



## National Officiating Accreditation Program – Quick Reference Guide

### What is the National Officiating Accreditation Program?

The National Officiating Accreditation Program (NOAP) promotes a professional approach to the identification, training and ongoing development of Technical Officials for all levels of swimming conducted by or on behalf of Swimming Australia Ltd (SAL). There are various Pool Learner Guides available for Technical Officials to complete. Currently, the SAL Technical Swimming Committee has released the Pool Learner Guides for circulation with the Open Water Learner Guides to be released shortly.

### National Officiating Accreditation Program Review:

The Learner Guides have been updated to reflect stronger officiating principles to assist Technical Officials with their understanding. As per Australian Sports Commission (ASC) requirements, these Guides have been refreshed to be more contemporary and have also been updated in line with recent changes to FINA rules. These Learner Guides now also allow Technical Officials to work at their own pace with information easier to comprehend at any level or experience.

Swimming Australia has been working with Swimming NSW to upload Learner Guides onto two (2) online learning portals to make them more accessible and encourage growth in technical officiating.

The following portal links to General Principles, Check Starter and Clerk of Course

<https://learning.swimming.org.au/auth/login/>

The following portal links to Timekeeper, Chief Timekeeper, Check Starter, Clerk of Course, Inspector of Turns, Judge of Strokes, Starter and Chief Recorder

<https://nswtraining.swimming.org.au/>

Technical officials across the country will also continue with practical learning experiences in order to meet the demands and expectation of officiating from grassroots through to high performance competitions.



## Summary of Accreditation Modules

Accreditation	Pre-Requisite	Self - Paced Learner Guide	Practical Assessment	Online Learning	Exam	What you need to know about this module
General Principles	None	Yes	No	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remains as the compulsory module that needs to be completed before completing next module.</li> <li>Online module via the Australian Sports Commission website.</li> </ul>
Timekeeper	General Principles	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete practical timekeeping experience.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide (Read the Fact Sheet).</li> </ul>
Chief Timekeeper	General Principles Timekeeper	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>
Inspector of Turns	General Principles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This module requires individuals to successfully complete an exam and achieve a minimum pass rate of 85%.</li> <li>Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>



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Judge of Stroke	General Principles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This module requires individuals to successfully complete an exam and achieve a minimum pass rate of 85%.</li> <li>Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>
Finish Judge	General Principles	Yes	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>
Chief Recorder	General Principles	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>
Clerk of Course	General Principles	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>



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Meet Manager Operator	General Principles	Yes	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Meet Manager Operator plays a very important role in ensuring that programs, results, scores and records are accurately recorded and published.</li> <li>Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>
Operator of Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE)	General Principles	Yes	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>
Announcer	General Principles	Yes	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>
Check Starter	General Principles	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet.</li> <li>Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>



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Starter – Level 1	General Principles	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical Assessment and deemed competent by a Regional / District / State Assessor at <b>two</b> Regional / District / Club events.</li> <li>• Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>
Starter – Level 2	Level 1 Starter Advanced Self-Management	Yes	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical Assessment and deemed competent by a State Assessor at <b>two (2)</b> designated State Championship meets, one of which includes Multi Class events.</li> <li>• LG16 Advanced Self-Management reference material has been withdrawn and reference material will be provided in due course. As an interim, candidates should use State-based mentors to complete the LG activities.</li> </ul>





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Starter – Level 3	Level 1 Starter Level 2 Starter	Yes	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Readiness and competency to be appointed as a Starter at National level will be assessed by a SAL National Assessor at a State Championship meet. If assessed as competent, individual will be eligible to be rostered as a Starter at a SAL National Age &amp; Multi Class Championship or SAL Short Course Championship event.</li> <li>• Assessed as “competent” on three occasions at either SAL Short Course Championships or SAL Age Championships together with one session at SAL Age MC Championships.</li> <li>• Assessments at SAL Championship events must be for two (2) consecutive days including two (2) sessions per day (heats and finals).</li> <li>• A Starter may be appointed for two (2) consecutive days of SAL Age Championships and one session of SAL Age MC Championships within the one Championship event.</li> </ul>



