

News from the **Technical Swimming Committee**

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

2019 State Teams Meet

Congratulations to our Technical Officials who officiated at State Age Teams Meet and TO Workshop, which was held recently at the AIS, Canberra.

For Technical Officials, the State Teams Meet comprises pool sessions and classroom workshops. Topics covered in the workshops included SAL Values and Code of Conduct, Rules, Multi Class Officiating, Giving and Receiving Feedback and Protests and Jury of Appeal.

State Teams is a fantastic learning opportunity for newer officials. SAL usually issues EOIs for State Teams in around May each year.



Pictured at State Teams – Jerome Lagonilla, Jacki McIntosh, John Williams, Kayleen Murphy, Jeff Thompson, Nick Keith and Cherry Smith (Mentor).

Sport NSW

Sport NSW recently announced the 2019 NSW Sports Awards Finalists. The finalists comprise outstanding individuals from a variety of sports within NSW.

Congratulations to Faye Lewis who is a finalist for Official of the Year. The winners will be announced at the NSW Champions of Sport Ceremony, which will be held at The Star Sydney on Monday 18 November. Good luck Faye!!

Dolphin Now Online

Don't forget, the newest Online training course for the Dolphin Timing System, is now available [HERE](#).

DQ Analysis

The TSC continues to review all Infraction Report Cards written during State Meets.

The information presented below covers Meets held during the 2019 Winter Season -

- Country SC 2019
- Metropolitan SC 2019
- SARS Development Meet 2019 at Woy Woy
- Junior State Age SC 2019
- Senior State Age 2019
- Multi Class # 3

The total number of individual race entries in this sample was 14,623.

	Winter 2019 Number of DQs	
Start	36	26.67%
Freestyle	0	0.00%
Back	32	23.70%
Butterfly	27	20.00%
Breast	27	20.00%
Medley	0	0.00%
Other inc relay c/o	13	9.63%
TOTAL	135	
Entries	14623	
Start DQs	36	
Ave No. of heats	1462	
Heats per start DQ	41	
Heats per all DQs	11	
	0.923%	

Stroke infractions remain at a relatively constant rate per average number of heats (Medley infractions are recorded in the relevant stroke numbers). The main areas of infraction per stroke were:

- **Backstroke** - The backstroke turn continues to be an issue for swimmers with 60% of the 32 backstroke infractions arising in this area.
- **Butterfly** - “Alternating movement of the legs and or feet/kick” continues to be the main infraction reported with a significant increase in incidents.
- **Breaststroke** - The two major areas for reports in breaststroke continue to be
 - “More than one butterfly kick after the start or turn....” 8 reports, and
 - “Did not touch with both hands simultaneously” 7 reports.

Next SNSW 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 Metropolitan Championships	SOPAC	30 th November-1 st December 2019	4 th November 2019
SNSW Senior State Age Championships	SOPAC	13 th -18 th December 2019	17 th November 2019
SNSW Open Water Championships	Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith	20 th -21 st December 2019	24 th November 2019
SNSW Country Regional Championships	Narromine Tuggeranong Woy Woy	25 th -26 th January 2020	6 th January 2020

Application for Assessments

A reminder that 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](#).

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
SNSW Metropolitan Championships	Friday 29 th November	SNSW Office / Boardroom	Suggest a time that suits you	9AM 30 th November 2019
SMSW Senior State Age Championships	Any across the six days	SNSW Office / Boardroom	During session breaks (dependent 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 to be added further into the season.

Submit the form available toward the bottom of [this page](#) if you are wishing to sit a Referee Exam.



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](#).

The QUIZ

August Quiz Answer

To recap on the August Question - You are JOS 1 and the SNSW Country Long 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. To which Referee do you report the infraction? The Referee at the Start end or the Referee at the Finish end?

Answer

The current SAL protocols do not cover this scenario. The SNSW TSC has decided that the protocol for SNSW LC 50m events will be to report infractions at the Start and immediately following the Start, to the Start Referee. The Start Referee being the closest Referee and able to quickly affect the infraction processing.

October Question

You have been appointed JOS 4 for the Long Course Qualifying Meet. In the first heat of the Girls All Age 50m Breaststroke, you notice that during the backward arm pull the elbows of the swimmer in Lane 7 do not remain under the water. What do you do?

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