

Water Polo Conference

Your Sport – Help Shape the Future

The ASA and British Swimming are holding a free Water Polo Conference entitled “**Your Sport – Help Shape the Future**” on Sunday 6 September.



The aim of the conference is to involve and get input from the water polo community from grass roots to elite level across the Home Countries to identify what is needed to take the sport forward and develop a World Class Talent Development System for water polo.

The three focus areas the conference will look to address through workshops are Clubs, Coaches and Leadership, asking the questions: where are we now?; where do we need to be?; and how can we achieve this?

Guest speakers will include David Sparkes - British Swimming Chief Executive, Adam Sotheran - Junior Development Programme Manager for Diving and Craig Figes - British Gas Men's water polo team captain.

Alan Booth Chairperson of the ASA Technical Water Polo Committee said, “This is the chance the water polo community has been asking for to help shape the sport for the 21st Century - there will never be a better chance to have your say and to make a difference. Everybody who can should be there and should make a contribution.”

Howard Cartwright, British Swimming Water Polo Chair: “After some difficult and disappointing times, there is a great chance for water polo in Britain to take some real steps forward. This is not only in respect of the ambition to ensure that we have two competitive teams in 2012 but also to secure the future of the game at a high and continuously improving level.



“There are some huge hurdles to overcome but with the joint efforts of the many committed volunteers, working in unison with the governing bodies, then now is the opportunity. This conference provides the chance to participate in setting a positive agenda for change. An agenda that recognises and values the work being undertaken in the clubs but also strives to deliver a successful elite programme that enables Britain to be competitive on the world stage. Please come along and contribute your thoughts as to how this ambition can best be achieved”

The conference is being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Birmingham NEC on Sunday 6 September from 10:00am until 3:45pm. Delegates are asked to select one of three workshops to attend; Coaches, Clubs or Leadership.

Full Schedule:

10:00	Registration
10:30	Welcome
10:40	Scene setting
11:00	Diving Presentation
11:30	Workshop Groups (Part 1) 1) Coaches 2) Clubs 3) Leadership
12:30	Feedback Session
13:00	Lunch
13:45	2012 Involvement
14:00	Workshop Groups (Part 2) 1) Coaches 2) Clubs 3) Leadership
15:00	Feedback Session
15:30	Summary
15:45	Depart

If you want to play a part in helping to shape the future of water polo then you must register for the conference by emailing jessica.lovett@swimming.org indicating which workshop you would like to attend.