



ND STO AGM Report December 2016

My Eighth year as North District STO Convener has once again flown past, it has been another very busy year for the North District officials, we were very fortunate to have a number of officials attend the LEN European Masters at the London Aquatic's Center, it was an experience I will not forget in a hurry.



Congratulations to Steve Robertson from Westhill ASC on Passing his Referee exam and final assessment.

British swimming has updated the BS Referee and Starter development programme this year
Details can be found on the BS Website or from myself

I would like to thank those officials who are always willing to help and ensure that galas run smoothly. We have more than 360 registered officials in the District .

May I remind all officials that they should show their License and/or their STO badge or their Timekeeper card when they are on poolside.

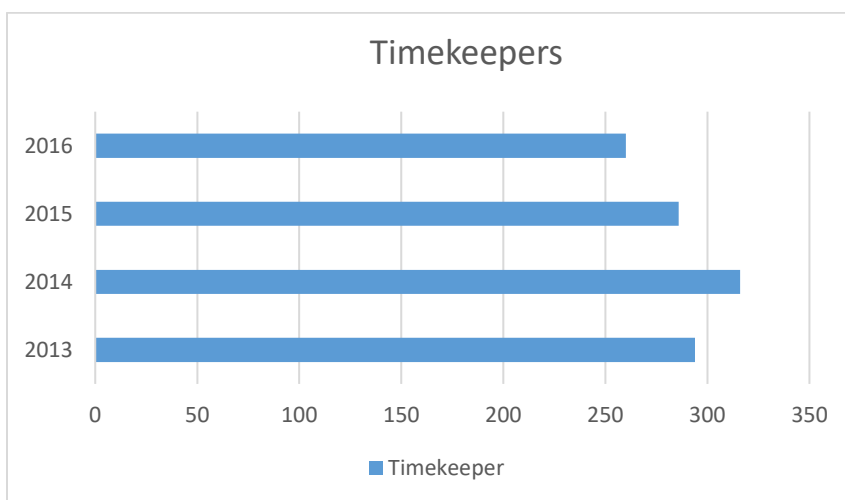
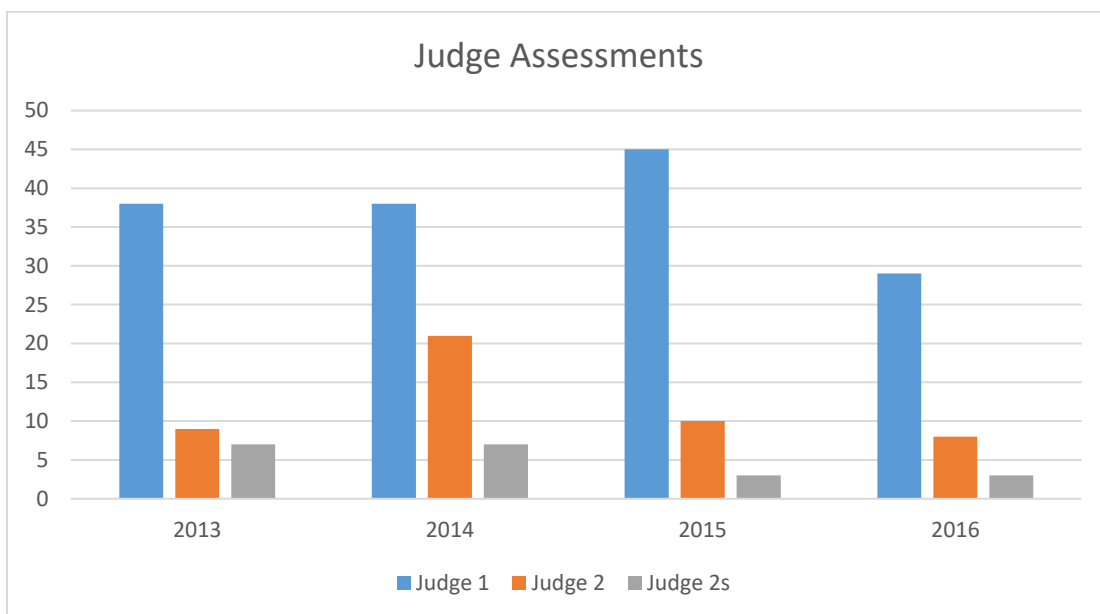
Training of officials.

