

Swimming WA (SWA) Technical Officials undergo extensive training and practical experience to attain a National Officiating Accreditation.

After the theory course is complete for each module, the practical training becomes an important element of the development of a SWA Technical Official.

### **Practical Assessment**

All trainees must undertake a practical competency assessment in each of the positions in a practical setting. They must also correctly complete the written questions in the theory modules.

Those being assessed for a Referee 2 accreditation must also complete an oral assessment.

Trainees and Technical Officials can request assessments when they feel they are ready to progress or as Technical Committee/Mentors recommend. An approved Swimming WA Referee must conduct assessments. [A list of approved assessors can be obtained from SWA.](#)

**All requests for Practical Assessments must be made by email to SWA Performance and Development Manager, Carolyn Morrison ([carolyn.morrison@wa.swimming.org.au](mailto:carolyn.morrison@wa.swimming.org.au)) prior to being undertaken.**

Practical assessments completed without SWA prior knowledge will not be accepted.

### **Practical Assessment Guidelines**

1. Assessments will only be conducted if the Technical Official is a SWA member
2. Assessing Referees must have completed a recognized Assessor Course and provided a Certificate of Attainment to SWA
3. A minimum Accreditation of Referee Level 2 is required to assess Inspector of Turn, Judge of Stroke and Starter
4. Two (2) practical assessments by two (2) different assessors are required for each Trainee/Technical Official in the following modules:
  - a. Starter
  - b. Referee

Two (2) Assessments can occur at one Meet over two different sessions and by two (2) different Assessors. All other modules only require one (1) Assessment

5. Where there are two (2) differing assessments, the SWA Chief Referee will assess for competency.



## SWIMMING WA TECHNICAL OFFICIAL

### ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

6. Referee Level 1 and Starter Level 1 are eligible to be signed off at a SWA Club Sanctioned Meet
7. Referee Level 2 and Starter Level 2 are eligible only to be signed off at a SWA State Level Meet
8. Referee 3 and Starter 3 are eligible only to be signed off at a National Level Meet by an accredited National Assessor

The original copy of the assessment and a PDF copy sent by email are to be submitted to SWA Performance and Development Manager, Carolyn Morrison, and final approval will be determined by the TEO Sub Committee who will ensure the Technical Official is a SWA Member and has a current Working with Children Check (WWC), if eligible to apply.

Once an assessment has been reviewed by the TEO Sub Committee, the assessed Technical Official will receive a letter with either approval or disapproval status. If the assessment has been approved, the information will be updated on the Swimming Australia (SAL) ClubLane database and a National Officiating Card will be sent from SAL.

For further information, please send enquiries to Carolyn Morrison, SWA Performance and Development Manager [carolyn.morrison@wa.swimming.org.au](mailto:carolyn.morrison@wa.swimming.org.au)