

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

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

### **TSC Awards Dinner and Annual Forum**

The 2017 Annual Technical Officials Awards Dinner will be held on 22 July with the Annual TO Forum being held on 23 July.

The Awards Dinner is being held at the Marriott Courtyard, North Ryde, while the Pullman at Homebush will host the Forum.

Invitations to the Dinner have been distributed. Please RSVP by 13 July 2017.

Forum topics include –

- TO Olympic Experience
- Protests
- SAL Behaviour Policy
- Rules Revision
- IPC
- NSW Appointments Policy
- Check Starting
- Themes from Nationals

Invitations and further information on the Forum will be distributed soon.

### **Australian Open and Age**

It was very pleasing to see a large contingent of NSW Officials appointed to the Australian Open and the Australian Age and Multi-Class Championships in Brisbane recently. Congratulations to

Cherry Smith (Referee)	Jacqueline Currey	Brett Patrick
Peter Shell	David Cooksley	John Williams
Nick Keith	Sue Worthington	Ken Jones (Referee)
Chris Hayes	Rob Alford	Faye Lewis (Referee)
Christine Etter (Starter)	Phil Jobling (Referee)	David Cooper (Starter)
Maree Pavolvec	Faye Rowles	Alan Walsh
John Hart (Referee)	Pam Weste (Starter)	Karen Walsh
Neil Rogers	Mary Carty	John Rohloff
Jann Fathers (Assessor)		

### **TO Survey**

Thank you once again to everyone who completed the recent Technical Official Survey, particularly those who took the time to add additional comments. The TSC is currently putting together a strategy to address and implement a number of the common themes contained within the written responses.

One constant theme in the responses to the Question on the Newsletter was a request to include a “Technical Official Story” in each edition. Therefore, the TSC has agreed to add a TO story – “My Lane”, in each Newsletter. Thank you to John Skene, OAM, for agreeing to provide the first story.

## My Lane – John Skene OAM

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

#### What Club are you with now?

I was never a swimmer! I joined the Canberra Amateur Swimming Club in October 1974 as a Parent of swimmers and have been a member of that club ever since.

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

My first credential was Starter and Check Starter, which I obtained in June 1979.

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

I became an official firstly to ensure that the swimming club had an accredited Starter for its Club nights, which at that time were held every week.



I enjoyed the experience and was persuaded to continue to get my other credentials so that the club had a qualified Referee. I continue to officiate for two reasons – I still love doing it and enjoy the camaraderie that I have built up with many other Technical Officials over the many years. In addition, I recognise the need for qualified officials to be available to work at local swim meets to help swimmers achieve their goals, particularly those seeking to get to the top in their chosen sport.

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

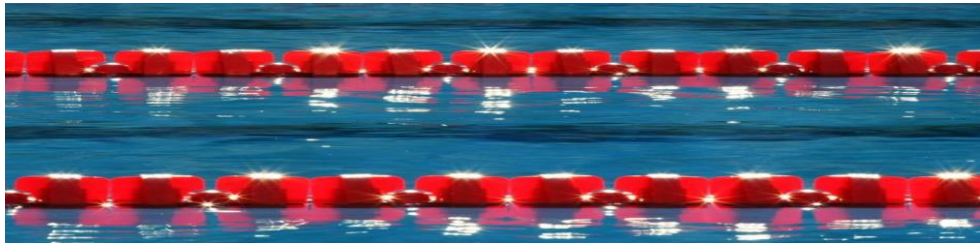
My highest credential is Referee Level 2

### 5. What are your goals?

When I first started out I had no real goals other than to help out at local meets. When the AIS started up in 1981 there were occasions when we, as Technical Officials, were called upon to assist at meets, which they organised for the swimmers in their program. This gave me a taste for officiating at a higher level. I am now in the twilight of my “career” as a Technical Official and simply aim at passing on my knowledge and experiences to new Officials who are joining our ranks for as long as I am able to do so.

