Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region

Minutes of the Artistic Swimming Committee Meeting on 12th February 2026 at 7:45pm, via Zoom

Present:	Tom Brennan (TB)	Artistic Swimming Manager Swim England Hertfordshire
	Helena Poletti Taylor (HPT)	Potters Bar
	Karen Brennan (KB)	Aqualina
	Maddie Hammatt (MH)	Dacorum

26/1 Apologies

26/1.1 Kerri Brennan (KB), Ian Mackenzie (IM), Sheila Mackenzie (SM), Amy Bryant (AB) and Jayne Jarvis (JJ)

26/2 Declaration of conflict of interest

26/2.1 No conflict of interest was declared at this point.

26/3 Minutes of the previous meeting

26/3.1 All present had received a copy of the previous minutes, and no queries or additions were noted at the meeting.

26/4 Matters arising

26/4.1 No matters arising

26/5 Discipline specific areas – coaching

26/5.1 A demand for a Level 2 Coach course was confirmed, but there are none listed. AB may run another Assistant Coach course later this year.

26/6 Discipline specific areas - officials

26/6.1 TB stated there were no courses for officials that he was aware of. Amy Davis has taken the action on behalf of the Region to try and set up some courses. There are several people doing the shadowing phase of the new qualification - this is good news. It was felt that there is a need for Level 2 and Level 3 Judges' courses but again they are not available at present.

26/7 Discipline specific areas - competition

26/7.1 TB confirmed the dates for all regional events for the remainder of this year. A copy of all known dates is shared below.

26/7.2	7th Feb 2026: 12U, 13 – 15 Solos and Duets and Free teams 21st March 2026: Masters Tech. Solos and Duets, 15+ Solos and Duets, All Combos, and Acros 13th June 2026: Ungraded Figures, Combos, Masters Tech. Solos and Duets 17th Oct 2026: Grade 1+ Figures, Solos and Duets all ages, no grade requirements and Masters Free if there is demand.
26/8	**Discipline specific areas – Grading days**
26/8.1	10th May at Hemel Hempstead at 2pm. 18th July Location and time TBC 7th/ 8th November Location and time TBC 5th / 6th December Location and time TBC
26/9	**Discipline specific areas - Pathway (Learn-to-Swim 8/9/10, Local Partnerships, Regional Games)**
26/9.1	TB advised that because of the change in rules for this year's Development Games he has reopened registration for 12yrs and unders. He encouraged the clubs to target swimmers and signpost them to this opportunity. There would be two remaining sessions which they can attend - 1st March and 17th May.
26/10	**Discipline specific areas - funding**
26/10.1	Nothing new recorded
26/11	**Development days within Hertfordshire County**
26/11.1	It was confirmed that the county will continue not have a separate development squad within the county at this time because of heavy engagement in supporting the regional development squad in Swim England East Region. Swimmers will continue to be signposted this way.
26/12	**Any other business**
26/12.1	Several areas were discussed as follows: - There was discussion about a venue for future competitions in the Region. As yet no suitable alternative has been found. The current Stevenage location will probably be available for just over a year. Maddie Hammatt asked if she could be added to the East Region Coaches chat. No-one objected to this, so TB will ask Amy Davis to add Maddie.
26/13	**Date of next meetings**
26/13.1	9th July and 16th October 2026 at 19.45