

Club Links Programme Funding Application

Overview

Swim England recognise that a good working relationship between clubs and pool operators is vital to provide aquatic opportunities across Artistic Swimming, Diving, Swimming and Water Polo. Providing a club link transition opportunity from Learn to Swim programmes, school swimming, or other community settings into a club environment can give participants the opportunity to experience 'the next step' in their aquatics pathway, whilst continuing with their learn to swim programme.

Swim England are supporting affiliated clubs and pool operators to run a joint club links programme with funding of up to 50% towards the set up costs, for up to 12 weeks of sessions. The funding can contribute towards startup costs such as teacher and coach fees and pool hire.

Considerations before you apply:

- Have you discussed this programme with your pool operator or club? A template letter to open discussions and give an overview of the programme is available upon request.
- Does the club have adequate space to accommodate all the participants that may progress from the club link programme?
- When and where will the sessions take place, for how long (up to 12 weeks), who will teach/coach the session and when will the programme start (ideally within the next 2 or 3 months)?
- Who will provide insurance cover for the sessions - the pool operator or club? Swim England affiliated clubs can access bespoke club links programme insurance free of charge for the duration of the club links sessions (maximum 12 weeks via the club's Online Membership System).
- Sustainability - How do you plan to continue, self-sustain and fund this programme after this initial part funded programme?
- Inclusion – what actions will you take to ensure your programme is as inclusive as possible?

Criteria:

- All clubs must be Swim England affiliated.
- All club links sessions are to be delivered by teachers and/or coaches in accordance with Swim England's safeguarding policy and procedures as outlined in [Wavepower](#).
- A completed memorandum of understanding partnership agreement (template provided), between pool operator and club is required before a funding allocation.
- Lead partners will be required to complete a short evaluation survey at the end of your programme to monitor the impact of the programme.

Club Link Programme Funding Request

About your programme							
Club details				Pool Operator details			
Club name				Pool operator name			
Contact name				Contact name			
Position in organisation				Position in organisation			
Contact email address				Contact email address			
Contact telephone number				Contact telephone number			
Venue(s) where will the programme take place?							
Aquatic Sport(s) (please select)	Artistic Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diving	<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Polo
Club link programme outline							
<p>Briefly describe your programme <i>(e.g., weekly 45-minute sessions for 8 weeks, using half a 25m pool/2 lanes. How will you recruit your participants? Who will deliver the sessions? What will the exit route(s) be for those that are ready to join the club and for those that are not?)</i></p>							
Expected start date				Expected finish date			
How many participants do you hope to involve in your programme?							
Who will provide insurance cover for your programme? (please delete as appropriate) Pool Operator / Swim England Club Link Insurance Required / Other, please state:							
How did you find out about the club links programme?							

Programme Budget

How will you spend the club links funding? Funding is available for up to a maximum of 50% towards the essential costs of teacher/coach fees and venue hire (other reasonable costs may be considered). Please include all your programme's fees including any 'in kind' contributions and income from charging participants to take part.

Programme expenditure description	Total Cost (£)
<i>e.g., pool hire - 8 weeks at £50 a week</i>	<i>e.g., £400</i>
Total programme costs:	£
Total project request (50% of total amount):	£

Sustainability

Funding is only available for the initial set up costs of club links programmes. Therefore, how will you ensure future club links programmes are self-sustaining? *e.g., the participants pay a small session fee and /the club/pool operator provide water time/space?*

Declaration

By signing this funding agreement, you acknowledge on behalf of both organisations you have read and understood and will comply with the criteria as set out on page 1 (if successful with your application).

Name of the person completing this form (please print)		Contact email address	
Signature of the person completing this form		Date	

Please return completed application forms via email to: clubdevelopment@swimming.org.

By submitting this application, you consent to Swim England contacting you about the Club Links Programme. Swim England will process your personal data in line with our [privacy policy](#).