

Somerset County Artistic Swimming Report AGM

The 2025/2026 season was one of the most successful seasons for many years for Somerset County artistic swimming clubs, Teambath ASC and Taunton ASC. There were some truly incredible achievements with the swimmers taking away a total of more than 40 medals across the season. Considering a total of only 6 competitions were entered, it was a great result.

Swimmers entered the June 2025 Regional Combo, Masters and Novice Figure competition in Cheltenham.

This competition brought further medal success for the county with a total of 12 medals achieved.

In the Figure competition our swimmers received 9 medals in total.

The routine competition started with the Masters technical routines. A Team Bath swimmer came 2nd in the masters solo. Moving on to the Combo routines, it was two 3rd places for the U12 Division 1 team and U15 Division 1 team. The 13-18 Division 2 team came 1st.

The Combo Cup took place in Sheffield in July. Saturday saw Teambath junior swimmers successfully showcasing their routines. The 3 junior squads came 13th out of 24 routines, 8th out of 12 routines and 6th out of 13.

Sunday finished the weekend off with the Masters National Championships showcasing technical routines and combinations. Team Bath was represented by their growing number of Masters swimmers which was a real joy to see. The Teambath masters duet won Gold for their Technical Duet. The combination routine was entered by Teambath's age 40-64 squad, coming 7th. The day was finished off with the technical solos in which one county swimmer swam in the 25-29 category coming 4th and 2 county swimmers competed in the 18-25 category coming 13th and 11th respectively.

Usually, Sheffield means the end to the season but this year we had a bit of an extension with 2 Teambath swimmers flying to Singapore for the Masters World Championships. They competed in 4 competitions achieving personal bests in all of them and were very pleased with their results. (Tech Solo: 18th, & 19th, Free Solo: 15th & 18th, Tech Duet 18th and Free Duet 17th)

October was the highlight of the county year, the Somerset County Competition, taking place at Downside. This year the competition focused on the technical duets that swimmers would need to perform at the competition in Plymouth the month after. It was decided that this approach would give swimmers the best opportunity to practice their routines in a competition setting before entering a regional competition.

A total of 22 swimmers entered the figures competition. There were 15 routine entries, 5 from Taunton and 10 from Teambath, totalling 29 swimmers. The County Junior Trophy went to Ella Cash and County Senior Trophy to Helena Pickrell. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible, the referee, the judges, scorers, organisers and runners.

In November swimmers from both clubs entered the regional duet competition in Plymouth. Our swimmers were well prepared, and we achieved 6 medals.

Due to the success of encouraging swimmers to work on their duets over the summer and having the county competition as a sort of test run this will now be implemented for the coming seasons as well.

During the year many swimmers have been successful at Grade Days and progressed to the next level.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that keep our clubs running, our swimmers swimming. We appreciate the amount of time they all put in. Thank you very much to all of you!

Here's to another successful year to come.