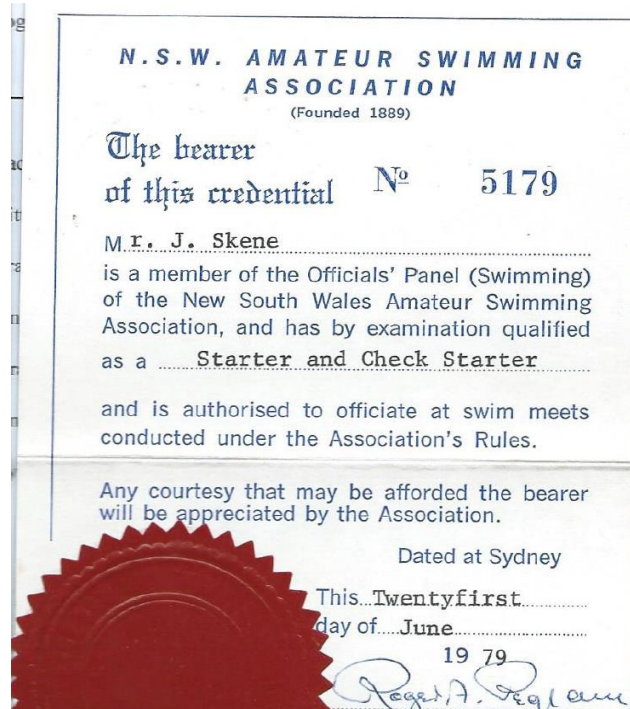
### 6. What is the highest level meet at which you have officiated?

I was the lead Referee for the selection trials for the 2006 IPC World Championships. I was also a Referee at the 2011 Australian Age Multi-Class Championships and was Technical Director and Referee at the Pacific School Games held in Canberra in 2008.



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?

- Keep up to date with any rule changes
- When working at meets observe and learn from those officials working in key positions – establish a “buddy” relationship with someone with whom you can relate and learn from that person.
- Do not be frightened to ask questions of experienced officials – why did they make a certain decision which, may be unclear to you.
- Do not be disappointed if you do not get an appointment or the appointments that you get are not the ones you put in for.



Thank you to those who completed the Expression of Interest for the 2017 State Team Short Course Meet and Technical Official Workshop. The TSC has forwarded its recommendations to SAL and the successful candidates will be advised soon.

### **SAL TSC**

Congratulations to John Hart who has been appointed to the role of Secretary to the SAL TSC. Well done, John.

### **SNSW Technical Manager**

The SNSW Board recently approved a TSC proposal to replace the Meet Director with a Technical Manager at SNSW Meets.

The TSC views this position as another important pathway for Technical Officials. A Position Description, based on the SAL Technical Manager position, has been developed and can be found [HERE](#).

The first Technical Manager will be appointed to the upcoming Country SC Championships.

### **Quick Reference Rule Infraction Card**

The Quick Reference Infraction Card has been updated to incorporate SAL directions during National Open and Age held in April. The updated Quick Reference Card is attached to this edition of the Newsletter (with changes highlighted in yellow) or a clean copy can be found [HERE](#).

### **SNSW Technical Official Facebook Page**

In response to the recent Survey, SNSW has created a Facebook group page exclusively for all SNSW Officials. The name of the group is *The Official Swimming NSW Technical Official's Group* and has been established as way for Officials to mix and share information.

Sam, from "Ask Sam" will moderate the group and will post information and answer questions. Items from the Newsletter including the Quiz will also appear on the TO page. It is hoped that by posting the Quiz questions and answers, this may generate some debate.

This is a closed group, only available to SNSW Officials, and therefore people wishing to join will need to be approved by staff at the SNSW Office.

The Facebook page is not intended to replace current forms of communication such as the website, emails and newsletters but rather as an avenue to enhance communication and stimulate conversation.

### **IPC Technical Officials Online Training**

An online Technical Official training package for Multi Class swimming is available through the IPC link [HERE](#). Please be aware that there is a cost to undertake this training.

### FINA Open Water Swimming School

FINA will be conducting an Open Water Swimming School from 2nd to 3<sup>rd</sup> July in Male, Maldives. Anyone wishing to nominate should contact Sarah Armstrong, Club Development Manager at Swimming Australia Limited as nominations will have to be verified by the SAL TSC. Sarah's address is: [Sarah.Armstrong@swimming.org.au](mailto:Sarah.Armstrong@swimming.org.au)

Technical Officials wishing to attend will have to do so at their own cost. Nominations close on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and further information can be found [HERE](#).

