

Updates/General Information for SwimMark clubs – April 2018

During a previous Swim England Club Management Group meeting, a decision was made to compile an update following each quarterly meeting (March, June, September and December). The following is the latest update:-

SwimMark Updates:-

- E9 – the following statement has now been added to the element template to ensure consistency with the Swim England Membership Department. Please ensure that this statement is added to your club membership forms moving forward:

I acknowledge receipt of the rules of {insert name of club} and confirm my understanding and acceptance that such rules (as amended from time to time) shall govern my membership of the Club. I further acknowledge and accept the responsibilities of membership upon members as set out in these rules.

- E13 and E14 – please note that these elements now include an updated statement that all club personnel must attend a Safeguarding workshop within 3 months of them starting the role. The current statement of ‘within a reasonable time’ will be updated to state this requirement. This rule will be enforced from 1st April.
- A quick reminder that examples of best practice (for each element) have been added to the portal ‘Best Practice tab’ so please refer to these documents when required.
- The revised SwimMark Performance criteria documents, for all disciplines, are now available on the portal ‘Resources tab’. The new Performance accreditation will last for two years with an annual health check to revalidate the accreditation.
- SwimMark Essential Health Check - A reminder to all Essential clubs that your accreditation lasts for two years, however if clubs do not complete their 5 elements as part of the Health Check the accreditation will be revoked, you will no longer be eligible for respective benefits and you will have to complete 16 elements to regain the accreditation. A copy of the Health Check checklist is available on the portal ‘Resources tab’.
- If you have forgotten your password for the portal please utilise the ‘Forgotten Password’ button on the portal login page, which will enable you to change this.

General Updates:-

- Club Matters - Club Matters are introducing two new features. March saw the launch of the Club Matters podcast (it will include expert advice and top tips on running a sports club) and from April Club Matters will be running Facebook Live training workshops that focus on a topic that clubs want to know more about (first workshop

will cover club finances). Please visit the website (<http://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/>) where you can also find out more about any upcoming workshops and access a range of toolkits.

- Swim England Newsletters – there's currently two newsletters that Swim England members and affiliated clubs etc can sign up to as shown below.
 - Welcome to the Water (circulation is all members etc) - <http://www.swimming.org/swimengland/newsletter/>
 - Pooling resources (circulation is to Operators, Club Secretaries, Swim Schools etc) - <https://mxm.mxmf.com/form/show/c/2961/f/5a534e2599eb4>
- Off the Blocks - A reminder about the free resource (<https://offtheblocks.info/>), designed by experts, for the benefit of those that work at every level of the sport in Great Britain.
- easyfundraising – Since 2006 aquatic clubs have raised over £245k via easyfundraising so if you haven't done so already please sign up your club at <http://swimming.easyfundraising.org.uk> and then log into easyfundraising every time you shop online via a computer, tablet or mobile device.

Thank you for your continued commitment to SwimMark!