

BSB Meeting April 2024

SwimMark and Club Affiliation

All BSB SwimMark and non SwimMark clubs successfully made it through the SwimMark/ club affiliation process in January. Thank you to Susan Harrison for checking the constitutions.

Swim England are currently undertaking a review of SwimMark. Both accredited and non-accredited clubs will be consulted by the review group.

Since the 1st November there have been some changes made to the training required for both SwimMark and club affiliation clubs. We are encouraging clubs to prepare for this in advance of their affiliation quarter by attending the three mandatory courses listed below;

- Club chair good governance workshop <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/running-your-club/>
- Welfare Officer good governance workshop <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/running-your-club/> (this is in addition to the Time to Listen course)
- Foundations of inclusivity workshop <https://www.swimming.org/ios/course-information/foundations-of-inclusivity/>

There have been changes introduced for masters only clubs in line with Wavepower 2024. The main changes are;

- Masters clubs are now required to have a Welfare Officer, who will need to complete the associated training. However, by agreement this can be the county welfare officer if necessary.
- Coaches working in masters clubs are required to attend safeguarding and have a basic DBS which can be obtained here <https://www.gov.uk/request-copy-criminal-record> this should be sent to dbs@swimming.org These changes are mandatory from the 1st August.

South East Training/ Workshops

Welfare Officer Training (Time to Listen)

1st May, 10th June, 2nd July <https://www.southeastswimming.org/time-to-listen-training/>

Team Manager 1

- 18th April 6.30-8.30pm
- 25th April 10am -12noon
- 23rd May 6.30-8.30pm

Team Manager 2

- 20th May 6.30-8.30pm <https://www.southeastswimming.org/workforce/team-managers/>

The demand for these courses has now slowed down slightly so booking a course should now be easier. Please contact kate.hutchinson@southeastswimming.org if you have any questions.

Diving Judge 1 course

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

Artistic Swimming Coaching course – Guildford Spectrum – 1st May

<https://www.swimming.org/ios/course/11865>

Water polo coaching course – Whitgift School – 24th April

<https://www.swimming.org/ios/course/10937>

Regional Off Shore Camp 2024

24 regional swimmers travelled to Luxembourg in January to represent the South East in the Euro Meet 2024. The level of competition was again high with athletes such as Sarah Sojstrom, Chad Le Clos and David Popovici in attendance.

Our team consisted of a mix of both young and experienced athletes. Over the weekend 19 swimmers stepped up in a strong field to progress into finals or fastest heats in the distance events. This included 8 A finals and 18 B finals plus the relay events.

A finals included; Max Morgan, Mia Colyer, Harry Wynne-Jones, Imogen Myles, Denys Mialkovskiy and Oliver Pope.

In addition to the A finalists, B finals also featured; Chris Finch, Darcy Revitt, Can Tugcetin, Jessica Gable, Charlotte Cope and Ellen Bagley.

On the distance events we added George Pearson, Christian Duetoft and Grace Cummings to the final proceedings.

In total the team brought home 26 medals, including 3 Junior, 22 Youth and 1 senior medal in the final event of the meet, the mixed medley relay which saw 4 great swims from Mia Colyer, Max Morgan, Chris Finch and Darcy Revitt.

A big thank you goes to the staff supporting the weekend. Stuart McCrea (Leatherhead) was selected as the Assistant Head Coach. BSB Swimmers included George Pearson, Hazel –Anne Carter, Katherine Williams and Maxwell Adams (Wycombe).

Regional Distance Programme 2024

This year we will be running a distances swimming programme incorporating an open water skills camp and a pool distance training day.

Day 1 - Sunday 9th June will take place at the Egham Orbit Leisure Centre and Longside Lake, Egham

Day 2 - ACS International School - 22nd September

We are inviting applications for skills coaches to work on the camps. Please see the link for the job description and application form, the deadline is Wednesday 24th April. If you would like further information please contact kristie.jarrett@southeastswimming.org

<https://www.southeastswimming.org/uncategorized/regional-distance-programme/>

Safeguarding Training

The Swim England Safeguarding training is now the only approved course

<https://www.swimming.org/ios/search/free-text?filters%5BfreeText%5D=safeguarding&filters%5Bplace%5D=&filters%5Blatitude%5D=&filters%5Blongitude%5D=&filters%5Bsubmit%5D=>

Clubs are reminded that the South East will support the cost of this training through our bursary scheme

<https://www.southeastswimming.org/safeguarding-bursary-application/>

Annual Council Meeting

The Region's Annual Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th April 2024 as an online meeting.

This is your opportunity to help shape the work we do and where we invest.

Further information will be posted on [this page](#) as it becomes available. For more information about the Annual Council Meeting please contact [Caroline Burke](#).

Swimming Manager Recruitment

Swim England South East Region is looking for a person or persons to take over the role of the Region's Swimming Manager from the start of the next swimming season; 1st September 2024.

The Swimming Manager is accountable to the Regional Management Board and is expected to produce reports to that body as required. Strategically, it is desirable that there continues to be a person responsible for managing and co-ordinating all aspects of speed swimming in the region (except Open Water, Masters and Disability Swimming). The Region recognises that it may not be possible to find a single person with the range of skill sets and experience needed and are therefore open to the idea of separating elements of the role where appropriate.

The Swimming Manager may, and is encouraged to, delegate the delivery of specific tasks to other individuals or working groups but remains accountable to the Region Management Board for all activities.

The Swimming Manager is a voluntary position with full out of pocket expenses paid.

We are inviting expressions of interest from anyone interested in taking on the role of Swimming Manager or responsibility for specific and appropriate, self-contained tasks.

<https://www.southeastswimming.org/swimming/swimming-manager-recruitment/>

South East Region Open Water Championships

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Mercers Park, South Nutfield, Redhill RH1 4EU

Sunday 30th June

Entries are now open for the 2024 Open Water Championships.

The Championships are a qualifying event for the National Open Water Championships. The top 7 open/male and female swimmers in each age group and each qualifying event will qualify.

For the first time we have introduced separate events for Age Group swimmers and Masters Swimmers.

For Age Group Swimmers there is a Novice 1km event, a 2km race, a 3km race and a 5km race. Younger swimmers; 11yrs, 12yrs and 13yrs are limited to the 1km Novice and 2km events on safety grounds.

Masters competitors (aged 18yrs+) have a choice of 2km or 3km events.

[Full conditions for all events and entry form.](#)

Swim England publishes listening report

On Tuesday 5 March, Swim England published the full findings of the independent listening research commissioned as part of their safeguarding, welfare and culture plan, Heart of Aquatics.

Swim England's statement and the full report can be found here
<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/listening-report-published/>