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Changes to Officials Training – December 2011

Following a meeting of the British Swimming Officials Group at the end of November several changes have been agreed in relation to the requirements for training as Technical Officials. This mainly surrounds consolidation of training through experience before commencing to train at the next level.

A summary of the requirements for implementation from 1st January 2012 is contained below.

- Timekeeper – minimum age 14yrs to commence training and qualification
- Judge level 1- minimum age for training 15yrs- Final assessment minimum age 16yrs.
- Judge level 2- minimum age for training 16yrs.
- Judge level 2S- A minimum of 20 hours post qualification experience as Judge Level 2 before training commences.
- Referee- minimum age for training 19yrs providing will be 20yrs as at 30th November in year of examination. Qualified as Judge Level 2S for a minimum of 1 year + a minimum of 10 hours experience as a Judge level 2S.

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Note from David Metcalf:

Those that are already in the system can complete under the old system as this is what they signed up to whatever level.

Those that sign up from 1st January 2012 are under the new system and will be required to meet the new criteria.

A judge 1 in training may qualify if they are under 16 yrs. but they will not be able to sign up to Judge 2 until they are 16.

Any existing J2 in training can qualify but they will not be able to sign up for J2S until they meet the new criteria.

Referees who sign up in January 2012 do so for the exam in 2013 so will have time to fulfil the relevant criteria.

All Referees already signed up for training during 2011 can continue in training for the exam in 2012 even if they have not been a qualified J2S for a year.

In a nut shell. All applications submitted will be honoured but all new ones from January fall under the new system.

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