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Referee – Level 1	Timekeeper Chief Timekeeper Clerk of Course Check Starter Starter Inspector of Turns Finish Judge Chief Recorder Judge of Stroke Starter Level 1	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the Referee exam and achieve a minimum pass rate of 85%.</li> <li>• Practical Assessment and deemed competent by a Regional / District / State Assessor at <b>two (2)</b> Regional / District / Club events.</li> <li>• Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>
Referee – Level 2	Level 1 Referee Advanced Self-Management	Yes	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical Assessment and deemed competent by a State Assessor at <b>two (2)</b> designated State Championship meets, one of which includes Multi Class events.</li> <li>• LG16 Advanced Self-Management reference material has been withdrawn and reference material will be provided in due course. As an interim, candidates should use State-based mentors to complete the LG activities.</li> </ul>



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Referee – Level 3	Level 1 Referee Level 2 Referee	Yes	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Readiness and competency to be appointed as a Referee at National level will be assessed by a SAL National Assessor at a State Championship meet. If assessed as competent, individual will be eligible to be rostered as a Referee at a SAL National Age &amp; Multi Class Championship or SAL Short Course Championship event.</li> <li>• Assessed as “competent” on three occasions at either SAL Short Course Championships or SAL Age Championships together with one session at SAL Age MC Championships.</li> <li>• Assessments at SAL Championship events must be for two (2) consecutive days including two (2) sessions per day (heats and finals).</li> <li>• A Referee may be appointed for two (2) consecutive days of SAL Age Championships and one session of SAL Age MC Championships within the one Championship event</li> </ul>
Referee – Multi Class	Level 1 Referee	Yes	Yes	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical Assessment and deemed competent undertaken at a full session of a swim meet where Multi Class events are included in the program.</li> <li>• Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide.</li> </ul>

