

## **ASA GUIDANCE TO SWIMMING COMPETITION MANAGEMENT**

The following guidelines are provided to assist all participants in the sport in applying the rules in a manner that is safe, consistent and fair to all athletes at all levels of ability.

None of the following guidance notes are intended to overrule FINA Rules; they are intended to provide practical guidance in the running of competition.

The assimilation of athletes with disabilities into open competition is being progressed at all levels. Whilst there should be no alteration of the interpretation of swimming rules, where necessary adaptations to procedures should be made to accommodate athlete's needs, e.g. the starting procedure will be adapted to include a visual signal for deaf athletes.

The contents of this guidance does not affect the terms of competition for athletes in possession of a Functional Ability Card or a Certificate of Swimming Disability.

### **SW 1 Management of Competitions.**

- a) The numbers of officials to be appointed for major competitions is set out in FINA rules. Whilst it is accepted that such numbers are unlikely to be achieved in other competitions organisers should strive to have the maximum number of officials possible.

Open Meet Licensing is designed to provide consistency in competition management within requirements of the four levels. Meet Licensing is managed by Regional Licensing Officers. The requirements must be comprehensively understood by Meet organisers. Full details are available in 'Open Meet Licensing Guidelines' document available on the website.

<http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/licensed-meets/>

The following extract refers only to the requirements relating to the MINIMUM number of Technical Officials at a competition and is effective from 1st September 2011

#### **LEVEL 1**

##### **All Officials to be licensed and qualified for the role undertaken.**

Referee [1]

Starter [1]

Judge of Stroke [2]

Finish Judge [2]

Inspector of Turn/Timekeeper –

Start End [1 per lane]

Inspector of Turn-Turn End [1 per two lanes] i.e. 8 Lane pool

= 4 Insp of Turn etc.

#### **LEVEL 2**

##### **All Officials to be licensed and qualified for the role undertaken.**

Referee [1]

Starter [1]

Judge of Stroke [2]

Finish Judge [2]

Inspector of Turn/Timekeeper –

Start End [1 per lane]

Inspector of Turn – Turn End [1 per two lanes] i.e. 8 Lane pool

= 4 Insp of Turn etc.

### **LEVEL 3**

#### **At least one Referee must be qualified as a Referee**

Referee [1]

Starter [1]

Judge of Stroke [2]

Finish Judge [2]

Timekeeper [1 per lane]

Inspectors of Turn [1 per two lanes at each end of the pool]

### **LEVEL 4 and Unlicensed Competitions**

#### **The Referee should be minimum qualification of Judge 2S**

Referee [1]

Starter [1]

Judge of Stroke [2]

Finish Judge [2]

Chief Timekeeper [1 where AOE is not in use]

Timekeeper [1 per lane]

Inspector of Turn [1 per two lanes at each end of the pool]