

Who is eligible? All qualified J1 officials who have completed at least 20 hours of poolside experience since qualification. There is a minimum age of 16 years to start the training. If L1 or L2 experience hasn't been gained during J1 training, it must be evidenced as part of the 20 hours of post qualification experience.

What is involved?

First Theory Session. The course starts with a British Swimming theory session delivered to candidates from across the Region **by ZOOM**. Candidates will be sent the ZOOM link and a small piece of pre course work after acceptance onto the course. For dates see the end of the fact sheet.

This ZOOM session will be followed by each candidate being introduced to their County Officials Training and Development Coordinator who will advise on the practical work and arrange for a local tutor/mentor to provide guidance and deliver the remaining theory. Each candidate will be given a British Swimming workbook summarising the theory and providing the log to record practical work.

Poolside Training will cover Judge of Stroke, accurate completion of the British Swimming Disqualification Report, use of radios and taking an order of finish. Each session must be mentored by an official already qualified to at least J2 level. Both Candidates and Mentors shall record in the workbook how the training period went and how they are progressing, and Candidates shall ensure that they fully understand the action plans, if provided.

It is expected in most cases, 6-8 hours of practical experience would be sufficient to complete this training, depending upon the composition of the meets attended and the aptitude of the Candidate. Sufficient recording sheets are included in the workbook for this purpose.

Second Workshop will take place after the Candidates have gained poolside experience, this may be a 1-2-1 or small Group Workshop by ZOOM, other online platforms or face to face with their local Tutor/Mentor to go over progress to date and to complete some of the review questions in their workbook. The review and writing of Disqualification Reports will be discussed to ensure correct reporting of infractions. At this intermediate workshop, the Tutor/Mentor will go back over the duties for Judge of Stroke, answer any questions and will complete and sign off the second Workshop in each Candidate's workbook.

Competency Sign-off. When the Candidates have gained additional poolside experience their Poolside Duties Form should be complete with all competencies signed off. **Final Meeting.** The Candidate should then meet with their Tutor/mentor to complete the remaining review questions. The completion of the workbook should be done by the Candidate in an "independent and autonomous" manner. This final session may be delivered by ZOOM or similar platforms. Successful completion of the theory elements and all practical competencies will lead to the award of a J2 pass. There is no longer a final poolside assessment.

How to apply & enrol. Complete the British Swimming J2 application form found [here](#) and forward to Jill Beard the Regional Officials Training and Development Coordinator. You may enrol via your County Coordinator or by applying directly to Email beardfamilyuk@icloud.com. Please note **NO FEE is required** as the Region generously funds the training.

The form should be accompanied by the record of at least 20 hours poolside experience gained since qualifying as a J1 PLUS an indication of which ZOOM theory session the candidate wishes to attend. All sessions are held at 7.30pm. The two remaining dates in 2023 are Wednesday November 29th and December 20th. **The 11 dates in 2024** are Wednesdays January 24th; Feb 28th; March 27th; April 24th; May 22nd; June 26th; August 28th; Tuesday September 24th; Wednesdays October 23rd; November 27th and December 18th.