

CLUB NETWORKS

What are they?

Basically a cluster of clubs working together.

We have identified performance hub clubs across the region, based upon current Swim 21 status and swimmer performance levels, these being;

- **Gloucester City**
- **City of Bristol**
- **Aquae Sulis**
- **SX3**
- **Taunton Deane**
- **Exeter City**
- **Plymouth Leander**
- **Swim Bournemouth**
- **Cornwall** (TBC)

We have then provisionally identified Swim 21 clubs, or those clubs actively working towards Swim 21 who fall within a broad geographical proximity to the hub club. This becomes the network of clubs.

All clubs within the network will agree how they want to work together and formally agree this through their committees. The network clubs will then identify their priorities to work together around swimmers, their workforce and clubs. The network will receive some funding from ASA to provide these opportunities. What the priorities are will vary from network to network, to meet the specific needs of that network.

ASA South West will be directing our resources around coach development and swimmer development through the networks.



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Why

Clubs who have attained Swim 21 are showing their commitment to ongoing club development, we want to recognise this commitment and the work of the club by listening to their needs and ensuring what we offer meets their priorities.

We want clubs to be supported in what they are doing, by knowing what clubs needs and priorities are, we are in a better position to help.

Swim 21 encourages clubs to form links and this is a mechanism to formalise those links and provide mutual benefit to all of those clubs not just the 'performance hub clubs'.

It is also vital that we have the correct swimmer pathways in place to ensure that we maximise the talent in the Region. This will provide us with those pathways enabling swimmers to get the right training at the right time within their development to ensure they meet their full potential.

This is not about the ASA telling clubs what is needed, this is us listening to the clubs and supporting them.



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How are they managed?

ASA regional staff support club meetings, which initially will involve representatives from all network clubs on both their committee and coaching team. Once agreements are signed and the network is 'working together', ASA staff will support a bi annual club chairmans meeting and a coaches forum in each network.

The Head Coach from the performance hub will represent their network and meet 3 times per annum on a regional coaches group, to help shape ongoing swimmer and coach development across the region. There is a link from this regional coaches group back to ASA SW Swimming Committee.



Want to know more and whether your club is involved as part of a network?

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