

Regional Officials' Qualification

Referee



Questions

Pre-requisites for qualification:

Be familiar with –

- SNZ 'Guide for Technical Officials'.
- FINA Rules 2009-2013 SW 1 to 13; FR 2 and 4; GR 5 to 9; BL 8; OWS 1 to 7.
- SNZ Regulations
- FINA DVD

1. Membership

- a) How do you become a member of your Regional Swimming Association?

2. Rules and Regulations

- a) Name the two organisations whose rules and regulations govern the sport in New Zealand?

3. Qualification Entitlement

- a) Which meets can you officiate at as a referee once you are qualified?

4. Responsibilities

- a) As referee, what are your areas of responsibility?

5. Meet Director vs Referee Duties

- a) Describe the Meet Director's areas of responsibility.

6. Pre Session

- a) When should you arrive at the pool?
- b) Who do you report to? Why?
- c) What equipment should you have with you?
- d) Name the other key officials you should liaise with and why?
- e) What checks should you make around the pool?
- f) What meetings should you attend?

7. Start and Finish of Races

- a) What are your duties and responsibilities at the start, and finish, of a race –
- b) How many false starts are permitted?
- c) What happens if a start is false or unfair and who makes the decision?

8. During the Race

- a) Can swimmers swim other strokes in Freestyle events?
- b) A swimmer choosing to swim backstroke in a freestyle event will start where? Can a record be broken? How will the time be recorded?

9. Describe the Stroke Rules for

- a) Freestyle - SW 5
- b) Backstroke – SW 6
- c) Breaststroke – SW 7

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- d) Butterfly – SW 8
- e) Medley events – SW 9
- f) In all strokes when must a swimmer surface following the start of a race and after each turn?

10. Dealing with Swimmer Interference

- a) How can a swimmer who has been interfered with or fouled during a race be compensated?

11. Individual Records During a Relay Event

- a) Can a relay team member break an individual record during a relay event?
- b) Does the record stand if the team is subsequently disqualified?

12. Applying for a Record at an Intermediate Distance in an Individual Event

- a) Can a swimmer request consideration for a record at an intermediate distance during an individual event?

13. Disqualifications

- a) Which officials can recommend a disqualification to you?
- b) What pieces of information would you check on a DQ form?

14. Protests

- a) Describe the procedure involved in dealing with a protest.
- b) What action should you take if a protest is received prior to the start of a race?

15. Team Work

- a) If you are called away from your position to deal with another matter, what should you do before leaving pool deck?

16. Timing Equipment Failures

- a) How are results determined when a/the -
 - I. Electronic pads fail?
 - II. Electronic buttons fail?
 - III. Manual watch fails?

17. Composition of Relay Teams

- a) Is it possible for relay teams to change swimmers between prelims and finals?

18. Information Required During 800m and 1500m Events

- a) Long distance swimmers, 800m and 1500m events, can expect to be given what information during their event?

19. Describe the FINA minimum requirements for the following:

- a) Depth of pool?
- b) Pool lengths?
- c) Lane width?
- d) End wall surface?
- e) Starting platforms?
- f) False start rope?
- g) Backstroke Turn Indicators (flags)?
- h) Pool temperature?

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20. Swimwear and Advertising

- a) What are the rules regarding competitors swimwear and advertising, and what responsibility does the referee have with this matter?

21. Chief Recorder's Duties

- a) What is your relationship with the CRS/Chief Recorder?

22. Programming Errors

- a) Describe what happens when an error in seeding or competition becomes known after the event?

23. Swim Offs

- a) When should a swim-off take place? Who should you confer with?

24. End of Session/Meet Tasks

- a) What are your tasks at the conclusion of a session/meet?

25. Open Water Events

- a) Where would you find rules for Open Water Swimming – OWS?

Remember – Be fair and consistent
It's all about team work