Swimming Competitions Need You!





Have you ever considered becoming an official and volunteering at swimming competitions?

It's well known that officials get the best seats in the house, right next to the action on the poolside! You don't have to pay to watch the competition, you get free start sheets, refreshments and your lunch.

Without officials, competitions wouldn't run and swimmers wouldn't have the opportunity to race. We need more officials to ensure competitions continue to run. We need your help!

Did you know it usually takes only one 2 hour theory session and one session on poolside to become a qualified timekeeper? After another two theory sessions and around eight sessions on poolside you could be a qualified Judge 1.

Did you also know that you can start officiating from 14 years old, as a timekeeper, with experience at events and competitions contributing to your Curriculum Vitae and Personal Statement? This could lead onto other jobs in aquatics, sport development or event management.

Within Northumberland and Durham, there are courses virtually every month and these are free for members of Swim21 clubs. Please email Chris Johnston (ndofficials@gmail.com) for more information. For Yorkshire courses, please email Roger Perrell (roger.perrell@tesco.net) or Sue Prasad (susangg@prasadgg.freeserve.co.uk).

For more information on all courses, please visit

http://asaner.org.uk/swim/index.php/disciplines/swimming2/swimming-officials.

Swimming Technical Officials Pathway



Poolside Qualifications		Judge Level 1 (15 yrs and over)	Judge Level 2 (16 yrs and over)	Judge Level 2S - Starter (16 yrs and over)	Referee (minimum 20 yrs old at 30 November in the year of theory examination)
Level of Competition	Club Inter Club/District	Club Inter Club/District County* Regional* National*	Club Inter Club/District County* Regional* National*	Club Inter Club/District County* Regional* National*	Club Inter Club/District County* Regional* National*
Continual Professional Development	Contemporary Issues (available on-line and face to face course. It part of the Judge 1 course.	as a is also	FINA Rules Update	Disability	Mentoring

Once qualified as a Judge 1, officials have the option to become Licensed. This demonstrates their competence and helps ensure the highest possible standards are achieved and maintained.

*Officials at Level 1 and Level 2 Meets, including County, Regional and National competitions, must have a licence.