

Swimming Officiating Pathway

Level of official	J1	J2	J2 (S)	Referee
Target audience	Swim England member who wishes to gain an initial understanding of Swimming FINA Rules and the roles of Timekeeper and Inspector of Turns.	Qualified Judge 1 with 15 hours post qualification experience, who wishes to progress to the roles of Stroke Judge and Finish Judge.	Qualified Judge 2 with 15 hours post qualification experience, who wishes to progress to the role of Starter.	Qualified Judge 2S with a minimum of 50 recorded officiating hours across all roles and at a variety of levels of meet since the date of qualification as a J2(S). Application must be supported by the relevant County and Regional Officials Coordinators.
Competition level	Intra-club, inter-club, open meets, county, regional and national events.	Intra-club, inter-club, open meets, county, regional and national events.	Intra-club, inter-club, open meets, county and regional events. Can take on the role of referee at Level 4 licensed open meets.	Intra-club, inter-club, open meets, county and regional events.
Minimum age to commence training	15 years	16 years	16 years	19 years (20 years as at date of exam)
Course delivery	Online theory and knowledge assessment. Completion of log book to evidence poolside competence.	Combined classroom theory, knowledge assessment and evidence of practical competence.	Combined classroom theory, knowledge assessment and evidence of practical competence. Final assessment of practical competence.	Application by 31 December for exam in November of following year. Combined classroom theory and evidence of practical experience. Three hour exam (pass mark of 85 per cent, maximum two re sit attempts). Final assessment of practical competence.