

SWIMMING TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The purpose of the committee is to educate, by means of courses, lectures and practical training for the following – Timekeepers, Judges, Starters, Recorders, AOE Operators, and Referees and to assist the SASA in the examination or assessment of these officials. Meet Management for events may be added to the remit.

This is achieved by the following methods:

Club Timekeepers Assessments – Form available from SASA or STO Convenor. The completed form to be sent, along with the appropriate fee, made payable to SASA, to the STO Convenor.

The assessment is usually held on a Club training night the requirements are:

- (i) A maximum of **eight** candidates per assessment
- (ii) A room to conduct a lecture for approximately 45-60 minutes
- (iii) 10 races to take place in adjacent lanes to assess candidate's performance- any length of race will do preferably 50's or 100's.
- (iv) Someone to start the races.
- (v) Notes will be provided for the candidates.
- (vi) Assessor's expenses to be met by the club.

Conversion to SASA Registered Timekeeper – Form available from Assessor or STO Convenor. The completed form to be sent along with the appropriate fee, made payable to SASA, to the STO Convenor. Attend ten sessions of events to obtain certification (five of which must be at Level 3 or above). The event must have a SASA Registered Referee present to qualify and from whom a signature is required.

Examinations for Judges and Recorder take place twice yearly and examinations for Starter in May and Referee in November each year are by application, forms available via club secretary or STO Convenor.

Completed form to be sent along with the appropriate fee to the STO Convenor by 1st March for May exams and by 1st September for November exams.

Examination follows a course/workshop held during the month prior to the exam.

The following rules apply:

- (i) To sit the Judges or Recorder exam you must be a SASA Certified Timekeeper.
- (ii) To sit the Starter Exam you must be a SASA Certified Judge.
- (iii) To sit the Referee Exam you must have passed the Recorder Exam and be a Certified Starter for one year then have one years training prior to sitting the exam.
- (iv) To take the AOE Operators assessment you must be a Certified Timekeeper. (Meet Management for National and District Events must be certified Recorders)

Provision of Swimming Technical Officials at Events

All Swimming Technical Officials should be registered and members of SASA and must wear current SASA Membership badge when officiating at Meets.

Club Timekeepers

Club Timekeepers may only officiate at Level 4 Meets unless they are Members of SASA. Club Timekeepers must be Members of SASA if they wish to officiate more than three (3) times in any year.

The STO Committee is responsible for **inviting Technical Officials to all swimming events** in the District. The STO Secretary writes to invite Technical Officials to events during the following month. **A personal invitation is not necessary.** If you are available please come along your assistance is always appreciated. When participating at a Meet, Clubs should ensure that some of their TO's come along to officiate.

It is mandatory for Clubs to provide TO's when participating in District events.

A Seminar is organised once a year for all Registered Technical Officials to attend – usually at the end of September or beginning of October. This is to allow all TO's to present and discuss points of interest on the poolside and for interpretation on rules etc to be given.

All registered Technical Officials can obtain STO News from the SASA Website or in hard copy from SASA Office in Stirling.