### 2017 Technical Official Development Programme

Thank you to those who have nominated for this year's Development Programme. Squad participant allocation is being finalised with nearly 60 Technical Officials applying.

The venues for the 2017 sessions are:

1. Target Squad Meet 29-30 July - The Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy.
2. National A Meet 23-24 September- Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre, Bexley.
3. Achiever Squad Meet 7 October - SOPAC

### Technical Officials Officiating Overseas

The TSC understands that some Technical Officials officiating overseas have no way of proving their qualifications to the organising body.

In future, Officials planning to nominate for meets Overseas, should contact Josh Karp and request a letter, on NSW Letterhead, which will detail the nominee's current accreditations. Josh can be contacted at: [josh.karp@nsw.swimming.org.au](mailto:josh.karp@nsw.swimming.org.au)

### Next NSW Meets

Nominations are open for the following NSW Meets. Note that the closing dates for most the meets have been extended from the dates originally advertised as feedback received by the TSC has indicated a strong desire to match the TO closing dates with the closing date for entries. To nominate, click [HERE](#).

Meet	Location	Dates	Closing Date for Nominations
NSW Country SC Championships	SOPAC	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2017	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
NSW Metropolitan SC Championships	SOPAC	14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
NSW MC Meet #3	Ryde Aquatic	5 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
NSW State Age 13 & over SC Championships	SOPAC	25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
NSW State Age 12 & Under SC Championships	SOPAC	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	29 <sup>th</sup> August 2017

### Pat Troy

The TSC is pleased to report that Pat Troy is now back at home recuperating after a fairly long stint in hospital. Pat, we wish you a very speedy recovery and hope it is not too long before we see you back on pool deck.

### Ask SAM

Don't forget the NSW 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](#) or at - <https://nswtraining.swimming.org.au/answers/>

### NOAP Level 1 Referee Exams

Additional Referee Examinations have been scheduled to coincide with upcoming NSW Meets and will be held at the NSW Office. Click [HERE](#) for the Application Form - scroll to the *Higher-level Accreditation documents* heading.

- Friday 30 June at 10.00AM (Country SC);
- Friday 14 July at 9.00AM (Metro SC);
- Friday 25 August at 9.00AM (Big Age SC); and
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00AM (Little Age SC).

Country candidates who are unable to travel to Sydney to sit their examination may arrange a suitable time to undertake their exam during a visit to their Area by their TSC Buddy.

## The QUIZ

### April Quiz Answer

To recap on the April question – “You are the Women’s Referee for the NSW Metropolitan Championships. During the first heat of the Women’s 16 years and over 200m Individual Medley you notice a Judge of Stroke approaching. As they begin their report a second Judge of Stroke appears and interrupts saying: “You’re not going to accept that report, are you?” What do you do?”

### Answer

As Referee should advise the two Judges of Stroke that you are prepared to listen to them both. You should ask the first JOS for their report and then ask the second JOS if he/she has an infraction to report. If they do, the Referee should listen to their report as well.

### The June Quiz question

Following on from the May question: both Judges of Stoke have provided their reports to you as the Referee. However, there is a contradiction between the two reports. As Referee, what do you do?

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please email Josh Karp:  
[josh.karp@nsw.swimming.org.au](mailto:josh.karp@nsw.swimming.org.au)

