

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

Welcome to the **June 2018** Edition of the Technical Swimming Committee Newsletter.

### **Vale**

It is with considerable sadness that the TSC advises the passing of Josephine Currell on 28 May 2018. Jo was a well-known official both within NSW and overseas, having officiated at both Olympic and Commonwealth Games level.

Jo was a Life Member of several clubs and areas, including Wentworthville RSL, Cumberland District and AquaBlitz Toongabbie.

The TSC wishes to pass on its sincere condolences to Jo's family and many friends.

### **Working with Children Check**

It is a SNSW requirement that all Technical Officials hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC).

The first wave of Working with Children Checks will start to expire this month. Therefore, it is timely to remind Officials to check the expiry dates and renew their WWCC if necessary. Renewals can be made through the Office of the Children's Guardian, which can be found [HERE](#). Remember that these checks are free for volunteers.

### **Invictus Games**

Thank you to everyone who nominated for the 2018 Invictus Games. There was an overwhelming response from Technical Officials.

With the limitations imposed by Invictus, such as no Timekeepers, and presentation and announcing duties to be carried out by the organisers, this limited the number of Officials who could be appointed to the Meet. Unfortunately, this meant that less than half of all nominating officials were able to receive an appointment.

Representatives from the Invictus Games Foundation have recently contacted the appointed Officials in relation to uniform sizing and any other relevant matters before the event commences.

### **For the Diary**

Please note the following in your diary:

- An ATSCC Convenor's Workshop will be held at Dooley's Silverwater on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July commencing at midday.
- 2018 Annual Technical Officials Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July;
- The Annual Technical Officials Forum will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July at the Dooley's Silverwater, commencing at 9.30 am. Topics include –
  - Impact of Officiating on Officials and Methods of Recovery;
  - Nutrition for High Performance Officiating;
  - Officiating from of swimmer's perspective (guest speaker Matt Abood – former National Champion);
  - Protest and Jury of Appeal – a Commonwealth Games Case Study; and
  - Rules discussion

## My Lane – Faye Lewis

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

I joined Blacktown City Swimming Club in 2001/2002 when my children joined the swim club and am now a life member. I go to Club Night most Friday nights to officiate.

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

My first credential was time keeper which I obtained in 2003.

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

I became an official to support the club as they required help at club night and I didn't like sitting in the stands all day. I was fortunate at that time to have an experienced official in the club that encouraged me to develop as an official. We would sit together early Saturday mornings to do the theory, in preparation for exams. There were plenty of opportunities to practice skills in a supportive environment. I officiate now as I enjoy officiating at all levels from grass root to international meets. I have developed some great friendships over the years. It took a lot of hard work to develop the skills I need to officiate and to get to the level I am at and I wanted to continue to use these skills. I now enjoy mentoring and training other officials having the opportunity to share my learning.

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

I am a level 3 referee and have been fortunate to be currently be on the FINA list as a referee.



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

When I first started officiating my goal was to become a referee to help out the club. My referee training was conducted by a FINA level referee who encouraged me to attend state and national meets. I had some success at State Level getting good assessments being encouraged by assessors to continue on my journey. In 2011 I was fortunate enough to be on the NOSP (National Officiating Scholarship Program) and the goals I set then were to gain Level 3 accreditation, become a FINA level referee and gain an appointment to the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. I have achieved all this and more. My goal now is to continue to improve my skills and to coach and mentor other officials.

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

I have refereed at the Pan Pacific Games on the Gold Coast, the World Cup in Japan and Open National Championships. I officiated at the Junior World Championships in Singapore, and more recently at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.

### 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?

My advice to others is to find a mentor and a good group of friends to officiate with, it makes the experience more enjoyable. Make connections with people that can support you in your pathway.

Have a thorough knowledge of the Rules and refresh and keep up to date regularly.

Be open to learn. Take as many opportunities as you can to officiate, ask lots of questions, learn from others. Every opportunity no matter the position you are appointed in is an opportunity to learn and watch others officiate. Ask questions about what you observe and why decisions were made.

Attend the SAL and State provided training and development opportunities.

Make sure you have the support of your family as it can be time consuming.



### 2018 Pan Pac Trials

Congratulations to the following NSW Technical Officials who have been appointed to the 2018 Pan Pac Championship Trials:

- Dave Cooper
- Jacqui Currey
- Christine Etter
- John Hart
- Chris Hayes
- Nick Keith
- Brett Patrick
- Cherry Smith
- Karen Walsh
- John Williams

### FINA Technical Official's Clinic

FINA will be conducting a Swimming Clinic for Technical Officials during the Oceania Swimming Championships. The Clinic will be held in Port Moresby from 22<sup>nd</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

The Clinic is relevant to all Pool FINA Referees and Starters, Level 3 referees and Starters and those on the journey to Level 3 Referee and Starter.

