



STO Report February 2015

Hi sorry I can't be there today as I am officiating at a meet . If you have any questions ,you can email me and I will try to answer as quickly as I can.

Attached with this report is the Fina rules update that came into force on the 1st Jan 2015

There will be the Scottish National Age Group Swimming Championships held at the Aberdeen Aquatics Center from the 31st March -5th April 2015,Application form to officiate at this meet has been sent round the Club STO Convenors. Also Found on the ND Website Sto page.

On June 25th -- 29th the Scottish Gas National Age Group Championships

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 & licence (Orange timekeeper badge) when on poolside. Furthermore **shorts** are not recognised poolside wear.

STO Training

Referee

There are 2 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 over the next 10 months.

Recorder

There were 3 candidates who sat their exam in November 2014 with 1 pass . Congratulations .

The next exam will take place on the 9th May 2015

Entries to the District Convener by the 1st March 2015(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 signature's to qualify to sit recorders exam.(Copy of ND TK form sent with application)

Judge 2S

Currently we have 6 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 Waiting to be assessed

Judge 2

14 candidates from 2014 are working through their training.

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

Judge 1

- 115 candidates applied for training in 2014.
- 4 have applied for training this year so far .
- Helen Guy runs workshops in the Forres /Elgin/Inverness area.
- Kath Cartwright runs workshops in Thurso area
- Jim Robertson runs workshops in Shetland.
- Ian Gibson/Derek Allan runs workshops in Orkney.
- All application forms to be sent to ND STO Convenor, 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 there 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.**
- 3 Candidates passed their final assessments with 6 waiting to be assessed

Judge workshop Dates (Aberdeen)

Judge 1 Workshop 1

February 17 th 2015	Venue- Bridge of Don pool.7pm
June 2 nd 2015	Venue - Bridge of Don pool.7pm
November 3 rd 2015	Venue - Bridge of Don pool.7pm

Judge 1 Workshop 2&3

February 19 th 2015	Venue- Bridge of Don pool.7pm
June 3 rd 2015	Venue -Bridge of Don pool.7pm
September 15 th 2015	Venue - Bridge of Don pool.7pm
November 4 th 2015	Venue -Bridge of Don pool.7pm

Judge 2 Workshops 1

June 4 th 2015	Venue - Bridge of Don pool.7pm
November 5 th 2015	Venue -Bridge of Don pool.7pm

Judge 2 Workshops 2&3

February 18 th 2015	Venue- Bridge of Don pool.7pm
September 16 th 2015	Venue -Bridge of Don pool.7pm

Judge 2s Workshop 1 will be arranged when I have sufficient candidates to run a course

Any club/s want to hold a Judge 1 course (minimum of 10 candidates) this can be arranged on one of the dates above or another date, The Club/s would then have to arrange a room for the course, All application forms must be sent to ND STO Convenor a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the course date .

Other Areas dates

Judge 1 Workshops 2&3 26th February 2015 Venue – Fraserburgh Pool 6.30 pm

For license renewal

Contemporary Issues Course

Now available on-line through IOS www.swimming.org/.../swimming/cpd-for-officials/

Fina Rules update Course Dates

The contemporary Issues course lasts about 1.5 hours

The FINA rules Course lasts about 15-30 mins

Recorders Examination

9th May 2015

7th November 2015

Venues -TBC by Area Organisers

Applications to the ND STO Convenor by the 1st March 2015 & 1st September 2015

Area Organisers

Helen Guy runs workshops in the Forres /Elgin/Inverness area.

Kath Cartwright runs workshops in Thurso/Wick area

Jim Robertson runs workshops in Shetland.

Ian Gibson runs workshops in Orkney.

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 has been 1 courses so far with 10 Timekeepers
- There are 1 courses waiting to be delivered .
- 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 signature's to qualify to sit recorders exam and to get the first 2 signature,s in Judge 1 signed off**

Licensing of Officials(Judge 1 and above)

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

Applying & renewing your BS licence ,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 £5.00

To encourage officials to re-license,I would like to propose that the cost for the course is paid for by the North District.

Treasurer would reimburse when officials send a copy of certificate.(open for discussion)

Kevin Paterson

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