

## Swim England South West Region Request for Officials 2020

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Dear Official,

The SW Region requests your help to run their events in 2020 and other events at which we are asked to support. Last year the number of officials volunteering increased and we look forward to welcoming even more this year.

In recognition of the time you willingly give for the benefit of our swimmers all qualified officials will receive a polo shirt, clip board and water bottle at the first SW event attended in 2020, **providing you did not receive them in 2019**. Additional shirts can be purchased at a subsidised cost of £10.

This year we shall again be running the **Para Swimming CPD before the event on the 30 May at 11am**, lunch will be provided. The CPD includes the rule updates announced in January 2018. In the afternoon you will get the opportunity to officiate at the gala and receive mentoring. Attendance at the CPD is important for all 2020 Referee candidates, those recently qualified or having passed the November examination. With more Para swimmers entering open meets and SW events this is a great opportunity to up skill your knowledge and gain experience. If you wish to attend the CPD please sign up as soon as possible, spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. (Note you don't need to attend the CPD if previously attended, report at the gala).

At all events that cover more than one session during the day refreshments will be provided, unless otherwise stated, **(but please bring a water bottle for poolside)** and a contribution towards travel expenses at an agreed rate provided that **all the sessions for the whole day are attended as an official**, (where there is only one session then this counts). Those officials who volunteer for a **whole weekend including the finals, may** be able to claim for accommodation\*. It is essential that the Region knows who this will apply to as the budgets have to be monitored.

**\*PLEASE NOTE - ACCOMMODATION COSTS WILL ONLY BE PAID TO THE MAXIMUM STATED ON THE REGION'S EXPENSES POLICY** <https://www.swimwest.org.uk>

Please circulate this letter on to your clubs and encourage other officials as it is difficult to contact everyone individually, new volunteers will receive a warm welcome. The events cannot run without your help and the swimmers would not be able to achieve any qualifying times without the required numbers of licensed officials.

Traditionally Masters events have proved difficult to attract sufficient numbers of officials. This year please consider supporting the Masters. The Inter County Masters is slightly different as the Region appoints the Referees, starter and 2 judges. The participating Counties bring a Judge and a Timekeeper each. Please contact your county Official's Secretary if you wish to be considered for this event.

Finally, **for all competitions** please volunteer promptly, the last few days before an event is difficult to manage, particularly as the Officials Organiser must liaise with the Technical Director. Our main concern is for the swimmers, we do not want to have to declare the event as unlicensed because there are not enough officials to fulfil the requirements with the consequence that times cannot be included on the SE Rankings.

SwimMeet software is now being used to sign up for **all 2020 events**. This will enable you to volunteer for events, amend your availability at any point and reduce volunteers administrative time pre / post event. The process is straight forward, however if you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please follow the link: <https://swim-meet.com/OfficialsSignUp/SwimEnglandSouthWest>

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Your sincerely

Nicky Vause

Organiser of SE SW Officials for Regional Events

## Swim England South West Region 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<b>SW Region Events</b>		
Saturday 25 April	Summer Champs - Age Groups	Millfield
Sunday 26 April	Summer Champs - Age Groups	Millfield
Saturday 2 May	Summer Champs - Age Groups	Hengrove
Sunday 3 May	Summer Champs - Age Groups	Hengrove
Friday 8 May	Summer Champs - Youths	Plymouth Life Centre
Sunday 9 May	Summer Champs - Youths	Plymouth Life Centre
Monday 10 May	Summer Champs - Youths	Plymouth Life Centre
Sunday 5 July	Fast Five	Millfield
Friday 6 November	Winter Championships	Millfield
Saturday 7 November	Winter Championships	Millfield
Sunday 8 November	Winter Championships	Millfield
<b>MASTERS</b>		
Sunday 27 September	Sprints	Millfield
Sunday 15 November	Inter County	Millfield
<b>PARASWIMMING</b>		
Sunday 30 May	Para Dev. Meet & Para Swimming CPD	Horfield
<b>ESSA</b>		
Monday 23 March	Primary Relays ( 6pm)	Millfield
Wednesday 23 September	Snr Relays (12am)	Millfield