Who is eligible? All qualified J1 officials who have completed at least 20 hours of poolside experience since qualification and working in the role of a J1. Minimum age to start training is 16 years.

What is involved?

First Theory Session. The course starts with a session delivered to candidates from across the Region **by "TEAMS"**. Candidates will be sent the link and a small piece of pre course work after the 20 hours practical work have been verified and application form received. For 2027 dates see the bottom of this sheet.

This TEAMS session will be followed by each candidate being introduced to their County Officials Training Coordinator who will advise on the practical work and arrange for a local Referee/mentor to provide additional guidance and deliver the remaining theory. Each candidate funded by the Region will be sent a personalised PDF of the Aquatics GB logbook summarising the training, some theory review questions and providing the log to record practical work.

Poolside Training will cover Judge of Stroke, accurate completion of the Aquatics GB 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 logbook 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.

Second Workshop will take place after the Candidates have gained poolside experience, this may be a 1-2-1 or small Group Workshop by an online platform or face to face with their local Referee/Mentor to go over progress to date and to complete some of the review questions in their logbook. The review and writing of Disqualification Reports will be discussed to ensure correct reporting of infractions. At this intermediate workshop, the Referee/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 logbook.

Competency Sign-off. When the Candidates have gained sufficient poolside experience their Poolside Duties Form should be complete with all competencies signed off. **Final Meeting.** The Candidate should then meet with their Referee/mentor (or another Aquatics GB Referee agreed by the County Coordinator) to complete any remaining review questions. The completion of the logbook questions should be done in advance by the Candidate in an "independent and autonomous" manner. This final session may be delivered by an online platform or face to face. Successful completion of the theory elements and all practical competencies will lead to the award of a J2 pass. There is no final poolside assessment. The fully signed off competency page will be uploaded by the candidate to their membership record.

How to apply & enrol. For 2027, it is necessary to have registered for the next TEAMS course at least **ten working day**s before each course delivery date to allow for payment by the Region, registration of the course and preparation of the logbooks. **Please** Complete the Region-specific version of the Aquatics GB Swimming J2 application form **available on request** from Jill Beard, the Regional Officials Training Coordinator. Email beardfamilyuk@icloud.com. Please return the form to the same email address. Note **NO FEE is required** as the Region generously funds the training. The form should be accompanied by the record of at least/most recent 20 hours poolside experience working as a J1 gained since qualifying as a J1 PLUS an indication of which Teams theory session the candidate wishes to attend.

The dates in 2027 are Thursday **January 7th;** Thursday **February 4th**; Wednesday **March 10th;** Wednesday **April 7th; Thur**sday **May 6th;** Wednesday **June 2nd**; Thursday **September 2nd;** Thursday **October 7th;** Wednesday **November 3rd;** Thursday **December 9th.** All sessions start at 7.15pm.