



STO Report February 2016

Long-serving Orkney swimming referee Ian Gibson was honoured by the award of a life membership from the North District Committee at their AGM in Aberdeen 2015, in recognition of his many years of invaluable service to the North District and the sport of swimming at all levels, from refereeing at club, intercounty, district and national events, to training and mentoring of new officials, leading and guiding past and present Orkney Swimming Club management, his many years as a Orkney delegate at the North District, to his long-standing association with the International Island Games, at which he was meet referee on more than one occasion.

Photo shows Orkney referee Ian Gibson being presented with a commemorative plaque to mark his award of a life membership from the North District Committee. and was presented by referee Derek Allan



At the AGM 2015 the New format of the STO Committee was put in place, the committee is as follows:

ND STO Convenor- Kevin Paterson (northsto@gmail.com)

ND STO Administrator-Helen Guy (NDSTO.Committee@outlook.com)

ND STO Timekeeper Administrator- Eleanore Ferguson (elle_190@hotmail.co.uk)

ND STO Member-Kath Cartwright

ND Meet Officials-Durno Jessiman

All Judge(J1/J2/J2S) course application forms, from now on are to be sent to The ND STO Administrator (Helen Guy).

Updated application form on ND website.

There has been an advisory note from British Swimming about wearing of jewellery at competitions, Attached with this report.

There's been inquiries about swimmers with Tape, and are they are allowed to swim.so I have attached a report from BS about the subject.

Galas have already started and I would like to remind all STOs that they should always wear white (**including foot wear**) and show their STO badge & license (Orange timekeeper badge) when on poolside. Furthermore, **shorts** are not recognized poolside wear.

STO Training

Referee

There are 3 candidates carrying out there training this year, there poolside training is arranged through there Course leader's (Kevin Paterson/Brian Hendry) and they will be attending meets in the district over the next 9 months.

Recorder

There was 1 candidate who sat their exam in November 2015 and passed. Congratulations.

The next exam will take place on the 14th May 2016

Entries to the District Convenor by the 1st March 2016(Form on the ND Website Sto page).

Timekeepers should now fill in the ND record of timekeeping form that comprises of 4 TK and 1 CTK signatures to qualify to sit recorders exam. (Copy of ND TK form sent with application)

Judge 2S

Currently we have 11 Judge 2s working through their training, Can I ask any Judge 2, that is keen on progressing to Judge 2S to get your Forms & fee to the ND STO Convenor.

1 Candidate passed their final assessment

Judge 2

31 candidates from 2015 are working through their training.

5 have applied this year

Can I ask any Judge1 thinking about progressing on to Judge 2 to get your Forms & fee to the ND STO Convenor?

1 Candidate passed their final assessments with 2 waiting to be assessed

Judge 1

- 97 candidates applied for training in 2015.
- 6 have applied for training this year so far.
- All application forms to be sent to ND STO Administrator, who will inform the appropriate area organiser
- Completing the training takes time and it is important to keep up the momentum so that we do not run short of Judges
- When submitting officials for galas clubs **must** indicate the status/stage of the nominees. Can all clubs remind their trainee's to take their forms and hand them to the Referee when checking in at least 30 mins before the start of the gala or they will not get there training session.
- It is essential that candidates know that it may not be possible for them to gain signatures at every session they attend. If you are unable to attend a gala that you have requested a mentor session, or have finished your signatures Can I ask you to inform the club that has organized the gala, this will make it much easier for the Referee on the day,
- **Trainees should make sure that they have completed their Timekeeping & Chief Timekeepers signatures before applying for mentor sessions.**
- 6 Candidates passed their final assessments with 6 waiting to be assessed

Area Organisers

- Helen Guy runs workshops in the Forres /Elgin/Inverness/ Western Isles area.
- Kath Cartwright runs workshops in Thurso area
- Jim Robertson runs workshops in Shetland.
- Derek Allan runs workshops in Orkney
- Kevin Paterson runs workshops in Aberdeen area

Timekeepers

These courses remain the initial entry onto the STO ladder. Can I remind club STOs that the first step is to send an application form with names and the appropriate fee (£25 for up to 10 candidates) to Eleanore Ferguson, at the address on the form, with a note of possible/suitable dates, times and venue. Eleanore Ferguson will then arrange for the delivery of the course and confirm the details. It is perfectly acceptable to add/change the names of the candidates at the time of the course

- There have been 2 courses so far with 19 Timekeepers.
- Remember clubs can reclaim the cost of 1 Timekeeper course each year, this will be sent by the North District Treasurer.
- **Timekeepers should now fill in the ND record of timekeeping form that comprises of 4 TK and 1 CTK signatures to qualify to sit recorders exam/AOE and to get the first 2 signatures in Judge 1 signed off**

Licensing of Officials (Judge 1 and above)

As we are now receiving our license from British Swimming, It is up to the individual to pay and maintain their license.

Applying & renewing your BS license, below is a list of People who can sign off your Application

Jim Robertson (Shetland)
Ian Gibson (Orkney)
Kath Cartwright (Thurso)
Helen Guy (Nairn)
Kevin Paterson (Aberdeen)
Jenny Young (Aberdeen)
Brian Hendry (Stonehaven)

2. Requirements for Renewing your License

- Member of SASA
- Evidence of having attended Contemporary Issues & FINA rules update
- Evidence of having met the minimum stated requirements related to carrying out the role which the license application applies (A minimum of 8 occasions over the 4-year period, spaced out over the 4-year period, a minimum of 2 sessions in the last year)
- You must also achieve a minimum of 10 points from electives (Which can be found in Section 10 in your logbook)

A Licensed Referee who wishes to be a licensed starter will have to provide evidence of having carried out a minimum of 1 session as a starter in the last year prior to license renewal, this is in addition to the requirements of being a licensed Referee.

Contemporary issues is now available as an online course from the IOS.

(www.swimming.org/.../swimming/cpd-for-officials/) Cost of this CPD is free as I am aware To encourage officials to re-license, I would like to propose that the cost for the course is paid for by the North District.

Kevin Paterson

ND STO convenor