

SWIM ENGLAND WEST MIDLANDS CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017



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Congratulations to the following clubs who have successfully completed their annual health checks:

December 2016

Birmingham Masters
Cheadle & District
City of Coventry
City of Hereford
Kingsbury Aquarius
Leamington Spa
Leek
Lichfield
Nuneaton & Bedworth
Persore
Royal Wolverhampton
School
Solihull

March 2017

Biddulph
Blythe Barracudas
Bromsgrove
Chase
City of Birmingham
Droitwich Dolphins
Ellesmere College
Halesowen
Oswestry Otters
Perry Beeches SSS
Rugby
Telford Aqua
Walsall Synchro
Warley Wasps
Worcester
Wyre Forest

Well done to Boldmere for regaining their accreditation in March.

Congratulations to the following networks for achieving swim21 Network accreditation:

South Staffordshire Network
North Staffordshire Network
Worcestershire Club Network
Shropshire Network retained their accreditation and also won silver in Club Network of the Year category at the 2016 ASA Awards. Congratulations!



Updates for swim21 accredited clubs

At a recent Regional Club Development Group meeting a decision was made to update the Regional Grant Aid support & Club Development Grant criteria.

Regional Grant Aid updates

- Available to Coaches and Teachers from swim21 accredited clubs only.
- The Region will withdraw the grant offer if it is not claimed within 6 months of the course end date.
- Grant Aid is limited to a maximum of 50% towards the cost of a coaching course and 25% towards a teaching course.

Please make sure you are aware of all the grant criteria and conditions. Grant Aid will not be paid retrospectively. **Forms must be received a minimum of 1 week before the course start date or when registered for RPL.** Forms received later than 1 week before the start of a course will be rejected.

Club Development Grants updates

- Clubs must be swim21 accredited.
- Grant Aid will not be given for:
Laptops, printers and other electrical equipment including photographic and video recording devices and electronic starting equipment
VAT, delivery and fitting costs
Permanent fixtures and fittings for pools not solely used by the club i.e; lane-ropes and backstroke flags.
- Grant aid is limited to a maximum grant of £2,500 providing relevant West Midland regional funds are available.
- Grant aid will be reviewed and agreed within 4 weeks of submission of the application form.

Clubs please note: In line with the ASA rebrand the swim21 name and logo will be changing very soon. Please be aware this is brand change only and won't affect the elements or criteria for accreditation. Details of these changes will be sent to all affiliated clubs shortly. For more information please contact Helen Weeks.

Regional News



The English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA) Inter-divisional Championships Results

The English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA) Inter divisional Championships took place in Liverpool over the weekend of 11th and 12th March. Eight regional teams take part in these championships – North West, North East, West Midlands, East Midlands, South West, London, East and South East and the competition is very tight. For the first time in 67 years, the West Midlands team won the ESSA Inter divisional Championships by one point from the South East Region.

Not only did the West Midlands team win overall, they also won 4 of the 6 age groups which were:

Junior Boys (12/13)
Inter Boys (14/15)
Inter Girls (14/15)

Inter Girls (14/15)
Senior Girls (16/17/18)

The Intermediate boys were particularly strong with some individuals breaking records:
Jacob Davies in 100m Backstroke
Adam Metcalf in 200m Freestyle
Charlie Hutchison in 200m Butterfly & 200m Individual Medley.

The Intermediate boys also broke ESSA Long Course records in:
4 x 100m Medley Relay & 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay

This is a great effort from all individuals and a great result for the region as the North and South are usually tough competition.

Also superb support from most swimming clubs and performance centres with the team led by coaches John Dougall (Wyre Forest) and Joe Dearing (Haden Hill).



National Updates



Swim England – who we are and what we do

The ASA took the decision to re-brand and create a strong identity with clear meaning which would be synonymous with swimming. The new brand 'Swim England' clearly shows who we are and what we do.

Swim England is the national governing body for swimming in England. We help people learn how to swim, enjoy the water safely, and compete in all our sports.

Our vision is of a nation swimming and we strive to inspire everyone to enjoy the water in the way that suits them. We work with our partners to create engaging programmes that enable everyone to be active, have fun and stay healthy through swimming.

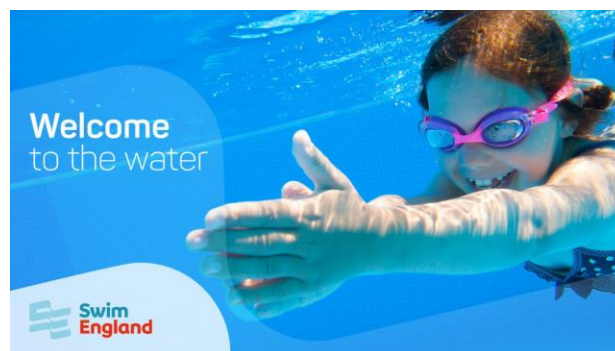
Each month millions of people are able to enjoy swimming, diving, water polo and synchronised swimming because they have been through our renowned Learn to Swim Programme.

