

Open Meet Licensing Criteria

Effective until 31st December 2021

Officials' Requirements

Whilst we negotiate the return to competition following the Covid-19 pandemic, adjustments have been made to the number of Technical Officials required for Licensed Meets and the level of qualification required for each role. They have been introduced in order to facilitate the return to competition and should be seen as minimum requirements. As we return to competition it is important for the sport that athletes have times that have a solid provenance and have been achieved at meets run with integrity.

These adjustments will remain in place for all meets taking place up until the end of 2021. At that time it is anticipated that the previous requirements will be reinstated.

These requirements form part of the Licensed Meet Criteria and should be read in conjunction with them.

All individuals officiating at any meet of any level must be a member of a club affiliated to either Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales or be a member of the Institute of Swimming, or be a FINA listed official if from a foreign country.

LEVEL 4

Referee [1] – Licensed and qualified to at least J2(S), additionally to act as stroke judge on one side of the pool

Starter [1] – Qualified to at least J2, additionally to act as finish judge

Judge of Stroke [1] – Qualified to at least J1, to work on the opposite side to the Referee

Chief Timekeeper [1] – At least J1 in training (see below), not required if the meet is being run with AOE

Inspector of Turns (turn end) [1 per 2 lanes] – A “well briefed volunteer”, for example a coach, swimming teacher

Timekeeper/Inspector of Turns (start end) [1 per lane] – Have completed the online timekeeper training module as a minimum

LEVEL 3

Referee [1] – Licensed and qualified as a Referee. A second Referee, qualified to at least J2(S), may be appointed if necessary for the smooth running of the event

Starter [1] – Qualified to at least J2 AND a J2(S) in training

Judge of Stroke [2] – One to be qualified to at least J2 and work on the opposite side to the Referee, one to be at least J2 in training and work on the same side as the Referee

Inspector of Turns (turn end) [1 per 2 lanes] – Alternate qualified to at least J1 with at least J1 in training (if the pool has an odd number of lanes then the majority should be qualified to at least J1)

Timekeeper/Inspector of Turns (start end) [1 per lane] – Alternate qualified to at least J1 with at least J1 in training (if the pool has an odd number of lanes then the majority should be qualified to at least J1)

An official, qualified to at least J1, from the number appointed at each end of the pool shall additionally be appointed to act as **Chief Inspector of Turns** when required.

LEVEL 1 and 2

Referee [2] – one to be licensed and qualified as a Referee, one to be qualified to at least J2(S) AND a Referee in training

Starter [1] – Licensed and qualified to at least J2(S)

Judge of Stroke [2] – Qualified to at least J2

Inspector of Turns (turn end) [1 per 2 lanes] – Alternate qualified to at least J1 with at least J1 in training (if the pool has an odd number of lanes then the majority should be qualified to at least J1)

Timekeeper/Inspector of Turns (start end) [1 per lane] – Alternate qualified to at least J1 with at least J1 in training (if the pool has an odd number of lanes then the majority should be qualified to at least J1)

An official, qualified to at least J1, from the number appointed at each end of the pool shall additionally be appointed to act as **Chief Inspector of Turns** when required.

Judge 1 in training

In order to act as a “Judge 1 in training” for meet licensing purposes the individual must:

Face to face training

- Have enrolled on a Judge 1 course and attended both the timekeeper theory session (unless already qualified as a timekeeper) and the first judging theory session
- Pass a poolside timekeeper’s assessment (unless already qualified as a timekeeper)

Online training

- Have enrolled on the Judge 1 course and completed all of the online theory modules
- Have passed the poolside timekeeper’s assessment (unless already qualified as a timekeeper)

Judge 2 in training

In order to act as a “Judge 2 in training” for meet licensing purposes the individual must:

- Have completed the necessary post qualification J1 poolside hours, enrolled on a Judge 2 course and completed at least the initial theory session.

Judge 2(S) in training

In order to act as a “Judge 2(S) in training” for meet licensing purposes the individual must:

- Have completed the necessary post qualification J2 poolside hours, enrolled on a Judge 2(S) course and completed at least the initial theory session.

Referee in training

In order to act as a “Referee in training” for meet licensing purposes the individual must:

- Have enrolled on a Referee course commencing between 1 January 2018 and 1 January 2020 and completed at least one mentored and “signed off” referee’s poolside training session.

OR

- Be a licensed and qualified J2(s) who has completed the Beginners Guide to refereeing and can evidence acting as the referee at least one previous Licensed Level 4 meet.