

## News from the **Technical Swimming Committee**

Welcome to the **August 2019** Edition of the Technical Swimming Committee Newsletter.

### **2019 Annual Technical Official Awards Dinner**

The Annual Awards Dinner for Technical Officials was held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at the Novotel Homebush.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

**Technical Official of the Year**

**Open Water TO of the Year**

**Services to Officiating**

**Berry Rickards Encouragement Award**

**ATSC Convenor of the Year**

**Appreciation Award**

Murray Smith

Bill Ford

John Hart

Kayleen Murphy

Dave Cooper

Arthur Murgatroyd



The four award winners present at the Dinner – John Hart, Dave Cooper, Kayleen Murphy and Murray Smith

### **Ask SAM**

Don't forget the SNSW Online "Question and Answer" forum to help you if you have questions about Technical Officiating and training course content. The forum, called "Ask Sam" can be found [HERE](#)

## My Lane – Matthew Neale

### 1. What Club did you start your swimming career?

**What Club are you with now?** I started at Glenbrook in 2004 and am still there

### 2. What was your first TO credential

#### **What year did you attain that credential?**

My first credential was timekeeping in 2005 which most achieve first. Then moved through to Check Starter, Marshall etc.

### 3. Why did you become an official?

#### **Why do you still officiate?**

Like most other officials, I began as a parent after a season of sitting in the sideline looking after the kids then I started helping out at club nights. Glenbrook is a very much a family orientated club and it was an easy process to work through the officiating modules without too much stress. All three of my children were competitive swimmers at some stage with Claudia still competing for the Knox/Pymble club. I am happy to continue to officiate as I enjoy the challenges, opportunities and friendships that officiating brings. It's always good to catch up with people you may not have seen for some time and find out what they have been up to.



### 4. What is the highest credential attained?

Level 2 referee – waiting for my first Level 3 assessment with Swimming Australia

### 5. What is your goal(s)?

My goal is to become a level 3 referee and ultimately a FINA referee.

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

Australian Age Championships

### 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?

Nominate for every swim meet you are available for and don't spit the dummy out if you don't receive the appointment you believe you deserve or are entitled to! Speak with other officials as there are always items of information that you can pick up on and use when officiating in the role you have been given. Listen to what other officials have to say however adopting the "I am always right" attitude can lead to other officials perhaps not freely sharing information and their experiences – be an open book and always be willing to learn. Know the rules and protocols of the position you have been given, concentrate on the task at hand but most of all enjoy the experience and remember we are there for the swimmers to ensure they all have an enjoyable, fair and safe swim meet.

### Technical Official's Forum

Thank you to a large contingent of Officials who attended this year's Annual Technical Officials Forum.

There were a wide range of topics covered including:

- Preparing like a Pro: Goal Setting for your meets: Simon Taufel, International Cricket Umpire of the Year (2004-2008);
- Para Swimming Rules: Carlrine Gillespie, New Zealand Technical Official of the Year, 2018;
- How to Use a Mentor: Philip Jobling, NSW Level 2 referee;
- Ten Points of Self Evaluation: Presented by Ben Ramsden on behalf of Denise Andree-Evarts; and
- State Teams; Jacqui Currey, Level 2 Referee and Former State Teams graduate

An Evaluation Form has been distributed to attendees and copies of some of the presentations are available on the SNSW Website [HERE](#)



*Simon Taufel and Carlrine Gillespie presenting at the 2019 TO Forum*



Many thanks to everyone who attended the Forum.



### 2019 State Teams Meet

Congratulations to the following Technical Officials who have been appointed to the upcoming State Age Teams Meet and TO Workshop, to be held at the AIS, Canberra in September:

- Kayleen Murphy
- Jeff Thompson
- Nick Keith
- Jerome Lagonilla
- Jacki McIntosh and
- Cherry Smith (Mentor)

Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate. However, there were many more nominations received than positions available.

### Next SNSW Meets

Nominations are open for the 2019 Winter Season and 2019/20 Summer Season, which include the following Meets:

To nominate, please click [HERE](#).

Meet	Location	Dates	Closing Date for Nominations
Optus Junior State Age SC Championships	SOPAC	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	11 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
SNSW MC Championships	Ryde	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
LC Qualifying Meet	SOPAC	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	23 September 2019
SNSW Senior Metropolitan Championships	SOPAC	30 <sup>th</sup> November – 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019

### SAL TSC

Congratulations to Ben Ramsden and Bill Ford who were both recently appointed to the Swimming Australia Technical Swimming Committee.

