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Regional Swimming Officials' Newsletter May 2026



Congratulations to Regional officials who officiated at the recent AGB Combined Championships at the London Aquatic Centre.

They are left to right - Matthew Bater (Watford), Nikki Vause, Nick Jones (West Norfolk) David Metcalf (Biggleswade), Jane Howell (Basildon), Stewart Murray (West Norfolk), Gerry Metcalf (Biggleswade) and Louise Mackie (Flitwick) not in photo.



Starters who act as Referees Training Day - Date Change



Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to change the date of this training day to **Saturday 19 September 2026**.

The Swim England East Region Swimming Officials Leadership Group are planning to run a training day for regional licensed starters who act as referees at galas within the region.

The day will cover various topics, including duties of a referee, poolside safety checks, race results, briefings and protests, poolside processes and a theory starter refresher. Which will assist them carrying out the role and make them fully aware of their responsibilities when acting as a referee.

If you are interested in attending please sign up below.

[Please click here to register your interest to attend](#)

AGB National Para Officiating CPD for Technical Officials



The next online presentation will be on Tuesday 15 September 2026 @ 7:00pm on Zoom, the presenters are David Metcalf and Tony Ward (WPS ITO's).

The CPD is an introduction to officiating at events that include swimmers with a disability, aimed at swimming technical officials, Judge Level 1 or above. This CPD will give an overview of Functional Classification System, Terminology & Sport Class Overview including knowledge of World Para Swimming (WPS) rules and rule exceptions.

The CPD is free and attracts 3 points towards the renewal of the AGB officials Licence.

To reserve a place on the course please click on the national link below. You will be contacted after 1st September 2026 with the Zoom joining instructions. The CPD lasts approx. 1 ½ to 2 hours.

[Click here to register to attend the PARA CPD](#)

World Aquatics and World Para Swimming Rules Updates 2026



World Aquatics and World
Para Swimming Rules
Update

For all technical swimming officials

World Aquatics and **World Para Swimming** have recently published a series of updates to their respective competition regulations and technical rules.

Swim England East Region volunteers are running a series of updates online for Technical Officials, 5 courses have already taken place with 451 attendees. Currently we have 862 licensed officials in the Region.

The following dates are available at the moment:-

- Tuesday 9 June 2026 @ 7.00pm
- Thursday 16 July 2026 @ 7.00pm

If your **AGB Officiating Licence** is due for renewal within the next few months, do not wait until you apply for a renewal, as you may be disappointed that there is not another convenient date.

You will have to wait for another presentation date before you can renew your licence.

[Click on this link to register to attend](#)

Regional Officiating and Poolside Helper Opportunities



Venue: Newmarket Leisure Centre

- 2026 Regional Masters SC Championships - Sunday 20 September 2026
- East Region Para-Swimming Meet 2026 - Sunday 27 September 2026

[Click here for the Regional application page](#)

AGB Swimming Officials Licence Renewals from 2026

The Region have agreed to pay for the renewal of all Swimming Technical Official's licences from January 2026. When you are due to renew your licence, please state on the renewal form, that SE East Region will pay the renewal fee. The form is

required to be countersigned by a Licensed Referee, prior to submission.

Please check the expiry of your licence, as I have been informed that officials have not been receiving renewal reminders this year.

AGB Official's Licensing Page

SE East Region Officials County Circulation Lists Spread the Word

Please encourage officials from your club to sign up to these newsletters.

Register for the Regional Officials Newsletter

Best wishes

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