

News from the **Technical Swimming Committee**

Welcome to the **February** Edition of the Technical Swimming Committee Newsletter.

Correction

The December Newsletter listed a number of NSW Technical Officials were appointed to international events and to the Australian Short Course Championships. Unfortunately two Technical Officials were omitted from the published list –

Jann Fathers	2016 Junior Pan Pacific Championships, Maui; and
Ann Pilkie	2016 Australian Short Course Championships.

Apologies to both Jann and Ann and congratulations on your appointments.

Technical Official Online Training Dashboard

As you are aware, a number of the Technical Official courses are now available online. It is very pleasing to see the high number of candidates undertake the various courses over a relatively short period of time. There have also been a number of registrations from interstate and overseas –

COURSE	REGISTRATIONS	PASSES
Timekeeper and Chief Timekeeper	613	470
Inspector of Turns	136	83
Marshal and Check Starter	110	82
Judge of Stroke	46	29

The online modules are available [HERE](#) or at <https://nswtraining.swimming.org.au/>

The TSC welcomes your feedback and, as usual, all modules will be reviewed regularly to ensure consistency with the latest Rules.

Feedback can be directed to “Ask Sam” at <https://nswtraining.swimming.org.au/answers/> or to Josh Karp, josh.karp@nsw.swimming.org.au

Online Gaming Course

Swimming Australia has asked each state to remind Technical Officials of the requirement to complete the Match Fixing on line Course.

The SNSW Technical Committee has agreed that all Level 2 candidates for Referee and Starter are to send a copy of the Certificate of Completion of this course to the SNSW Office prior to the candidate undertaking a Level 2 practical assessment.

There is no cost involved in this course.

The course can be found [HERE](#) or at <http://elerning.sport.gov.au/>

Technical Official Survey

In early January, SNSW released a Technical Official Survey. The short survey, which consists of 19 Questions, closes on 24 February 2017.

Completion of the survey will give the TSC a valuable insight into the needs of Technical Officials, and how the TSC may be better placed to support NSW Technical Officials. As well, completion of the survey will place you into a draw to win one of 3 Swimming NSW Technical Official's jackets, normally priced at \$65.

The survey is available [HERE](#)

2017 Technical Official Development Programme

The TSC will again run activities at the State Development Meets incorporating Rule updates, operational information sessions and mentor assisted practical on-deck participation.

Information and Expression of Interest Forms for the 2017 Technical Official Development Programme are available on the SNSW website. The documents can be found under "Officials/Volunteers" tab or by clicking [HERE](#)

There are three opportunities to attend the programmes –

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| 1. Senior & Junior Target Squad | 29th-30th July 2017 | Venue TBC |
| 2. National A Squad | 23rd-24th September 2017 | Venue TBC |
| 3. Achiever Squad | 7th October 2017 | SOPAC |

These meets are a fantastic development opportunity.

Country Regional Meets

The NSW Country Regional Meets were held in Charlestown, Wellington and Unanderra on 28th and 29th January 2017. Numerous assessments were carried out and from all reports the three meets ran extremely well. Thank you to all Officials involved and for making the TSC representatives feel most welcome.

Thank You

Many thanks also to all who officiated at the recent SNSW Open and Age Open Water Championships, 10U-12 Years State Championships, and the 13-18 Years State Age Championships.

Next NSW Meets

Nominations are open for the following NSW Meets –

Meet	Location	Dates	Closing Date for Nominations
SNSW National Prep Meet	SOPAC	11 th March 2017	15 th February 2017
SNSW Speedo Finals	SOPAC	12 th March 2017	15 th February 2017
SNSW MC Meet #1	Blacktown Aquatic	18 th March 2017	23 rd February 2017
SNSW MC Meet #2	SOPAC	3 RD June 2017	11 th May 2017

SNSW Summer Meet Series

The TSC would like to remind Technical Officials of the Rule in relation to Marshalling and requests that Marshals and Referees in particular, follow the Marshalling Procedure as detailed in GR9.1.1, “Any swimmer who fails to **report to the Marshal** at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled time for the start of the session on that day if entered in the first or second events, or at the time of the start of an event at least two events prior to the event in which they are entered shall be deemed to be withdrawn.”

Any swimmer reporting late, must be taken to the Referee. The procedure for the Summer Series is attached at Appendix 1 of this newsletter. This will ensure fairness to all swimmers and coaches across the Summer Series.

Where a swimmer has difficulty in reporting to the Marshal by the required time, it is recommended that their representative report to the Marshal on their behalf prior to the event closing.

Additionally, the TSC has received feedback from a number of candidates who have recently undertaken the Level 1 Referee written examination in relation to a question on taping. The TSC has developed a Guideline for Technical Officials which is also attached at Appendix 1.