### Next SNSW Meets

Nominations are open for the 2018 Winter Season, which include the following Meets -

Meet	Location	Dates	Closing Date for Nominations
2018 NSW Country SC Championships	SOPAC	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
2018 NSW Metro SC Championships	SOPAC	20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
2018 NSW MC Meet #3	Ryde Aquatic Centre	11 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018
2018 SNSW 13&Over SC Championships	SOPAC	24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
2018 SNSW 12&Under SC Championships *	SOPAC	8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> September	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2014

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

\* **Please note:** The 2018 SNSW 12 & Under State SC Championships is a Development Meet (National A Squad) and forms part of the Technical Official Development Programme. Therefore, some of the Appointments will be made with consideration to those on the Development Pathway.

### 2018 Technical Official Development Programme

Expression of Interest Forms have been distributed to Technical Officials as dates and locations have now been confirmed. The National A Meet has now been incorporated into an existing programmed meet -

1. Target Squad Meet 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August – Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy
2. National A Squad Meet 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September (Little State) - SOPAC.
3. Achievers Squad Meet 13<sup>th</sup> October – SOPAC

### SNSW TSC

The SNSW CEO recently announced appointments to the TSC for 2018. Members of the Committee are Bill Ford, Graeme Field, John Hart, Faye Lewis, John Rohloff and John Williams. It is a delight to welcome back Faye Lewis to the Technical Swimming Committee, as she brings with her a wealth of experience.

### Commonwealth Games

Well done to our SNSW Technical Officials who officiated at the recent Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast -

Cherry Smith (Referee)  
Ken Jones  
Jann Fathers  
Neil Rogers

Nick Keith  
Faye Lewis  
John Rohloff  
Pam Weste

John Hart  
Phil Jobling  
David Cooper  
Liz Avery





## The QUIZ

### April Quiz Answer

To recap – You have been appointed to Referee Session 2 of the SNSW Metro Long Course Championships. During the second heat of the Women’s 800m Freestyle the IoT assigned to Lane 9 at the Turn End has reported to you that as the swimmer in Lane 9 was about to turn at the 150m mark, an adult male (who you find out to be the swimmer’s father) hands the swimmer in your lane a pair of goggles.

The IoT advises that, after receiving the replacement goggles, the swimmer touched the wall at the 150M mark (SW5.2 – “Some part of the swimmer must touch the wall upon completion of each length...”) and did not take a step (SW10.4 – “Standing on the bottom during freestyle events.....shall not disqualify a swimmer, but he shall not walk”).

As Referee, it would be unreasonable to disqualify the swimmer as she has not done anything wrong. The swimmer has touched the wall at the 150M mark and has not taken a stride. Furthermore, on further questioning you understand that she did not pull on the lane rope (SW 10.5 “Pulling on the lane rope is not allowed”) or become completely submerged whilst receiving the new goggles (SW5.3 “Some part of the swimmer must break the surface of the water throughout the race, except it shall be permissible for the swimmer to be completely submerged during the turn and for a distance of not more than 15 metres after the start and each turn. By that point, the head must have broken the surface”).

You thank the IoT for their report and refer the matter to the Technical Manager.

The swimmer in Lane 9 (i.e. the swimmer in question) ends up finishing third in the Event. The coach of the 4<sup>th</sup> placed swimmer approaches the Referee and says that he wants to

protest the result. The Referee explains why Lane 9 was not disqualified, but the coach insists on lodging a formal protest.

What instructions should the Referee give the coach on lodging a protest? Who should the Referee advise and why?

### Answer

The Referee should advise the Technical Manager that a Protest has been received for the Women's 800m Freestyle. The Referee should also advise the Control Room Supervisor as publication of the results will need to be delayed until after the Protest is resolved.

GR 23 details the procedure for Protests and Jury of Appeal. In this example, the coach should be advised that the Protest needs to be submitted in writing to the Referee, along with a deposit of \$100 and received within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the 800m Freestyle. The Referee should see SNSW Staff for a copy of the current Protest Form. If not immediately concluded at the time of the Protest, the Referee, as a courtesy, should advise the coach what time the 800m concluded.

GR23.2 states that "Protests must be submitted to the Referee, in writing by the responsible team leader or the swimmer, or a representative on behalf of the swimmer."

The Rule goes on to say that "All protests must be considered by the Referee. If he rejects the protest, he must state the reasons to the Jury of Appeal.

In this example, the Protest is received by the Referee within the required timeline. The Referee, based on the original discussion with the IoT, rejects the protest.

Before advising the coach accordingly, the Referee needs to complete and note the decision on the Protest Form. It is recommended that the Referee's reply be brief and to the point. For example, the Referee could note -

"After reviewing all the information relating to the disqualification, I have not found any grounds to alter my decision as I believe that it is a decision of fact. I therefore dismiss the protest."

### June Question

The Coach is not happy with the Referee's decision and wishes to appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal. Who establishes the Jury of Appeal, who composes the Jury and generally, how is the Jury run?

**Reminder:** At the upcoming Technical Official Forum, Cherry Smith and Faye Lewis will give a case study of a Protest and subsequent Jury of Appeal from the recent Commonwealth Games.

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