



Swim England Hertfordshire
County Association of Swim England East Region

Minutes of the Artistic Swimming Committee Meeting 10th July 2025 @ 19:45 via Zoom

Present: Tom Brennan (TB) Swim England Hertfordshire Artistic Swimming Manager
Helena Poletti Taylor (HPT) Potters Bar
Amy Bryant (AB) Hatfield
Maddie Hammatt (MH) Dacorum

Also present: Bryan Thompson (BT) Swim England Hertfordshire Chairman (Part only)

25/14 Apologies

25/14.1 Karen Brennan, Kerri Brennan, Ian Mackenzie and Sheila Mackenzie

25/15 Declaration of conflict of interest

25/15.1 No conflict of interest was declared at this point.

25/16 Minutes of the previous meeting

25/16.1 All present had received a copy of the previous minutes and no queries or additions were noted at the meeting.

25/17 Matters arising

25/17.1 No matters arising

25/18 Discipline specific areas – coaching

25/18.1 (AB) is considering running an Assistant Coaches course in the later part of the year. When any definite decisions are made, she will share details.

25/19 Discipline specific areas - officials

25/19.1 (TB) stated there were no courses for officials that he was aware of at the moment. Amy Davis has taken the action on behalf of the Region to try and set up some further courses.

25/20 Discipline specific areas - competition

25/20.1 (TB) confirmed dates for all regional events for the remainder of this year and next year. A copy of all known dates are shared below.

- 25/20.2 19th October 2025: Figures, solos and duets.
- 7th February 2026: 12U, 13 – 15 solos, duets and Free teams.
- 21st March 2026: Masters tech. solos and duets, 15+ solos and duets, All combos.
- 13th June and 17th October 2026 - two further competitions events to be confirmed.



25/21 Discipline specific areas – Grading days

25/21.1 A grading day is due to take place on Saturday week, 19th July 2025, at Potters Bar, Further dates are as follows:- **N**

27th September 2025 (at Potters Bar) (Routine Only)

9th November 2025 (at Hemel) All figures

6th December 2025 To be confirmed - as there is now no longer a month in between because the Hemel date has been moved back one week - it could be an issue for retakes.

25/22 Discipline specific areas - Pathway (LTS 8/9/10, Local Partnerships Beacon Program)

25/22.1 (TB) agreed to share the new 2026 GB Artistic Swimming National Youth Programme documentation and selection criteria.

25/23 Discipline specific areas - funding

25/23.1 Nothing new recorded on this occasion.

25/24 Development days within Hertfordshire (Feedback and de-brief)

25/24.1 It was agreed to continue not having a separate development squad within the county at this time, as several of the group were already heavily engaged in supporting the Regional Development Squad in Swim England East Region, and will continue to signpost swimmers this way.

25/25 Any other business

25/25.1 Several areas were discussed, as follows :-

(TB) gave an update on the campaign to lobby Stevenage Council to reconsider the depth of 1.8m for the new pool. If it goes ahead the impact will be that a new venue will have to be found for competitions.

(TB) is hoping to be able to speak at the planning consultation meeting to put a case for the extra depth.

(All) No dates had been seen for next year's National events. (TB) will investigate and get back to everyone if he receives anything.

25/26 Date of next meeting

25/26.1 16th Oct 2025 @19.45

