

News from the **Technical Swimming Committee**

Welcome to the **December 2019** Edition of the TSC Newsletter.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Faye Lewis on winning the Swimming Australia Roger Smith Technical Official of the Year Award. Presentations were held at the Museum of Contemporary Arts in Sydney.



Congratulations also to Murray Smith who was recently appointed to the World Para Swimming (WPS) European Championships in Portugal in May 2020.

Well done to both Faye and Murray.

Thank You

A very big thank you to all who have officiated and volunteered at SNSW Meets throughout 2019.

BBQ

A reminder that following the conclusion of the Heats session of Senior State Age on Tuesday 17 December SNSW will be hosting a catered lunch in the Leisure Garden Area (out back of the Café at ground level) to thank Technical Officials for their efforts during the past year. This applies to anyone officiating on the day.

If you have nominated for 17th December and do not plan to attend the BBQ, for catering purposes, could you please advise Josh Karp.

Referee Course

Swimming NSW is calling for applications for its inaugural Referee Course. The aim of the Course is to educate and develop 20 Technical Officials to become Referees by the end of 2020.

The SNSW TSC, with guidance from the Area Technical Swimming Committee Co-ordinators, will select up to 20 Officials to participate in the Referee Course. The Course will commence in January 2020 and will run until November, with the aim to have candidates complete their level 1 Referee Assessment.

The normal Accreditation process will still occur outside of this Course – it is not a requirement to complete this Course to become a Referee.

The Course will be led by a Course Manager who will host either a Webinar or face to face sessions every 6-8 weeks throughout the year with candidates to complete course work between these sessions. The Course will also feature guest presenters on specific topics of expertise, include a detailed curriculum specifically aimed at preparing the candidates to be competent Referees and how to source a mentor.

To be eligible for this Course, candidates must meet the following criteria –

- Swimming NSW Member;
- Valid Working with Children Check;
- Hold four current Technical Official accreditations (in addition to General Principles); and
- While not essential, it is desirable that candidates hold Inspector of Turns and Judge of Stroke accreditation.

To submit your application, please complete the Form [HERE](#) by 5pm Friday 13th December 2019.



Sydney Catholic Schools Child Safe Communities

SNSW has been advised that any official who wishes to officiate at a Sydney Catholic Schools meet must upgrade their WWCC from 'V' (Volunteer) to 'E' (Employed) as well as completing the 20-25 minute online WWCC Accreditation Process which can be found [HERE](#).

Also see the following link for further information:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/16ACtZ4VNA5_3ZMXvv5ltzCKSuOzLOgRSM0xCUyx_96s/e/dit?usp=sharing

Referee Exams

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

Associated meet	Exam Date	Venue	Exam Start Time	Meet Starts
SNSW Senior State Age Championships	Any across the six days	SNSW Office / Boardroom	During session breaks (dependant on session length)	9AM 13 th December, 2019
SNSW Country Regional Championships	Select a date – dependant on Supervisor availability	TBC based on Meet location	Select a time – dependant on Supervisor availability	10AM 25 th January, 2020

More meets will be added further into the Season.

Please email Josh Karp [HERE](#) should you wish to sit the exam.

2019 NSW Senior State Age Championships

Appointments for Big State will be disseminated soon. The TSC would like to provide the following information on the Appointment process for State Senior Age Championships –

- Particularly for key positions at Big State (Referee, Starter, AOE, and Marshal) preference is given to individuals who nominate for both sessions (Heats and Finals) on any given day. This helps to ensure a consistent approach in key roles across both sessions;
- If there are several nominations for a position, the TSC will take into consideration the number of sessions/days for which an individual has nominated;
- From time to time, there can be variations depending on the numbers of Technical Officials who have nominated and individual pathways.

The Swimming Australia TSC now requires that Technical Officials who wish to be assessed for Level 3 suitability for Starter or Referee, need to be assessed over **two** days at Meets with a Heat and Final format.

OSA Championships Fiji

Nominations are now open for the Oceania Swimming Association 2020 XIII Oceania Swimming Championships. The Meet will be held at the Damodar National Aquatic Centre, Suva Fiji from 15-21 June 2020.

Officials must be self-funded. An Expression of Interest must be completed and sent to Swimming Australia by midnight 14 December. The Expression of Interest Form can be found [HERE](#).

Please note that **this event clashes with the 2020 Australian Swimming Championships** in Adelaide commencing 14 June 2020.

Next NSW Meets

Nominations are open for the 2019/20 Summer Season, which include the following Meets. To nominate, please click [HERE](#)

Meet	Location	Dates	Closing Date for Nominations
SNSW Country Regional Championships	Narromine Tuggeranong Woy Woy	25-26 January 2020	6 January 2020
SNSW Country Championships	SOPAC	21-23 February 2020	26 January 2020
SNSW Speedo Sprint Series Finals	SOPAC	29 February 2020	3 February 2020
SNSW Multiclass Meet #1	SOPAC	1 March 2020	4 February 2020
SNSW Junior Metropolitan Championships	SOPAC	7-8 March 2020	10 February 2020

Swimming Australia Rule Changes

The Board of Swimming Australia recently approved changes to the following governing documents:

- Swimming Rules
- By-Laws for the conduct of Australian Swimming Events
- Facilities Rules

Changes to the Swimming Australia Rules covers areas such as Management of Competitions, Impaired Swimmers and Records.

Of note in the changes to the By-Laws are changes to swimsuit guidelines which allows for Women's swimsuits to extend below the groin.

Swimming Australia Facilities Rules now directly reflect the FINA Facilities Rules –

- Dive Entry for Competitive Swimming Policy
- Swimming Australia use of Backstroke Ledges memorandum

The revised documents can be found under Guidelines, Policies and Protocols [HERE](#).

SAL Nominations

Nominations are open for the 2020 Hancock Prospecting Australian Club Championships to be held in Western Australia in April 2020. Nominations close Thursday 19th December 2010.

Nominate [HERE](#).

2020 Australian Open Water Championships

Several NSW Officials have been appointed to the 2020 Australian Open Water Championships to be held in Adelaide in January next year. Congratulations to:

- Dave Cooper
- Brian Hosford
- Christine Martin
- Brett Patrick
- Sue Worthington
- Bill Ford
- Phil Jobling
- Kayleen Murphy
- John Rohloff

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](#).



Merry Christmas to all Technical Officials

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please email Josh Karp:
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Swimming New South Wales Technical Swimming Committee

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