- The Timekeeper course run for Clubs remains the entry onto the STO ladder; this year there have been 31 courses at the time of writing this report producing 260 Timekeepers. Please remember that application forms (and fees) with possible dates should be sent to the Eleanore Ferguson(NDSTO.TK.committee@gmail.com) who will make the arrangements for delivery of the course.
- Timekeepers must now be members of SASA (volunteers). All judges and above should be registered as officials.
- Timekeepers (15 & over) are immediately eligible to move on to Judge 1;
- Scottish Swimming is anxious to encourage young officials – will clubs please try to encourage their older swimmers to move into officiating (14 for timekeeper, judge 1 training can start at 15 but must be 16 at time of assessment.)
- Judge 1, Judge 2 and Judge 2S training consists of a 3 workshops. There is also a final practical assessment on poolside over 2 sessions.
- This year 45 candidates began their Judge 1 training, However, this number and last years has itself caused problems, as it can be difficult for all who wish signatures at any gala to get them.
- Candidates may not always get a training session – there are too many of you, my apologies; we will issue places as per ND. Candidates ask the Referee to make a note on your sheet that you applied for mentoring but was unsuccessful should help next time you apply.
- Can all clubs remind their trainee's to take their forms and hand them in to the Referee at **least 30 mins** before the start of the gala or they will not get their mentor session.
- 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.
- This year 25 candidates began Judge 2 training,
- This year 7 candidates began Judge 2S training.

Assessments

- 29 Judge 1 Qualified this year With 13 waiting to be assessed
- 8 Judge 2 Qualified this year With 1 waiting to be assessed
- 3 Judge 2s Qualified this year With 2 waiting to be assessed
- 5 Candidate sat the Recorders exam in November – In May 7 passed this exam

- My thanks to the people who have helped deliver all the training involved – for Timekeeper/Judges/recorder courses, the area organisers (Kath Cartwright,Ian Gibson,Derek Allan,Jim Robertson,Helen Guy)Willing Helpers (Jenny Young , Brian Hendry,David Downie,Janice Simpson,James Scott,Durno Jessiman, Sandra French,Elaina Leach,Doug Thomson, and Doris Mair). My apologies to anyone I have missed out!
- My thanks to all Clubs & Officials who have been involved in mentoring – without you we would have no new officials - and to the Referees who have organised the mentors and candidates on poolside. I have seen some excellent training and discussions going on. This is a hugely important aspect of the training and the brief feedback sessions at the end of mentoring sessions are essential to monitor progress.
- My Thanks to all the Clubs & Referee,s that have helped me out with the assessments



For license renewal

The contemporary Issues CPD (Now online)

http://www.theiosonline.com/Courses.aspx?itemid=27504&itemtitle=Contemporary%20Issues&sitesectionid=43&sitesectiontitle=Qualifications&destination=Courses.aspx%3fsitesectionid%3d43%26sitesectiontitle%3dQualifications%26region%3d%26cType%3d2%26page%3d2&cType=2&itemType=cpd_seminar

The FINA rules Course lasts about 15-30 mins

1. 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 (Inverness)

Kevin Paterson (Aberdeen)

Brian Hendry (Stonehaven)

David Downie (Dyce)

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.

Referee Training.

British Swimming has published a document about the procedure on the application process and course details, Details can be found on the North District & British Swimming websites.

STO Committee 2016

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

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

ND STO Timekeeper Administrator- Eleanore Ferguson (NDSTO.TK.committee@gmail.com)

ND STO Member-Kath Cartwright

ND Meet Officials-Durno Jessiman

My thanks to all for their work over the year.

Exam Dates

Referee -13th May 2017 & 4th November 2017

Recorders- 13th May 2017 & 4th November 2017

Seminar

This year's Seminar was held on the 25th September 2016 at the Stirling Court Hotel, There were presentations from a Coach that was in Rio, BS Officials Chair Neil Booth on the BS Referee & Starter Programme and a Contemporary Issues CPD.

I was disappointed with the turnout at the Seminar this year again as out of over 360 registered ND officials only 7 turned up. The Seminar is for the officials to hear what has been happening over the last year, and have their say in any Regulation changes, Ask Questions and meet other officials from other districts.

Hope to see much more next year.

Durno Jessiman Received the North District Sto Award 2016

THERE STO LIST is as follows

TK 2007

JUDGE 2008

RECORDER 2009

STARTER 2009

REFEREE 2011

Water Polo Referee 2015

Durno is seen at all level of meets from Club, District, National and even at the LEN European Masters in London (although spending most of his time in the AOE box).

For the North District Durno has been arranging the officials for the ND Meets for a number of years,

For the past 2 years he has been Vice President of the North District,

Congratulations Durno Jessiman.



Lastly

I would like to thank Jenny Young for all the years' service to the North District, as she has indicated to me that she is hanging up her whistle. Jenny has been a great advocate to the district taking on many roles including STO Convener which she kindly passed on to me (Thanks). I owe a lot to Jenny, with all the help and mentoring over the years, I hope you enjoy free time.

Kevin Paterson

ND STO Convener

November 2016

Please ensure that this report is shared with the STOs in your Club;

STO Budget 2016

I have made few claims from the allocated funding because my volunteers rarely make claims. I do however feel that it is important to have the money available in case of need.

1. Referee/Meet Referee Training expenses	£275
2. Printing	£100
3. Referee meetings (If required)	£100
4. Meet Referee polo/shirts	£200
5. FINA handbooks and whistles	£350
6. STO training expenses (Distant venues, island development)	£450
7. STO committee expense.	<u>£75</u>
	£1550

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