SAL Values

During a recent strategic planning session, and following consultation with the States, SAL agreed to a set of Values to which all Technical Officials should aspire and adhere. These values are –

- Integrity
- Committing to what we say we will do

- Value diversity of opinion
- Encourage curiosity and personal growth
- Sharing ideas
- Delivering a quality experience.

The QUIZ

December Quiz Answer

To recap on the previous Quiz Question - You are the **Referee** for the Men's Events for the NSW Country Long Course Championships.

The first heat of the Men's 15 years 200IM has just turned at the 50m mark, and as you scan the turn IOTs you notice the IOT in Lane 3 signal to her Chief IOT and start to make her way towards you. The IOT advises you that the swimmer in Lane 3 did not touch with both hands simultaneously at the completion of the Butterfly section. You do not ask any further questions and you accept her report.

While you are handing the Infraction card to the turn IOT you notice that the IOT for Lane 3 from the start end is approaching you. The IOT reports that the swimmer in Lane 3 was completely submerged at the completion of the Backstroke Section

You accepted both reports and advised the Control Room Supervisor to staple both reports together and advise the Announcer to only read the first report, i.e., the Infraction from the Turn IOT – “The swimmer in Lane 3 did not touch the wall with both hands simultaneously at the completion of the Butterfly section”. The Event has now concluded and you are sitting with your Starter during the Women's IM heats. Not long after the DQ is announced, the swimmer's coach approaches you and inquires as the reasons why the swimmer in Lane 3 was disqualified. You move off pool deck with the coach and explain that the swimmer did not touch the wall with both hands simultaneously at the end the Butterfly Section. The coach argues that the swimmer did touch correctly and says that he has a video of the race. You agree to look at the video and it is clear on reviewing the footage that the swimmer **did touch simultaneously** with both hands at the completion of the Butterfly section.

You then advised the Control Room Supervisor that you have reinstated the swimmer and request that the swimmer's times be uploaded into the AOE and Meet Manager.

The December Quiz answers

1. Can you use the second infraction report to disqualify the swimmer?

Answer

No you cannot use the second infraction as the reason for the disqualification has been announced

2. When the Turn IOT reported the infraction to the Referee, the Referee "... (did) not ask any further questions." What questions could the Referee have asked the Turn IOT in relation to the touch at the completion of the Butterfly section?

Answer

The Referee could ask the IOT –

- Which hand touched first?
- How far away was the lagging hand?
- Are you 100% of what you observed?

The February Quiz question

This Question has been adapted from a recent inquiry to "Ask Sam"

You are working as an Inspector of Turns at your local Area Championships. In a heat of the Men's Open 100 Breaststroke the swimmer in your lane realises that he's misjudged the distance to the wall and just after completing an arm stroke he does another very small arm stroke to touch the wall without executing a leg kick.

As the IT, what do you do?

Happy New Year to all.

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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APPENDIX 1

Marshalling for the 2016/17 State Summer Series

To ensure consistency in Marshalling during the Summer Series, the TSC has requested Referees ensure that Marshals follow the Swimming NSW Rules when closing events.

With the exception of 800m and 1500m events all events will be -

- Closed at the start of the first heat, two events prior to the event. Ensure that you have called the swimmer(s) three times and that the Marshal Sheet has been marked with “three dots”.
- When closed, the last heat sheet is to be marked accordingly with the time, the heat and event number of the event that is in the water and the scoreboard time. The Marshal should also initial the sheet.
- All swimmers reporting after that time will be taken to the Referee.
- In all cases where a swimmer has reported late for an event including when an event has been amalgamated or reseeded, the Referee will not allow swimmers to compete in that event.

Taping

The following uses of tape are **generally permitted** in competition and **advanced notification to the Referee is recommended**:

1. Wound protection and closure.
 - Band-Aids, dressings, “Butterfly” type, etc. are normally permitted **with no advanced notification to the Referee**.
 - When the tape to hold a dressing in place completely circles a major limb **or** the dressing is exceptionally large in size **advanced notification to the Referee is recommended**.
2. Taping of no more than two (2) injured fingers or toes together.
3. Tape to secure medical alert bracelets and pendants, religious objects, etc.

4. Tape to secure medical devices such as insulin pumps, ostomy bags, etc.
5. In all other cases including Kinesio Taping, Elastic Therapeutic Tape, taping intended to provide compression or support to muscles, ligaments, tendons or joints (except as stated above), **the swimmer must provide a medical certificate**. The certificate must be signed by a Medical Practitioner or Physiotherapist indicating credentials of the medical practitioner.
6. Casts supporting a broken bone or other injury, whether fibre glass, plastic or plaster, are **not permitted in competition** – irrespective of whether a Medical Practitioner’s note has been presented.