

Return to officiating - Referee

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Start time 10:30am

13 June 2021

House Keeping



- Introductions & welcome
- This session will be recorded, if you do not wish people to see you please switch off your video
- Please mute your microphone
- Questions submitted via Chat facility or at end of presentation
- Name of chat “Forum Admin”

Introductions - Presenters

David Metcalf – Biggleswade SC

- World Para Swimming Technical Official (Referee and Technical Delegate)
- BS Referee
- Swim England East Region Swimming Officials' Manager

Tom Baster – Basildon & Phoenix SC

- FINA Technical Official (Referee)
- FISU Swimming Technical Committee Chair (International University Sports Federation)
- Chair of the Swim England Swimming Leadership Group
- Swim England East Region Swimming Manager

Craig Hunter – Hatfield SC

- FINA Technical Official (Referee)
- Member of the FINA Swimming Technical Committee
- Chairman of the LEN Technical Swimming Committee

Aims & content

Following the success of the general and starter officiating presentations on 1 and 8 June, this session is targeted at Referees who are returning to officiating after a 15month absence on poolside

- Rules
- Feedback on recent experiences
- FINA video
- Top tips



Return To Competition – Swimming Technical Officials

Regional **Swimming Official's Online Forums**

Swim England East Region will be hosting a series of Swimming Official's Online Forums at the beginning of June. We would like to assist our officials in the return to competition, we fully realise that there will have been a considerable break from officiating. To this end we have arranged some forums to refresh our knowledge and procedures to act as a confidence booster before our return to poolside.

We are planning on delivering the following forums virtually by Zoom. There is a simple registration procedure for all qualified officials who are currently members of an SE East Region Aquatic club.

The forum dates are: –

- Tuesday 1 June 21 @ 7.30pm Swimming Officials Online Forum for all qualified officials – Completed
- Tuesday 8 June 2021 @ 19:30pm Swimming Officials Online Forum for qualified Starters
- Sunday 13 June 2021 @ 10.30am Swimming Officials Online Forum for qualified Referees

If these dates are not convenient, it is our intention to record the forums, which will be available at a later date.

It is strongly recommended that all participants click the link to access and watch the following [FINA swimming officiating videos](#) before attending the online forum.

<https://www.eastswimming.org/swimming/swimming-officials/return-to-competition-swimming-technical-officials/>

Why do we officiate

- Helping competitors to
 - Be the best
 - Achieve their dreams
 - Compete on a level playing field

Role of the referee

- Leader
- Manager
- In Covid times
 - Create a sense of team
 - Reassure the team
 - Be available before and after the event

What do I need to know

- Fina rules relating to swimming
 - Is it in the rules?
 - Friendship bands –v- powerbands
 - Jewellery
- Health & Safety
- Covid safe competition
- How to deal with queries
- How to deal with a protest

Mixed Gender Swimming

- There may well be greater reliance on mixed-gender swimming.
- SW10.1 All individual races must be held as separate gender events.
- FINA Rules are written for World Championships and Olympic Games.
- SWAG 1 – Federations may adopt their own Age Group rules, using FINA technical rules
- 25m Butterfly
- 4x2x1L Relay
- 4x200m Mixed Freestyle Relay
- Mixed gender racing is entirely acceptable at age group level
- Separate male/female results
- Club Championships

Mixed Discipline Swimming

- Masters Swimmers competing in Level X – and open competition.
- What rules do Masters swimmers have to abide by?
- Can a Masters swimmer do Breaststroke legs in Butterfly in a Level X or low-level licensed meet/open competition?
- Need for pragmatism – with Level X – consider running the Masters events as separate heats. In this case, swim the race under Masters rules. They'll probably prefer it.
- Warm Up and Pool Area
- Level X and Level X Masters

Manual Results – with one TK

Lane	Time
1	
2	1:05:60
3	1:05.56
4	1:06.20
5	1:07.25
6	1:11.76

Placings	
Judge	4 3 2 5 6
Judge	4 3 2 5 6
Referee	4 3 2 5 6

Place	Lane	Time
1	4	1:05.55RD
2	3	1:05.56
3	2	1:05.60
4	5	1:07.25
5	6	1:11.76
	1	What do you write here?

Lane 1 did not finish

What else could you do for Lane 4?

Level X Conditions

Manual Results – with one TK

Lane	Time
1	58.50
2	57.38
3	58.02
4	57.36
5	59.36
6	57.35

Placings	
Judge	2 4 6 3 1 5
Judge	4 2 6 3 1 5
Referee	2 4 6 3 1 5

Place	Lane	Time
1	6	57.35
2	4	57.36
3	2	57.38
4	3	58.02
5	1	58.50
6	5	59.36

British Swimming Guidance on timing, incorporating FINA Rules.

DQ – Copy Exactly from Reference Card

7.6 Did not touch at turn or finish with both hands or touch not simultaneous or hands not separated.

10.11 Second swimmer went early

10.11 Swimmer's feet lost touch with starting platform before preceding team-mate touches (any additional information?)

Do you need a form if there are sensors that are working?

One handed touch – Breaststroke

Where might you not use 7.6?

One handed touch – Breaststroke at end of Breaststroke section of IM

9.4

7.1/7.5

COVID - Adaptations to Roles

- Chief Timekeeper
- DQ Reporting
- Radios
- Stroke Judges
- Referee

Challenges we face

- Personal anxiety & confidence
- Anxiety & confidence of officiating team
- Ensure a fair & consistent approach
- Different style of officiating
 - Face masks
- What do I do if there's a mistake?

Refresh your knowledge

Before attendance at your first events

- Refresh yourself with rules
- FINA videos
- FINA interpretations
- Review past officiating experiences
- Any uncertainties, please ask
 - Problem shared is a problem halved

Results

DQ reporting

- Be 100% sure
- Do not be afraid to call a DQ – if you are sure
- If you are in a doubt, give benefit to the swimmer
- Please report any infraction to the Referee
- Use DQ form
- Swimming Rule Quick Reference Infraction Card
- Make sure you have a pen!!

Race results

Style

- Create a positive environment for the officiating team
- Respect different views
 - Cautious –v- carefree
 - What's the problem?
- Pragmatic approach
 - Jammers
- The starter

Any questions?

Thank You!