



Updates/General Information for swim21 accredited clubs – October 2015

During the recent ASA Club Development Management Group meeting (formerly the swim21 National Panel), a decision was made to compile an update following each quarterly meeting (September, December, March and June) and circulate this to all swim21 accredited clubs. The following is the first update:-

swim21 Information:-

- Please find enclosed a copy of the latest Annual Health Check and Essential Matrix
- For additional information about swim 21 please utilise the following links:-
 - swim21 overview and accreditation lists (Essential, Network and Performance) - <http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/swim21-accreditation/>
 - swim21 benefits - <http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/benefits-and-outcomes/>
- In relation to Time to Listen courses the preference is still for Welfare Officers to undertake an ASA course (due to content and swimming specific examples used), however we appreciate that at times there may be difficulties with course availability etc and in those situations we will accept CSP generic courses
- Head Coaches (for all aquatic disciplines) must now hold an ASA Level 2 qualification (or equivalent) as opposed to information only being submitted for the swimming section of a club. For stand-alone clubs there has always been a requirement for Head Coaches to hold a Level 2 qualification, however it became apparent that multi discipline clubs were only submitting information for the swimming specific head coach and to ensure consistency across all clubs evidence is now required for all disciplines covered. We appreciate that this may take time to achieve and clubs that are affected by this will receive a 12 month grace period to obtain the appropriate qualification(s)
- Please could all swim21 accredited clubs use the correct swim21 and Clubmark logo(s), which can be found on the 'Resources' tab on the portal (Element 4 has now been amended to remind clubs about this)
- Element 16 – please note that any reference to the previous ASA licence has now been removed
- Element 18 – an updated Safeguarding guidance document has now been added to the portal
- Element 21 – please note that we are no longer able to accept RAPS as evidence for this element. The element wording has now been amended for this element and information states that Head Coaches must have an 'ASA Level 2 qualification or equivalent' i.e. older ASA qualifications are still valid, however STA qualifications for Head Coaches are not acceptable

General Updates:-

- Clubs Team contact details can be found on the ASA website - <http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/contact-us/>
- The new ASA Volunteer Hub is now live - <http://www.swimming.org/volunteering/>
- If clubs require legal advice please contact DAS using the following link <http://www.das.co.uk/>

If you wish to discuss the above further please contact your Club Development Officer/Regional Officer in the first instance – contact details are listed on the ASA website - <http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/contact-us/>