Ensuring people are safe in the water is of paramount importance to us and so we work closely with partners to keep water safety high on the national agenda.

At our heart we are a membership organisation dedicated to supporting our clubs and members to develop and succeed. We maintain the laws of the sport and run world-class national events that are open to all.

We also operate a comprehensive range of qualification and education programmes for teachers, coaches, officials and tutors.

For more information visit <http://www.swimming.org/swimengland/>.



National Updates



New Procedure for Poolside Accreditation at ASA National Events 1st April 2017 onwards

From 1st April 2017, the ASA is implementing changes when applying for a Poolside Accreditation for ASA National events. These are the same changes, which are also implemented at British Swimming events.

Please read the following information carefully and make the necessary preparations well in advance to ensure a successful application process. Annual passes are not available. Late surcharges will not apply. All coaches, team managers and chaperones must fulfil the following criteria, as required by their role, when applying for a pass to attend any ASA National events:

All coaches, team managers and chaperones must provide evidence of: From 1st April 2017

1. **DBS:** valid Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS)
2. **Minimum Qualification/Requirements (specific to the role):**
 - a. Coaches – Teaching/Coaching Qualification Level 1
 - b. Team Manager – Team Manager Training Module 1 Certificate
 - c. Chaperone – Club authorisation to be acting in loco parentis on behalf of the Club

2018 onwards

3. **Safeguarding Certificate:** in preparation for 2018 requirements, during 2017 all coaches, team managers and chaperones are required to update and record their Safeguarding qualification (wherever awarded) with ASA Membership Department.

Coaches, team managers and chaperones will not be able to apply for a Poolside Accreditation without the above documents in place.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for further details about the new procedure.

Great Swim in association with British Swimming present an exciting new open water race series for 2017

The Great British Open Water Elite Series will consist of 4 races over a variety of distances across the summer with overall series cash prizes awarded to the Top 3 male and female athletes and additional prizes in the form of exclusive sponsor products for 4th and 5th place athletes. The overall series male and female winners will also be invited to attend a British Swimming Open Water programme activity with members of the national team.

The series consists of the following races:

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| Great North Swim | Sunday 11th June | 5K |
| Great East Swim | Saturday 17th June | 1 Mile |
| Great London Swim | Saturday 1st July | 5K |
| Great Scottish Swim | Saturday 26th August | 1 Mile |



For further information please visit <http://bit.ly/2oEeUxC>

Education Courses

[Click here](#) for full list courses in the Region.

Level 1 Courses

[ASA Level 1 Swimming Assistant \(Teaching\)](#) starts 6/5/17 at Perdiswell Leisure Centre, Worcester

[ASA Swimming Assistant \(Coaching\)](#) starts on 19/05/17 at Wrekin College Sports Centre

[ASA Level 1 Swimming Assistant \(Teaching\)](#) starts 3/7/17 at Fox Hollies Leisure Centre, Birmingham

Level 2 Courses

[ASA Level 2 Synchronised Swimming Coach](#)
BLENDED LEARNING starts 2/6/17 at Stechford Cascades, Birmingham

[ASA Level 2 Swimming Teacher](#) starts 19/5/17 at Chase Leisure Centre

[ASA Level 2 Swimming Teacher](#) starts 8/5/17 at Oakengates Leisure Centre

CPD seminars

[Improving Butterfly](#) on 24th May at Bert Williams Leisure Centre, Bilston

Team Manager Courses Module 1

Date: Wednesday 14th June 2017

Time: 6.30pm – 9pm

Venue: The Shrewsbury Club
Sundorne Road
Shrewsbury
SY1 4RG

Team Manager training is designed to ensure any volunteers who are taking groups of athletes to competitions or camps, locally or abroad, are fully equipped to do their role. Ensuring athletes arrive and return from sporting activities unharmed is a big responsibility and this training will ensure volunteers have all the necessary skills and knowledge to do this with confidence.

The workshop is **free of charge**.

Minimum age to attend workshop is 16 years old, although it should be noted that an individual cannot take the role of a Team Manager fully until they turn 18.

Spaces are limited, so please book early.

To book a place on the course, please contact the Regional Office:

Telephone 01527 888929

Email westmidland@swimming.org

SAVE THE DATE!

Regional Coach Conference
Sunday 11th June 9am – 5pm
SportPark, Loughborough

This conference is aimed at Level 1, 2 and 3 coaches in the East Midlands and West Midlands Regions.

Delivered by ASA England Programmes, in collaboration with SportsCoachUK.

Further details will be available in due course.