Becoming a Technical Official

Having volunteers who are willing to get involved with officiating is an integral part of any strong and successful swimming club; the sport of swimming cannot function without officials! If you are a busy person who is keen to support swimming, then get involved! The following steps will help get you qualified and competent:

1. Become a financial member of your local swimming club. This will mean that you, and the club, are covered by insurance while you are carrying out any officiating duties.

2. Obtain a free NSW Working with Children Check by applying here. If you are in the ACT, apply for a Working with Vulnerable People Check here.

3. Once you receive clearance, be sure to forward your WWCC/WWVP number and date of birth onto both your local club committee and *Area Technical Swimming Committee Coordinator* (ATSCC – if you are unsure who this is please check this page on our website to find out).

4. Complete the *Community Officiating General Principles* and *Introduction to Officiating* here.

5. Begin your online training modules through the Swimming NSW Training Website. We recommend beginning with the following modules as they are suitable for new officials looking to assist with club nights and club meets. Follow the learner guide links for information on the requirements for each module:
   - Timekeeper – learner guide
   - Chief Timekeeper – learner guide
   - Check Starter – learner guide
   - Clerk of the Course (Marshalling) – learner guide

6. You will need to be assessed by a local assessor. Your ATSCC can assist you with arranging this.

7. Make sure you reach out to your local club officials or ATSCC if you require any assistance!

If you would like to progress further with your officiating journey, please continue completing the following modules through the Swimming NSW Training Website:
   - Starter – learner guide
   - Recorder – learner guide
   - Judge of Stroke – learner guide
   - Inspector of Turns – learner guide