**Swim England South West Region Request for Officials 2019**

 January 2019

SESW Officials Organiser

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Dear Official,

The ASA SW Region would again like to request your help to run their events in 2019 and other events at which we are asked to provide officials. Last year we had more officials helping which was very pleasing and we look forward to welcoming even more this year.

In recognition of the time you willingly give for the benefit of our swimmers all qualified officials will receive a polo shirt, clip board and water bottle at the first SW event they attend in 2019. Additional shirts can be purchased at a subsidised cost TBA.

This year we shall again be running the **Para Swimming CPD before the event on the 9th March at 11am**, lunch will be provided. The CPD will be delivered by World Para Swimming tutor Sue Barker and includes the rule updates announced in January 2018. In the afternoon you will get the opportunity to officiate at the gala and receive mentoring. Attendance at the CPD is important for all 2019 Referee candidates, those recently qualified or having passed the November examination. With more Para swimmers entering open meets and SW events this is a great opportunity to up skill your knowledge and gain experience. (Note you don’t need to attend the CPD if previously attended, go directly to the gala).

At all events that cover more than one session during the day refreshments will be provided (**but please bring a water bottle for poolside)** and a contribution towards travel expenses at an agreed rate provided that **all the sessions for the whole day are attended as an official** (obviously where there is only one session then this counts). Those officials who volunteer for a whole weekend **may** be able to claim for accommodation\*, please see the attached conditions. It is essential that the Region knows who this will apply to as the budgets have to be monitored.

\***PLEASE NOTE** - ACCOMMODATION COSTS WILL ONLY BE PAID TO THE MAXIMUM STATED ON THE CONDITIONS SHEET ATTACHED.

Please pass this letter and information on to your clubs and encourage other officials as it is difficult to contact everyone individually and we would be delighted to welcome new volunteers. The events cannot run without your help and the swimmers would not be able to achieve any qualifying times without the required numbers of licensed officials.

Some events have proved difficult to attract sufficient numbers of officials. This year I would ask you to consider them all, particularly the Masters and Para swimming events. The Inter County Masters is slightly different as the Region appoints the Referees, starter and 2 judges and the participating Counties bring a Judge and a Timekeeper each. Also, at the Relay Event, Clubs are required to provide at least one Official for each session they have teams swimming, this helps achieve the required numbers. To assist with planning clubs attending are requested to email me the names of their officials, (**as soon as entries are confirmed**).

Finally, **for all competitions** please volunteer promptly, the last few days before an event is difficult to manage, particularly as the Officials Organiser has to liaise with the Technical Director. Our main concern is for the swimmers, we do not want to have to declare the event as unlicensed because there are not enough officials to fulfil the requirements with the consequence that times cannot be included on the ASA Rankings.

Thank you in anticipation of your support, please complete and return the enclosed stencil at your earliest convenience, (no later than 30 January). If you are volunteering for the Para CPD / gala, please reply as soon as possible.

Your sincerely

Nicky Vause

Organiser of SESW Officials for Regional Events

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**Name**… …………………………………….. **Club**…….…………………………………….

**Address**……………………………………………………………………………………………………………. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

**Post Code** ………………….

**E.mail**…………………… ………… **Tel:** ………………………………….

**License** Y /N expiry date…………… **Reg.No** ……………………… **Qualification**………………….

**Polo shirt size** S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL Number of additional polos ………….

**Date**  **Event**  **Venue**  **Report Time** **Available Y/N**

 **Sessions**

**SW Region Events**

Saturday 4 May Summer Champs - Youth Plymouth Life Centre 8.45am 1 2

Sunday 5 May Summer Champs - Youth Plymouth Life Centre 8.45am 1 2

Monday 6 May Summer Champs - Youth Plymouth Life Centre 8.45am 1 2

Saturday 11 May Summer Champs - Age Groups Hengrove 8.45am 1 2

Sunday 12 May Summer Champs - Age Groups Hengrove 8.45am1 2

Saturday 18 May Summer Champs - Age Groups Millfield 8.45am 1 2

Sunday 19 May Summer Champs - Age Groups Millfield 8.45am 1 2

Sunday 7th July Fast Five Gloucester GL1 8.50am 1 2

Sunday 22 September SW Relays Millfield 9.00am 1 2 3

Friday 1 November Winter Championships Millfield 5.45pm 1

Saturday 2 November Winter Championships Millfield 8.45am 1 2

Sunday 3 November Winter Championships Millfield 8.45am 1 2

**MASTERS**

Sunday 29 September Sprints Hutton Moor 12.00 1

Sunday 10 November Inter County Millfield 1.00pm 1

**PARASWIMMING**

Saturday 9 March Para Dev. Meet & Horfield 3.00pm 1

 Para Swimming CPD 11.00am

**ESSA**

Monday 1 April Primary Relays Millfield 6.00pm 1

Wednesday 25 September Snr Relays Millfield 12.00pm 1

I wish to apply for accommodation costs. Y/N , dates ……………………………………………………………

Please delete or highlight as applicable, email completed form to swofficialssecretary@gmail.com a.s.a.p