

## Judge 2 training in Swim England South West: A Fact Sheet

**Who is eligible?** All qualified J1 officials who have completed at least 15 hours of poolside experience since qualification. There is a minimum age of 16 years to start the training.

### What is involved?

**First Theory Session.** The course starts with a British Swimming theory session delivered to candidates from across the Region **by ZOOM**. These introductory sessions are normally held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Candidates will be sent the ZOOM link and a small piece of pre course work after acceptance onto the course.

This ZOOM session will be followed by each candidate being introduced to a local Tutor/Mentor who will advise on the practical work 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.

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 this 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 enrol.** Complete the British Swimming J2 application form found [here](#) and forward to Jill Beard the Regional Officials Training and Development Coordinator. Email [beardfamilyuk@icloud.com](mailto:beardfamilyuk@icloud.com). The form should be accompanied by the record of 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 first six 2022 dates are Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup>; Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>; Wednesdays March 23<sup>rd</sup>; April 27<sup>th</sup>; May 25<sup>th</sup> & June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please note NO FEE is required as the Region generously funds the training.