

Volunteers play a major role in sport, swimming is no different. Swimming Bay of Plenty welcomes contribution from all members of our community. Technical officials provide the support and technical information to allow a competition to be held and approved within SNZ competition guidelines. These are essential roles at all levels of the sport: local, regional, national, as well as international, competitions

Timekeeper (TK) As a Timekeeper you are responsible for taking the manual (stop watch) times for the swimmer in your lane. You may also be required to stop the backup (semi-automatic) timing when the swimmer in your lane has finished the race. (There is no national qualification for Timekeeper.)

Inspector of Turns (IOT) An Inspector of Turns ensures swimmers comply with the rules for starts, turns and finishes. The rules differ for each stroke, so Inspectors of Turns need to know the rules for each swimming stroke. Your jurisdiction is from the beginning of the last arm stroke into the wall and ending with the completion of the first armstroke leaving the wall except in breaststroke when it shall be the second armstroke.

Starter The Starter is responsible for giving all swimmers a fair and equal start. The Starter has full control of the swimmers from the time they are handed over to him/her by the Referee.

Judge of Stroke (JOS) Each Judge of Stroke shall ensure that the rules related to the style of swimming designated for the event are being observed and shall observe the turns and the finishes to assist the IOTs. Your jurisdiction is the full length of the pool.

Referee The Referee has full control over all Officials and swimmers. The Referee must enforce all rules and any decisions made regarding the conditions of the race.

AOD Operator The AOD operator is responsible for the electronic timing of the even. This includes the setting up of the timing equipment and ensuring it is ready to run when the swimmers start.

You may practice the technical pathway at club nights but to qualify as a Regional Technical Official all sessions below are to be conducted at Development or Designated swim meets only.

Timekeeper

Criteria:

Minimum age 16

Training

Time-keeping must be done at a Designated Meet. The Tutorial can be done on the day or at a prior training session. To be signed off by a Regional Examiner who is satisfied YOU meet the criteria for the Award

I.O.T (Inspector of Turns)

Criteria:

Minimum age 16 and hold Timekeeper Award

Training

6 Training Sessions (Minimum of 3 Designated Meets)

Sessions 1-2: Mentored/Buddied-up with qualified I.O.T. Observing outside lanes only

Sessions 3-4: Still with mentor/buddy but can make DQ recommendations & write DQ but must be co-signed by mentor (Qualified I.O.T)

Sessions 5-6: Can work alone but closely monitored before being signed off by a Regional Referee, to be completed at a Designated Meet.

Trainee must complete the SNZ Regional IOT Questionnaire (can be done at any stage of IOT pathway)

Award To be signed off by a Regional Examiner who is satisfied YOU meet the criteria for the Award

Starter

Criteria

Minimum age 16 and must have IOT award.

Training

4 Training sessions(Minimum of 2 Designated Meets)

All sessions to be observed closely by regional/national starter or referee.

The Trainee must set up the starter equipment prior to the Swim Meet on their own a minimum of two times

Trainee must complete the SNZ Regional Starter Questionnaire (can be done at any stage of Starter pathway)

Award must be signed off by a Regional Examiner who is satisfied YOU meet the criteria for the Award

J.O.S (Judge of Stroke)

Criteria

Must have regional I.O.T and Starter for a minimum of 6-12 months

Training

4 Training sessions (Minimum 2 Designated Meets)

Sessions 1-2: Buddy-up with qualified J.O.S/Referee as J.O.S 3 or 4 only

Sessions 3 Still buddy-up but as J.O.S 2 only

Sessions 4 At the discretion of the Referee (at the time) trainee may have a position of J.O.S 1 & given a go at the whistle

Trainee may not sign off any races

Trainee must complete the SNZ Regional JOS Questionnaire (can be done at any stage of JOS pathway)

Award must be signed off by a Regional Examiner who is satisfied YOU meet the criteria for the Award

Referee

Criteria

Must have Regional JOS or SNZ IOT and Starter & held them for at least 6-12 months

Training

At least 5 sessions (Minimum of 4 Designated Meets)

Sessions 1-2 Buddy-up with qualified referee at home pool

Session 3 Still buddied-up with qualified referee away from home pool

Session 4 Full control (alone) of swim meet away from home pool but under strict supervision of qualified National Referee

Session 5 Full control of a regional swim meet.

Trainee must complete the SNZ Regional Referee Questionnaire (can be done at any stage of Referee pathway)

Award must be signed off by a Regional Examiner who is satisfied YOU meet the criteria for the Award

AOD Operator

Criteria:

Hold Timekeeper Award

Training

Prior to sitting at a meet with the AOD Operator the Trainee must have assisted with a minimum of two set ups and two pack downs of the AOD equipment.

The Trainee must meet the requirements as set out in the AOD training Manuel.

The Award will be signed off by a SBOP Senior AOD Operator once the operator is deemed fully competent.



Swimming Bay of Plenty Qualification Application For Technical Officials

Applicant's Full Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Home Phone No: _____
 Email: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Club: _____

Qualification Requested

Timekeeper _____
 I.O.T _____
 Starter _____
 J.O.S _____
 Referee _____
 A.O.D.O _____

Swim Meet training session and date

- ❖ To be eligible to sit a Regional qualification the applicant must first be a registered member of Swimming Bay of Plenty.
- ❖ Minimum Age for Exams is 16 Years of age.
- ❖ When the assessment has been completed please hand the form to a member of the Swimming Bay of Plenty Events team or email this form to swimmingbop@gmail.com (SBOP will bill clubs \$10 exam fee)

Office use only

Assessment **Theory:** pass / fail ____/____/____ **Practical:** pass / fail ____/____/____

Comments: _____

Assessor's Signature _____ **Fee Billed** _____

Received by Region administrator ____/____/____ **Registration verified** _____

Badge sent ____/____/____

Entered in database ____/____/____