The full committee is:

- Tracy Stockwell, SAL Board Director and TSC Chair
- Erin Collis (Qld)
- Ben Ramsden (NSW)
- Damian Van de Berg (Vic)
- Karen Macleod (Qld)
- Ryan Arblaster (WA)
- Bill Ford (NSW – FINA Rep, Open Water)
- Matthew Kennedy, SAL Chief of Sport

### 2019 Sport NSW Awards

Well done to Faye Lewis, Isaak Wilson and Chris Fydler OAM who were nominated as Finalists at the recent Sport NSW Community Sports Awards. Isaak was nominated for Young Official of the Year; Faye was nominated for Official of the Year; and Chris was nominated for Community Director of the Year.

Congratulations to all three finalists, particularly to Faye who took out the 2019 Valour Sport Community Official of the Year.



*Faye Lewis with Isaak Wilson.*

### Referee Examination Dates

Level 1 Referee exams have been scheduled to coincide with the following meets:

Associated meet	Exam Date	Venue	Exam Start Time	Meet Starts
Senior State Age SC Championships	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	SNSW office – Board Room	9am	Warm up 2:30pm
Junior State Age SC Championships	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	SNSW office – Board Room	Choice of 9:00am or 1:00pm	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
JARS	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	SNSW office – Board Room	Choice of 9:00am or 1:00pm	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October

### 2019 Hancock Prospecting Australian Short Course Championships

Congratulations to the following NSW Officials who have been appointed to the Australian Short Course Championships in October.

Murray Smith  
Nick Keith  
Jerome Lagonilla  
Maree Pavlovec  
Jacqui Currey  
Kaleen Murphy  
Faye Lewis

Peter Shell  
Cherry Smith  
Jeff Thompson  
Pam Weste  
David Cooper  
Phil Jobling  
Matthew Neale

### EOI Mentor for NSW Officials Team to Australian Short Course Championships

As it has done for previous SAL meets, The SNSW TSC once again wishes to appoint a mentor to the upcoming Australian SC Championships as there are a number of first time officials from NSW appointed to the meet. The championships will be held in Melbourne from Thursday 24 October to Saturday 26 October 2019.

The TSC is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitable NSW Officials to act as Mentor to these newer officials.

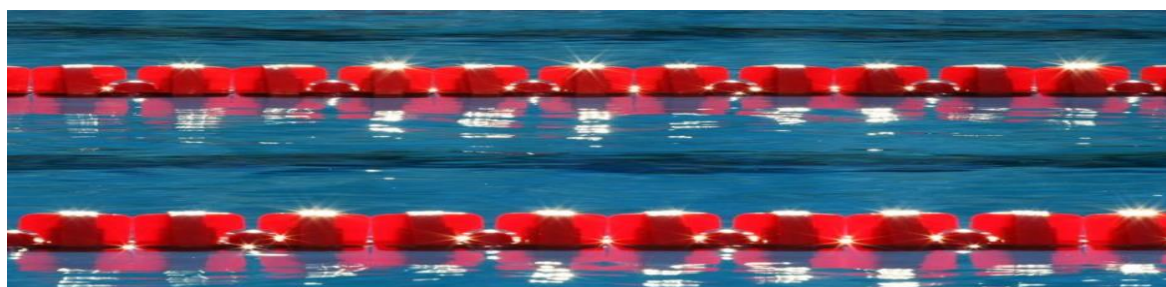
To apply, please email Josh Karp, addressing the following *preferred* criteria:

- Level 3 Referee and/or Starter
- Minimum 5 years' experience at National Level
- Completion of Assessor and/or Mentor course

Please confirm your interest by COB Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Reasonable travel and accommodation costs will be covered.

### Application for Assessments

The TSC recently changed the Application Form for Assessment from Level 1 to Level 2 and Suitability from Level 2 to Level 3. The revised Form and Pathways Document (Pathway to Level 2 and Level 3 Referee and Starter Accreditation) can be found [HERE](#)



### Pacific Games

Our team certainly looked the part at the recent Pacific Games held in Samoa. Well done to Peter Shell, Murray Smith, Phil Jobling and Christine Etter.



Congratulations also to Dave Cooper who officiated at the World University Games in Italy and to Faye Lewis who was appointed to the FINA World Championships in South Korea.

## The QUIZ

### June Quiz Answer

To recap on the June Question - You are JOS 1 and the SNSW Country Short Course Championships. Following the start of the first Heat of the Boys 11 years and under 50m Butterfly, you notice the swimmer in Lane 1 stop and stand on the bottom of the pool to adjust his goggles.

As JOS 1, what do you do?

### Answer

The swimmer in Lane 1 should be reported to the Referee for disqualification –

“SWSW8.1 From the beginning of the first arm stroke after the start and each turn, the body shall be kept on the breast....”

### August Question

The same scenario, same event (50m Butterfly), but this time the Meet is the Country **Long Course** Championships.

As JOS 1, to which Referee do you report the infraction? The Referee at the Start end or the Referee at the Finish end?

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please email Josh Karp:

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