

11/03 County updates – Officials training

Most counties report they had a high rate of officials dropping out of the Judge Level 1 course. Some officials are still in training from 2007. The common causes seem to be because candidates dropped out due to their offspring giving up swimming, others perhaps have been pressed to enrol by their clubs and not really interested in doing the course.

Others found the commitment too much; a small number converted their experience into a timekeeper pass, therefore not totally lost to swimming.

Bedfordshire has experimented with a central timekeeper course at a village hall for the theory side of the course and then the poolside practical elements more locally at galas or club training. This proved very successful with 48 candidates taking part. This saved running 8 small separate courses in various parts of the county.

There was reluctance on a large number of current timekeepers to upgrade to Judge Level 1. Some areas were also experiencing lower number of Licensed officials to assist at Level 1 & 2 galas.

DM reminded attendees that we, as a region, have to run each year, 6 x FINA 2009 Rules updates and 6 x Contemporary Issues CPD's. This is easily achieved by each county running at least one of each every year. The CPD's for both courses planned at the Regional Learning Day in January 2011 were cancelled due to low attendees (3 and 2 respectively). With many officials wishing to renew their BS licences from April, the demand will be high as many have not attended any mandatory courses that have been put on.

DR explained that the FINA Rules CPD is a little old now, with many new officials having the new workbooks with the updated rules in them, but the CPD will be current until the next rule changes in 2013. He has added to the powerpoint's information from Jane Davies regarding questions and answers to poolside incidents she circulates via the BS news. All agreed this was a good idea and should be encouraged to be added to all future presentations.

County Reps.

11/04 ER Performance Figures

DM

Details of the SOG KPI's were circulated for the period 1st October to 31st December 2010.

Qualification	Applications received	Passes this quarter
Timekeeper	75	59
Judge L1	75	17
Judge L2	12	21
Judge L2S	17	1
Number of CPD Events		
Contemporary Issues	3	
FINA Rules	4	
Disability Awareness	1	

11/05 SOG Development Plan 2011-12
 The final plan was circulated and discussed. A few minor typing errors were identified and required changing before submitting to the regional board. DM

11/06 Officials Courses
 Details of this year's planned officials courses were circulated and discussed, they are as follows:-

- Referee and Starters who act as Referees Refresher (02-04-2011) DM/CG/DR
- Disability Awareness (15-05-2011) RO/DM
- Mentoring of Officials (18-06-2011) DM/CG/DR
- Contemporary Issues County Reps.
- Fina Rules Update 2009
- Open Water Officiating Awareness course (Spring) KP/DM
 - This would involve classroom work with equipment and videos which would account for up to 75% of an Open Water JL1 qualification. With the rest at the Regional competition.

11/07 Referee Training
 In the November 2010 examination, 10 candidates from the region passed

Keith Anderson	Bedfordshire	Sandra Spooner	Essex
David Pedder	Cambridgeshire	Bruce Faulkner	Norfolk
Ian Knight	Cambridgeshire	James Fox	Norfolk
Nigel Brigham	Cambridgeshire	Kevin Rumsey	Norfolk
Susan Powell	Cambridgeshire	Nick Hatton	Norfolk

The 2011 Regional course dates:-
 13th February, 27th February, 14th May and a revision day in October. 6 candidates had signed up for the course.

11/08 Licensing of Officials
 The meeting was reminded of the mandatory requirements for officials to have completed before they can apply for a BS Licence.

The renewal of BS licences will commence in the spring, the IOS will automatically send out the renewal paperwork direct to each official. DM, as requested by the ER SOG, has informed all persons who qualify for the East Region (up to 31st July 2011) to pay for the renewal fee of £5.00 for them if they wish. The renewal form can be signed off by any licenced BS Referee. DM

DM automatically sends all officials that attain a new BS qualification that are not already licensed a signed BS licenced application form together with the pass certificate.

11/09 East Region Galas
 Applications to officiate at the regional galas have been sent out to not less than 132 officials who have helped in the past or expressed an intention to help. The paperwork to apply is also on the regional website. The applications are due in by 1st March 2011.

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Officials Course Applications

DM expressed concern that a high number of applicants who state on the applications **“ASA Number applied for”** do not go on to apply for ASA membership and therefore also have no insurance cover whilst on poolside. Many state that their club have sent it off but many never arrive at the ASA. Some clubs do not have any knowledge of some individuals when enquiries are made at a later stage.

County Reps and DM spend a lot of time chasing up clubs and individuals to try and obtain this information. DM and MH were trialling a procedure in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire whereby any applicant without an ASA membership number had to produce a completed and signed ASA membership application form at the theory session to be allowed to continue. This was then forwarded to the ASA by DM and in majority of cases the ASA number was produced within a week.

DM produced a sheet of 21 candidates that we have still not managed to get an application form completed or if completed sent in by the club. Some dating back to 2008. Many hours a week are wasted chasing up applications by DM. DM suggested and it was agreed that any course application without a current ASA number will have to have a completed ASA membership form produced on the first day/night of the theory course for the training to continue.

DM
County Reps.

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AOB

DM reminded everyone that we should be using the BS disqualification form for all licensed meets and all officials' poolside assessments. There have been cases of a local form made up in use.

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Recommendations to the Regional Board

Nothing to report

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Date of the Next meeting – 09:30am Saturday 4th September 2011 at Kentford.