

National Officiating Accreditation Program – Quick Reference Guide

What is the National Officiating Accreditation Program?

The National Officiating Accreditation Program (NOAP) promotes a professional approach to the identification, training and ongoing development of technical officials for all levels of swimming conducted by or on behalf of Swimming Australia Ltd (SAL). There are various pool and open water modules available for technical officials to be accredited in. Currently, the SAL Technical Swimming Committee have released the pool modules for circulation with the Open Water modules set to be released shortly.

National Officiating Accreditation Program Review:

The learner guides have been updated to reflect stronger officiating principles to assist technical officials with their understanding. As per Australian Sports Commission (ASC) requirements, these guides have been refreshed to be more contemporary and have also been updated in line with recent changes to FINA rules. These guides now also allow Technical Officials to work at their own pace with information easier to comprehend for technical officials at any level or experience.

Swimming Australia intend to initially upload several learner guides onto an online learning portal to make them more accessible and encourage a growth in officiating. Swimming NSW has already done this with the Timekeeper module, which is available online to NSW Technical Officials and will be extended nationally. Under this approach Technical Officials complete the theory components and record sign off on practical components of the requirement.

Technical officials across the country will also continue with practical learning experiences in order to meet the demands and expectation of officiating from grassroots through to high performance competitions.

New Pool Accreditation Module: Meet Manager Operator

The Meet Manager Operator plays a very important role in ensuring that programs, results, scores and records are accurately recorded and published.

Changes to Pool Accreditation Modules: Name Changes

Marshal has become Clerk of Course

Recorder has become Chief Recorder

Changes to Pool Accreditation Modules: Examinations

The following modules now require individuals to sit an exam and achieve a minimum pass rate of 85%:

Inspector of Turns

Judge of Stroke

Level 1 Referee

Summary of Accreditation Modules

| Accreditation | Pre-Requisite | Self - Paced Learner Guide | Practical Assessment | Online Learning | Exam | What you need to know about this module |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------|--|
| General Principles | None | Yes | No | Yes | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remains as the compulsory module that needs to be completed before completing next module Online module via the Australian Sports Commission website |
| Timekeeper | General Principles | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete practical timekeeping experience Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide (Read the Fact Sheet) |
| Chief Timekeeper | General Principles Timekeeper | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet. Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |
| Inspector of Turns | General Principles | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This module now requires individuals to successfully complete an exam and achieve a minimum pass rate of 85%. Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet. Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |
| Judge of Stroke | General Principles | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This module now requires individuals to successfully complete an exam and achieve a minimum pass rate of 85%. |

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| | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet. • Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |
| Finish Judge | General Principles | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet. • Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |
| Chief Recorder | General Principles | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally known as Recorder • Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet. • Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |
| Clerk of Course | General Principles | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally known as Marshal • Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide • Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet. |
| Meet Manager Operator | General Principles | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Position • The Meet Manager Operator plays a very important role in ensuring that programs, results, |

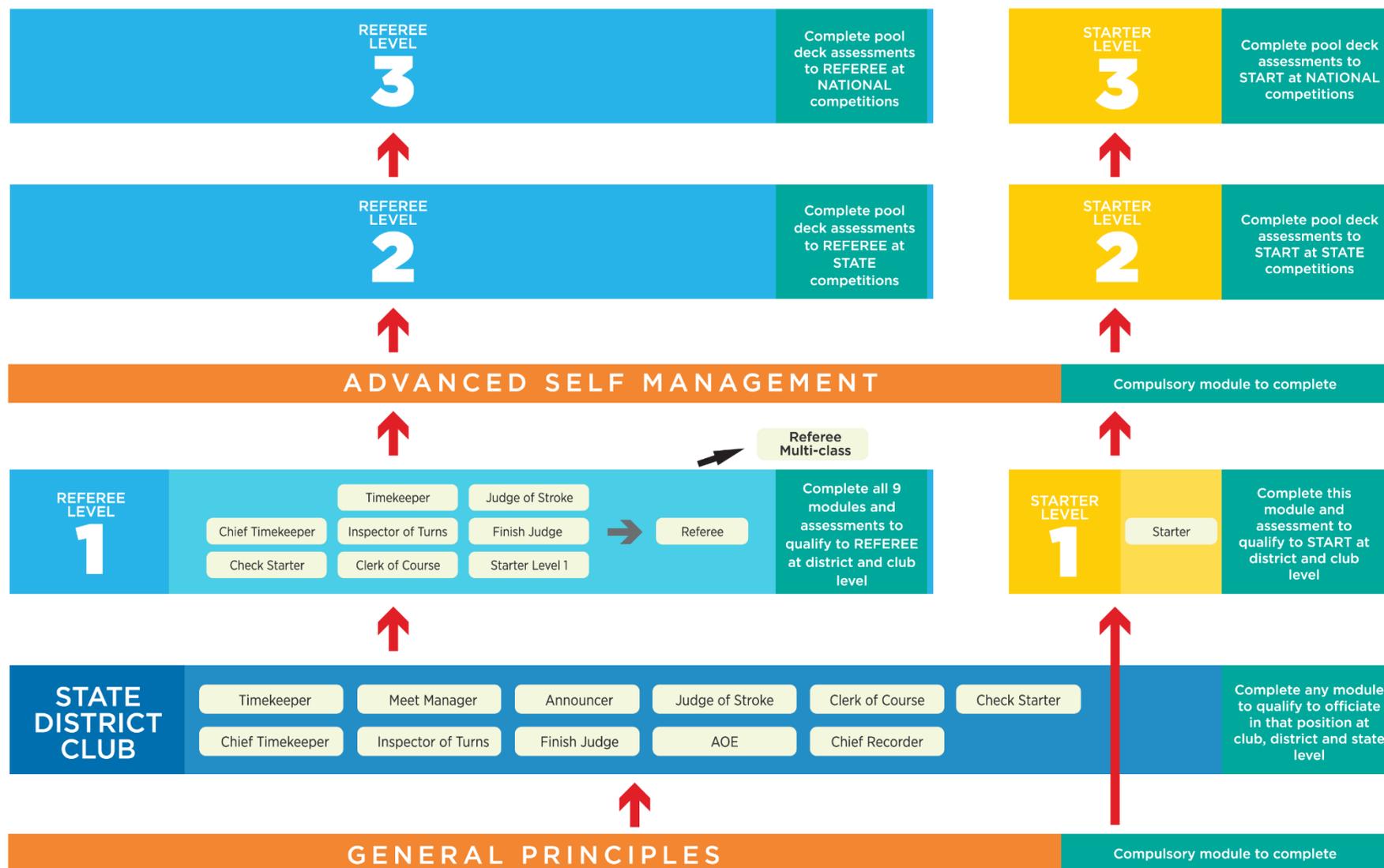
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| | | | | | | scores and records are accurately recorded and published. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet. • Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |
| Operator of Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) | General Principles | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet. • Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |
| Announcer | General Principles | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet. • Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |
| Check Starter | General Principles | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Assessment undertaken at a full session of a swim meet. • Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |
| Starter – Level 1 | General Principles | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Assessment and deemed competent by a Regional / District / State Assessor at two Regional / District / Club events |
| Starter – Level 2 | Level 1 Starter Advanced Self Management | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Assessment and deemed competent by a State Assessor at two designated State |

