is now available to those who have completed the full Swim England face-to-face / online CPD, [click here](#)

Funding is also available for clubs that complete the refresher and face to face CPD via Swim England/IOS [click here for full details.](#)

### **Safeguarding and welfare**

Swim England have launched a new free online course designed to give young people a basic understanding of safeguarding, welfare and best practice, It's aimed at young volunteers and members who don't have a designated role at a club that requires a DBS check, but want to improve their understanding of the topic. [Click here for further details](#)

*Please note, if you are currently in a role that requires a DBS, the Foundation Safeguarding for Young People course doesn't replace the need for the Full Swim England Safeguarding in Aquatics course.*

### **Swim England Good Club Governance Workshops**

Swim England offer a number of workshops to support clubs and individuals undertaking these roles. To register your interest, please click one of the links below:

- Club Secretary and Membership Officer workshops, 27.11.24 [click here.](#)
- Club Chairperson information session **Mandatory attendance**, 22.11, 26.11, 2.12, 13.12.24 [click here.](#)
- Club Welfare Officer workshop **Mandatory attendance**, 15.11, 20.11, 6.12, 9.12.24 [click here.](#)
- National Chairs Forum – 18.11.24 [register here.](#)
- National Welfare Forum, [click here to register here.](#)
- Chairs online information session – Part 1 – Swim England have developed and launched a NEW online Chairs information session aimed at those who are new to the role, would like to find out more information about the role or would like a refresher. It runs through the roles and responsibilities of a Club Chair, what developing a club looks like, safeguarding and welfare information and where support is available to Chairs. [Please click here to access the online information session.](#)

### **Buddle**

Buddle is there to provide free learning and support resources, to inspire and strengthen clubs and community organisations offering sport and physical activity, and the professionals that work with them.

[Click here for further details.](#) There's some useful guidance on [Buddle's guide to fundraising.](#)

### **Mobile Phone Pull up Banner – For Sale**

Swim England's new version of Wavepower contains an important update with regards the usage of mobile devices in changing rooms, to help clubs manage this SENW are producing pull up banners for you to utilize around your changing room areas to highlight the importance, [click here if you would like to purchase.](#)

### **Careers in Aquatics – see the latest vacancies below**

[Chadderton ASC](#) – Assistant Head Coach

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