



## SWIMMING NSW OPEN WATER REFEREE ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

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**INTRODUCTION:**

These Guidelines provide a procedure for the assessment of candidates for Referee Open Water Swimming certification.

**POLICY:**

Assessment of Open Water Referees in NSW will be the responsibility of the SNSW Technical Swimming Committee (TSC).

The TSC will arrange for the assessment of Technical Officials who are qualified Referees seeking to gain certification as Open Water Referee through the following process:

1. Technical Officials seeking assessment as OW Referee will have acted in the position of OW Referee at two appointments at approved OW Meets in NSW (Club, Area or State Meets) under a mentor (being a qualified OW Referee).
2. Once Technical Officials have completed point 1 above, then they shall request, through the TSC, to be assessed at the next NSW State Open Water Championships.
3. The TSC shall:
  - a. record suitable requests for assessment;
  - b. arrange for suitable appointments at the SNSW OW State Championships;
  - c. appoint assessors, who are suitably qualified Open Water Swimming Referees with Assessor's certification to carry out the assessments of the candidates seeking certification as OW Referee.