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| | | | | | | <p>Championship meets, one of which includes Multi Class events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |
| Starter – Level 3 | Level 1 Starter Level 2 Starter | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To officiate at National Championships: Practical Assessment by a SAL Assessor at a State Championship meet. Once deemed competent, eligible to be rostered as a Starter at a SAL National Age & Multi Class Championship or SAL Short Course Championship event. • Required to be assessed as competent at three National events, prior to being accredited as a Level 3 Starter. |
| Referee – Level 1 | Timekeeper Chief Timekeeper Clerk of Course Check Starter Inspector of Turns Finish Judge Judge of Stroke Starter Level 1 | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide • Completion of the Referee exam and achieve a minimum pass rate of 85%. • Assessed as competent by a Regional / District / State Assessor at two Regional / District / Club events. |

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| Referee – Level 2 | Level 1 Referee Advanced Self Management | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessed by a State Assessor at two designated State Championship meets, one of which includes Multi Class events. |
| Referee – Level 3 | Level 2 Referee | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility - readiness and competency to be appointed as a Referee at National level will be assessed by a SAL National Assessor at a State Championship meet. If assessed as competent, individual will be eligible to be rostered as a Referee at a SAL National Age & Multi Class Championship or SAL Short Course Championship event. Required to be assessed as competent at three National events, prior to being accredited as a Level 3 Starter. |
| Referee – Multi Class | Level 1 Referee | Yes | Yes | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Assessment and deemed competent undertaken at a full session of a swim meet where Multi Class events are included in the program Successful completion of tasks outlined in Learner Guide |

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| Advanced Self Management | | Yes | No | No | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compulsory module to be completed before undertaking a Level 2 accreditation • Completion of the Australian Sports Commission's Advanced Officiating General Principles worksheets |

Technical Official Pathway – Pool



Learner Guides Process

This procedure outlines how a Technical Official who would like to gain an accreditation through the National Officiating Accreditation Program completes the official SAL Learner Guides.

1. Individuals seeking to gain an officiating accreditation are to contact their Club / District - Region / State / Territory Swimming Association as the first point of call.
2. The Club / District - Region / State / Territory Swimming Association will provide the individual with the chosen learner guide to work through at their own pace or the website link to the online guide (if available).
3. Upon completion of the learner guide, the individual is to contact their Club / District - Region / State / Territory Swimming Association to organise a practical assessment of their competency by a District - Region / State / Territory Association Assessor.
4. Individuals seeking an assessment for Level 2 Referee / Starter should contact their State / Territory Swimming Association to organise an assessment of competency at a State Competition.
5. Individuals seeking an assessment for Level 3 Referee / Starter should contact their State / Territory Swimming Association to organise an assessment of competency at a State Championship by a SAL National Assessor. This is to assess their competency to be considered for appointment at a SAL Age and Multi-Class Championship Event or SAL Short Course Championship. The State / Territory Swimming Association contacts SAL to organise a National Assessor from the pool of approved National Officiating Assessors.
6. Examinations:
 - a. Inspector of Turns: Upon completion of learner guide, contact your Regional Technical Swimming Committee to enquire about sitting the exam and how to be practically assessed.
 - b. Judge of Stroke: Upon completion of learner guide, contact your Regional Technical Swimming Committee to enquire about sitting the exam and how to be practically assessed.
 - c. Level 1 Referee: Upon completion of learner guide, contact your Regional Technical Swimming Committee who will get in touch with the State / Territory Swimming Association to arrange the examination paper to be sat.
 - d. Examinations for Inspector of Turns and Judge of Stroke can be held and distributed by the Regional / State Technical Swimming Committee. The Level 1 Referee examination paper must be held and distributed *only* by the State Technical Swimming Committee.
 - e. Examination papers for Inspector of Turns and Judge of Stroke can be marked by a State appointed assessor.
 - f. Examination papers for Level 1 Referee can only be marked by a designated member of the State / Territory Technical Swimming Committee.