**Swimming New South Wales Technical Swimming Committee**

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<b>Swimming NSW Quick Reference Rule Infraction Card</b>	
<b>START</b>	
Intentionally delaying the start	SW 2.3.2
Wilful disobedience	SW 2.3.2
Misconduct at the start	SW 2.3.2
Started before the starting signal	SW 4.3
<b>FREESTYLE</b>	
Did not touch the wall at the completion of each length and at the finish	SW 5.2
Head did not break the surface <b>of the water</b> at or before 15 metre mark after the start or turn	SW 5.3
<b>Totally submerged &lt;prior to&gt; or &lt;during every stroke cycle&gt; at the &lt; &gt;</b>	SW 5.3
<b>BACKSTROKE</b>	
<b>Totally submerged &lt;prior to&gt; or &lt;during every stroke cycle&gt; at the &lt; &gt;</b>	SW 6.4
Head did not break the surface <b>of the water</b> at or before 15 metre mark after the start or turn	SW 6.4
Completely submerged <at> <b>or &lt;prior&gt;</b> to the finish	SW 6.4
<b>Did not immediately initiate the turn whilst off the back</b>	SW 6.5
Arm pull whilst off the back did not initiate the turn	SW 6.5
Executed more than one arm pull whilst off the back to initiate the turn.	SW 6.5
Did not touch the wall during the turn	SW 6.5
Not on the back upon leaving the wall	SW 6.5
Left the position on the back at or prior to the finish	SW 6.6
<b>BUTTERFLY</b>	
Body not on the breast upon leaving the wall	
Arms not brought forward simultaneously over the water	
Arms not brought backward simultaneously under the water throughout the race	
Movement of the legs and feet not simultaneous	SW 8.1
Alternating movement of legs or feet	SW 8.2
Executed breaststroke kick	SW 8.2
<b>Did not touch the wall with both hands at the turn/finish</b>	SW 8.3
<b>Did not touch the wall with both hands simultaneously at the turn/finish</b>	SW 8.3

Did not touch the wall with both hands separated at the turn/finish	SW 8.3
Head did not break the surface of the water at or before 15 metre mark after the start or turn	SW 8.4
Totally submerged <prior to> or <during every stroke cycle> at the < >	SW 8.4
<b>BREASTSTROKE</b>	SW 8.4
Executed more than one butterfly kick after the start/turn	SW 8.5
Body not on the breast	SW 8.5
Incorrect stroke cycle (not one arm stroke followed by one leg kick, in that order)	
Arm movements not simultaneous (or alternating movement)	SW 7.1
Arm movements not on the same horizontal plane	SW 7.2
Hands not pushed forward together from the breast	SW 7.2
Hands brought back beyond the hip line	SW 7.2
Elbows not under the water	SW 7.2
Head did not break surface of the water during each complete stroke cycle	SW 7.3
Leg movements not simultaneous (or alternating movement)	SW 7.3
Leg movements not on the same horizontal plane	SW 7.3
Head did not break the surface of the water before the hands turned inward at the widest part of the second stroke after start or turn	SW 7.4
Feet not turned outwards during the propulsive part of the kick	SW 7.4
Executed a downward butterfly kick	SW 7.4
Alternating kick	SW 7.4
Did not touch the wall with both hands at the turn/finish	SW 7.5
Did not touch the wall with both hands simultaneously at the turn/finish	SW 7.5
Did not touch the wall with both hands separated at the turn/finish	SW 7.5
<b>MEDLEY</b>	SW 7.6
Swimming Butterfly /Backstroke/ Breaststroke in freestyle section at or after the start or turn	SW 7.6
Swimming more than ¼ of the race in the style of Butterfly /Backstroke/ Breaststroke	
Incorrect Individual Medley stroke order	
Incorrect Medley Relay stroke order	SW 5.1
Finish of each section not in accordance with the rules for the particular stroke (see stroke rules)	SW9.1



<b>THE RACE</b>	SW 9.2
Did not cover the whole distance of the race	SW 9.3
Did not remain and finish in the same lane as started	
Did not make physical contact with the end of the pool when executing the turn	
Took a stride or step from the bottom of the pool.	SW 10.1
The swimmer walked along the bottom of the pool	SW 10.2
Pulled on the lane rope	SW 10.3
Obstructed another swimmer by swimming across another lane or otherwise interfering	SW 10.3
Used or wore a speed/buoyancy/endurance aid	SW 10.4
Tape on the body is not approved by the Referee	SW 10.5
Swimmer not entered in a race entered the water before all swimmers therein had completed the race	SW 10.6
Mixed relay did not consist of 2 males and 2 females	SW 10.7
Swimmer # feet lost touch with starting platform before preceding team-mate touched the wall	SW 10.7
Team member entered the water before all swimmers of all teams had finished the race	SW 10.8
Team member swam more than once in the relay team	SW 10.9
Relay team did not swim in the order listed	SW 10.10
Swimmer did not leave the pool at the end of their section of the relay	SW 10.11
Obstructed a swimmer who has not yet finished their race	SW 10.12
The swimmer used pace-making	SW 10.12