

Dates announced for South West Water Polo Academy

21 Dec 2020 Note: Swim England South West shared [this update](#) on and invite to its Regional Academies further to the initial announcement below:

Dear Water Polo Coach or Administrator

After a very long and difficult year for our sport, we have now been given permission from the South West Regional Board to plan the return of our Water Polo Regional Academy sessions for 2021.

We would like to invite you back to these sessions as a previous attendee and this email updates you on these plans and the most recent information we currently have. If you have received this email in error, please reply and your details will be removed. We realise that COVID may force us to change these plans, but feel now is the correct time to start putting arrangements in place.

The South West Water Polo Academy aims to promote, train and support junior water polo players throughout the South West in an attempt to advance their participation in the sport. Traditionally players who have represented their county at the various age groups were invited to attend the Academy to further their skills and attempt selection to the South West Regional team which play at Inter-Regional events. Additionally, some of the stronger players in the Regional Academies may get recommended to the National Academy.

The Academy will continue to hold seven sessions a year at Millfield School. The two-hour sessions will run for boys and girls (separate sessions with some cross-training) in two different age categories.

The two-hour sessions are normally set at a higher standard than normal club sessions. However, in 2021 the early session will also now accommodate a development session so that more of the region's players can attend.

If you intend to continue training at the Regional Academy training sessions in 2021 please reply to this email by the end of December confirming so numbers can be planned for.

Locations and Dates of the Regional Academy for 2021

The Regional Academy will be held on the following dates and times. The younger age groups will be in for the first 2 hours, older age groups will be in for the later 2 hours of each academy training date:

Younger Age Groups (early session) - Year of Birth 2008, 2009 & 2010

Older Age Groups (latter session) - Year of Birth 2007, 2006, 2005 & 2004.

South West Water Polo Academy sessions will be held at Millfield School Swimming Pool, Keen's Elm Ln, Street BA16 0ST.

- Saturday 13 February 2021 (5pm - 9pm)
- Saturday 6 March 2021 (6pm - 10pm)
- Saturday 17 April 2021 (5pm - 9pm)
- Saturday 8 May 2021 (6pm - 10pm)
- Saturday 11 September 2021 (5pm - 9pm)
- Saturday 9 October 2021 (5pm - 9pm)
- Saturday 13 November 2021 (5pm - 9pm)

Payment details

The charge for attending the seven 2021 sessions has been kept the same, at £70 for the year. This charge is a contribution to the cost of running the sessions and is subsidised by the Region. Players are not able to pay on a per session basis.

To make a payment, please pay to the following bank account details as:

ASA South West Dev (ASA SW Dev. ACC)
Lloyd's. 30-90-54
Account 04630314

When paying, please reference the payment in the following format:

WPRA- (B or G for Boys or girls) Name

So (example of payment ref) WPRAB-PNAME

Please ensure that this payment is made by the 23 January 2021

Inter-Regional Competitions and National Academy(s)

We have not currently had any confirmed dates for the 2021 Inter-Regional Competitions from the national body but it is expected that these will occur in the second half of the year.

We have had draft dates for national academy training sessions and ensured these do not currently clash. However, we have been informed that these may change but to ensure we get our pool time we have needed to book and plan the regional sessions now.

If you have any questions regarding the regional training please reply to this email. We will be communicating to clubs also but we would also appreciate it if you could communicate this message with others at your club who may not have attended previously.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you back in the pool in 2021.

If you have any questions, then direct them to me at this email address.

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