

Senior Swimming Coach Education Funding Scheme 2024

Regional funding is made available for affiliated clubs to support them with their coaches completing a Swim England Senior Swimming Coach (Level 3) qualification.

Coaches who have successfully been accepted on the Swim England Level 3 Senior Swimming Coach course will be able to apply to the NE Region for up to 50% funding to support the cost of the candidate fees. The application needs to come from the coaches club.

The conditions of the funding are as follows:

- Clubs will need to explain and justify the need for the investment in coach education and the impact that it will have on the club programme.
- Candidates will need to be a registered member of the club.
- Candidates applying for funding should be registered on the Swim England Coaching and Teaching Register.
Please note: Entry on the register must be fully completed with all the information required including (but not limited to) - discipline information, a valid and current DBS check, a valid and current safeguarding qualification plus the details of relevant qualifications undertaken.
- The Club's constitution must have been approved by the region within the past 2 years.
- A copy of the Club's most recent accounts and current business/development plan must be provided.
- Funding will be reduced by 20% if clubs are not SwimMark accredited or if they have removed their learn to swim members as Category 1 members.
- They will coach a minimum of 20 hours during the initial 3 month period after they have qualified.
- Coaches should be willing to volunteer coaching within their Club programme for a minimum of 12 months.
- The club is required to have an agreement in place with the coach that states that they will provide CPD support to other coaches in the club/club network area, mentor other coaches, coach at performance squad sessions and provide support to young volunteers in their area.
- The candidate would remain coaching within the region for a period of 3 years. If they cease to do so then they will repay the following amounts to the region:
 - 100% of funding provided if they cease coaching within a year of completing the course.
 - Two thirds of the funding provided if they cease coaching within one to two years of completing the course.
 - One third of the funding provided if they cease coaching within two to three years of completing the course.

The Coach conditions should be co-ordinated with the club and signed off by an appropriate individual. The Regional Development Officers will monitor this, including the impact which the investment has had.

Funds awarded will be provided in instalments to the candidate's club after completion/passing each stage of the learning and assessment. Funds would be paid retrospectively to the club upon receipt of an invoice.

A maximum of one candidate per club can apply for Senior Swimming Coach funding, in addition to the three candidates who can apply for other coach funding in a 2 year funding cycle. The number of coaches from the club applying who have previously been awarded funding to support Senior Swimming Coach education, together with the timescales it was awarded, will be taken into consideration when allocating funding.

Clubs/candidates will be responsible for making their own course bookings with the Institute of Swimming. Applications for funding should be made prior to the course commencing. Retrospective applications will not be considered.

County Funding

Coach education bursaries may be available from the Northumberland & Durham SA and Yorkshire SA. For further information please contact the respective County Secretaries.

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