

My Lane – Christine Etter

1. What Club did you start your swimming career? What Club are you with now?

I first began officiating with Auburn Swimming Club and now am a member of Randwick City SC.

2. What was your first TO credential and what year did you attain that credential?

My first TO credential was Timekeeper in 1999.

3. Why did you become an official? Why do you still officiate?

I became an official to help out at Auburn SC Club Nights, which were held every Friday night. These club nights were conducted in a very professional manner and everyone really enjoyed participating. The competitors were most appreciative of the parental support. It was fun! I was then encouraged to sit the Timekeeper exam (so the swimmers' times would be deemed "official") and soon began timekeeping at Castlereagh District Meets.

I still enjoy officiating because of friendships made along the way, both with other TOs, coaches and swimmers. I have always been passionate about sport in general and believe in giving back to the sport that gave my family such wonderful opportunities, both in and out of the pool. I'm also enjoying the TO pathway where you can continually upgrade your skills, in more than one particular area. There is always something to learn!



4. What is the highest credential attained?

The highest credentials I have attained are: Referee Level 2 and Starter Level 2.

5. What is your goal(s)?

I have completed two successful assessments for Level 3 Starter; one in Brisbane during 2017 Australian Age Championships and the second during Australian Short Course Championships in Adelaide, October 2017. I still require two more successful assessments to achieve Level 3 status.

My goal is to achieve this Starter Level 3 status and officiate as Starter at a national competition.

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6. What is the highest-level meet at which you have officiated?

The highest-level meet at which I have officiated is the Australian Open Championships and Selection Trials for 2016 Rio Olympics in Adelaide.

7. With respect to your answer to Question 6, can you please pass on some of the strategies/tips you used to help you achieve your appointment?

Some of the strategies used to help me achieve this appointment, I believe, include:

- participating in NSW TO Pathway program for two consecutive years,
- officiating at the State Teams competition in Canberra (twice),
- supporting as many NSW meets as possible by nominating for a variety of appointments at every opportunity and finally;
- to hone skills at Area and club competitions.