

**Swimming Australia Ltd (SAL)**

**Overseas Technical Official Participation Policy**

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**Review History of Overseas Technical Official Participation Policy**

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## Purpose and Context

This policy applies to:

- Officials participating at Overseas Partner Federation Meets.
- Officials from Partner Federations participating at Swimming Australia (SAL) Meets.

This policy describes the framework for:

- Partner Federation Officials participating at Australian Open Water championships
- Oceania Officials participating at Australian Pool Championships
- SAL meets where Partner federations are invited to send teams
- Oceania Officials participating at State Age Teams
- SAL Technical Officials participating at meets conducted by Partner Federations and their Stakeholders



## 1. Objectives

The following objectives apply:

- Achieve Ongoing Excellence – strive for SAL Officiating as World's Best Practice
- SAL Officiating Leadership within Oceania
- International experience for:
  - SAL FINA Listed Referees (Pool & OWS) & Starters
  - SAL Pool Level 3 Referees & Starters, and SAL National OWS Referees
  - AIS NOSP Scholarship Officials
- Technical Officiating Relationships & Networking with Partner Federations
- Support and hospitality for visiting officials from Partner Federations
- Definition of SAL's minimum expectations of Technical Officials that participate at meets conducted by Partner Federations and their Stakeholders

## 2. Expectations of SAL Officials participating Overseas

These officials must:

- Have current SAL Accreditations
- Have a thorough working knowledge of FINA Rules
- Abide by Swimming Australia Behavioural Policies
- Abide by the Swimming Australia Code of Conduct
- Have successfully completed the SAL Match Fixing & Gambling course
- Have current Working with Children's Check or state equivalent
- Be a Swimming Australia Ltd member

These officials should:

- Be currently accredited ROWS, Level 2 Referee and / or Starters or higher
- Have been selected at National meets within the past four (4) years
  - For the purposes of this policy, participation at State Age Teams can be considered as a “National Meet”
- Have participated in a SAL Technical Official Workshop within the previous four (4) years
- Have supported State & Local Meets

### **3. Behavioural Exceptions when Overseas**

Where a SAL Official does not conform to the behavioural expectations as defined in this and other SAL Policies, the Official can expect to be disciplined and / or sanctioned per the SAL Processes, Rules and By Laws applicable at the time.

### **4. Support for Partner Federation Officials at SAL and SAL Stakeholder Meets**

Where there are visiting officials appointed to an Australian meet, SAL or the SAL Host Stakeholder (as applicable) should ensure a liaison person is appointed before the event to facilitate better officiating experience and officiating outcomes for all Officials

### **5. SAL Championship meets**

#### **5.1 Open Water**

- Open and Age OWS Championship are generally conducted concurrently
- Maximum of four (4) Partner Federation officials at a meet
- Only one (1) Partner Official can be considered for Chief Referee, who must a current FINA ROWS
- The other officials can be considered for roles up to & including Referee
- It is expected the Partner Federation will appoint a SAL FINA Official to Chief Referee an Overseas Open National Championship Event .

## 5.2 Pool Open

- Only Australian Officials will be appointed to Referee and Starter Positions at these meets
- The Oceania Executive may be invited to select one (1) Partner Federation official for either long course or short course championships each year
- The Oceania Executive will select the participating Partner Federation Official from within Oceania

## 5.3 Pool Age

- Only Australian Officials will be appointed for these meets

## 6 SAL non-Championship meets

### 6.1 State Age Teams

- Maximum of five (5) Oceania Partner Federation officials at a meet
- Only two (2) officials can be considered one of either Referee or Starter. The other officials can be considered for roles up to & including JOS

### 6.2 Other Meets

- Non-selection, non-championship meets where Federations are invited to send teams, Officials from those Federations can be invited.
- The Number of Officials and Positions will be determined on a case-by-case basis

## 7 Funding

The SAL Technical Official Travel Policy applies to SAL officials that officiate Overseas.

Visiting overseas Partner Federation Officials are expected to self-fund.