



## **STO Report June 2015**

Hi sorry I cant be there today as I am Officiating at the British Swimming Masters in Manchester if you have any questions ,you can email me and I will try to answer as quickly as I can.

I am pleased this year so far has been busy with the usual courses taken place.

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.

Officials willing to continue training (J2/J2S,), You may start your training but you must have completed your Post Qualification Poolside Duties before you can apply for your Final Assessment .

Judge 1 -10 hours      Judge 2 – 20 hours ,

Post Qualification Poolside Duties sheets are at the back of the workbooks or a sheet is sent with your new Judge card from Scottish Swimming

Copies of these sheets must be sent with the completed signed sheets when requesting a Final Assessment

Contemporary Issues CPD [www.swimming.org/.../swimming/cpd-for-officials/](http://www.swimming.org/.../swimming/cpd-for-officials/) can be claimed back from the North District

**To reclaim the cost of the Contemporary Issues Course, the course certificate should be used as back-up for your claim.**

Claims should be made on the ND Expenses Form and sent to David Downie,ND Treasurer at [sasanorthtreasurer@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sasanorthtreasurer@hotmail.co.uk).

## **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 5 months.

### **Recorder**

There was 5 candidates who sat there exam on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015, waiting on the results 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

## Judge 2S

There was a course held at the ASV on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 with 9 candidates attending.  
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 having passed their final assessment

## Judge 2

13 candidates applied for training so far this year  
Can I ask any Judge 1 thinking about progressing on to Judge 2 to get your Forms & fee to the ND STO Convenor.  
5 Passed their assessments  
2 waiting to be assessed

## Judge 1

- 22 candidates applied for training so far this year .
- There was a courses run in Aberdeen on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015
- There was a course run at Fraserburgh on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015
- Kath Cartwright runs workshops in Thurso area
- 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.**
- 19 Candidates passed their final assessments with 5 waiting to be assessed

## 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/Derek Allan runs workshops in Orkney.

## **Judge workshop Dates (Aberdeen )**

### **Judge 1 Workshop 1**

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

### **Judge 1 Workshop 2&3**

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

### **Judge 2 Workshops 1**

June 4 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Venue - Bridge of Don pool.7pm
November 5 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Venue -Bridge of Don pool.7pm

### **Judge 2 Workshops 2&3**

February 18 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Venue- Bridge of Don pool.7pm
September 16 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Venue -Bridge of Don pool.7pm

### **Judge 2s Workshop 1**

May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	Venue – ASV Pool. 9.00 am
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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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 Venue – Fraserburgh Pool 6.30 pm

## **For license renewal**

Contemporary Issues

Now available on-line through IOS [www.swimming.org/.../swimming/cpd-for-officials/](http://www.swimming.org/.../swimming/cpd-for-officials/)

Fina Rules update Course Dates

The FINA rules Course lasts about 15-30 mins

## **Recorders Examination**

9<sup>th</sup> May 2015

7<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Venues -TBC by Area Organisers

Applications to the ND STO Convenor by the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 & 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015

## 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/](http://www.swimming.org/.../swimming/cpd-for-officials/) )Cost of this CPD is £5.00

## Seminar

**The annual STO seminar will take place at Dewar's Ice Rink, Perth on  
Sunday 27th September 2015 .**

*Kevin Paterson*

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