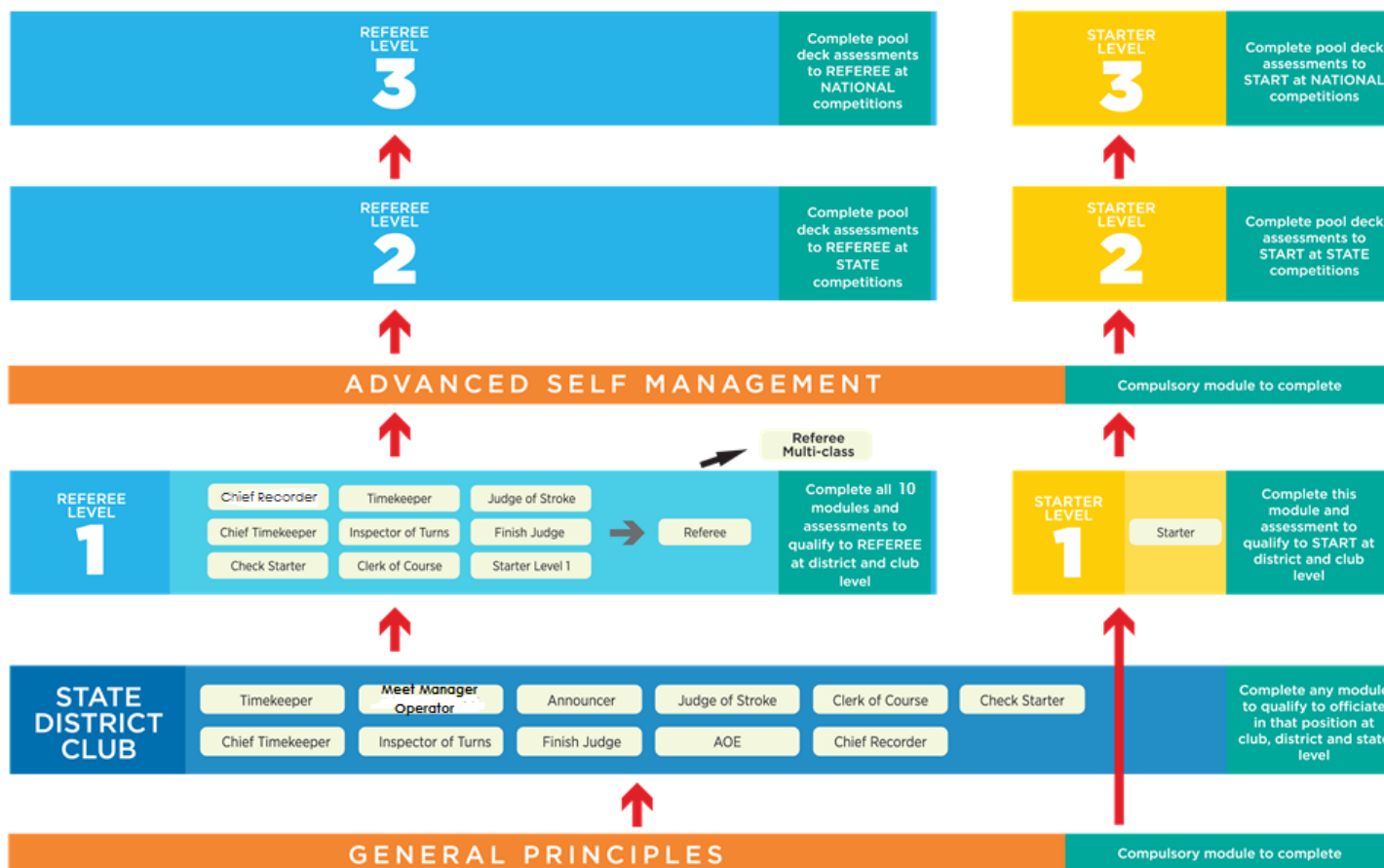




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Advanced Self Management		Yes	No	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compulsory module to be completed before undertaking a Level 2 accreditation.</li> <li>• Completion of the Australian Sports Commission's Advanced Officiating General Principles worksheets.</li> <li>• LG16 Advanced Self-Management reference material has been withdrawn and reference material will be provided in due course. As an interim, candidates should use State-based mentors to complete the LG activities.</li> </ul>



## Technical Official Pathway – Pool





## Learner Guides Process

This procedure outlines how a Technical Official who would like to gain an accreditation through the National Officiating Accreditation Program completes the official SAL Learner Guides.

1. Individuals seeking to gain an officiating accreditation are to contact their Club / District - Region / State / Territory Swimming Association as the first point of call.
2. The Club / District - Region / State / Territory Swimming Association will provide the individual with the chosen Learner Guide to work through at their own pace or the website link to the online guide (if available).
3. Upon completion of the Learner Guide, the individual is to contact their Club / District - Region / State / Territory Swimming Association to organise a practical assessment of their competency by a District - Region / State / Territory Association Assessor.
4. Individuals seeking an assessment for Level 2 Referee / Starter should contact their State / Territory Swimming Association to organise an assessment of competency at a State Competition.
5. Individuals seeking an assessment for Level 3 Referee / Starter should contact their State / Territory Swimming Association to organise an assessment of competency at a State Championship by a SAL National Assessor. This is to assess their competency to be considered for appointment at a SAL Age and Multi-Class Championship Event or SAL Short Course Championship. The State / Territory Swimming Association contacts SAL to organise a National Assessor from the pool of approved National Officiating Assessors.
6. Examinations:
  - a. Inspector of Turns: Upon completion of Learner Guide, contact your Regional Technical Swimming Committee to enquire about sitting the exam and how to be practically assessed.
  - b. Judge of Stroke: Upon completion of Learner Guide, contact your Regional Technical Swimming Committee to enquire about sitting the exam and how to be practically assessed.
  - c. Level 1 Referee: Upon completion of Learner Guide, contact your Regional Technical Swimming Committee who will get in touch with the State / Territory Swimming Association to enquire about sitting the exam and how to be practically assessed.
  - d. Examination papers for Inspector of Turns and Judge of Stroke can be held and distributed by the Regional / State Technical Swimming Committee.
  - e. Examination papers for Level 1 Referee must be held and distributed *only* by the State Technical Swimming Committee.
  - f. Examination papers for Inspector of Turns and Judge of Stroke can be marked by a State appointed assessor.
  - g. Examination papers for Level 1 Referee can only be marked by a designated member of the State / Territory Technical Swimming Committee.