



## ND STO AGM Report December 2015

My seventh year as North District STO Convener has once again flown past, It has been another very busy year for the North District officials, We were very fortunate to have a number of officials attend the IPC World Championships in Glasgow, It was fantastic experience for these officials.



I would like to extend a massive thanks to Ian Gibson(Orkney)After over 27 years Ian has decided to put his feet up and pass over to Derek Allan the training of officials in Orkney,I would like to thank Ian for all his work over the years and wish him all the best,

The Fina Rules (1<sup>st</sup> January 2015) now in operation.  
Fina also issued an interpretation of Medley and start rule.  
You can request both items from the ND Convener

I would like to thank those officials who are always willing to help and ensure that galas run smoothly. We have more than 360 registered officials in the District.  
May I remind all officials that they should show their License and/or their STO badge or their Timekeeper card when they are on poolside.

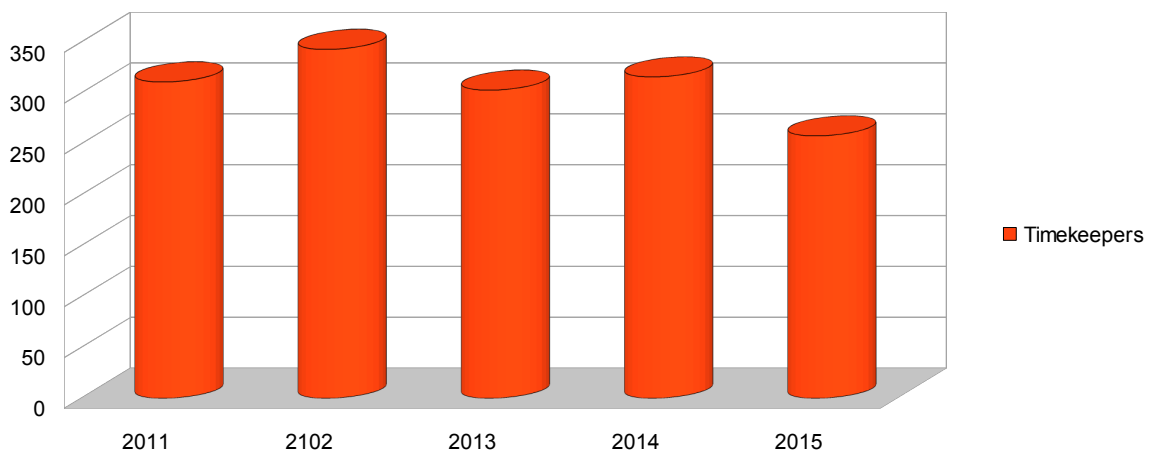
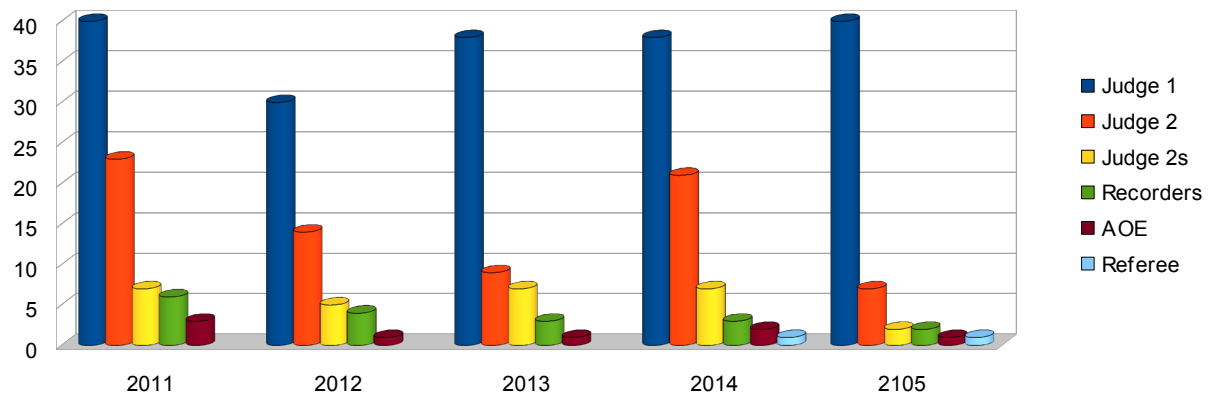
#### **Training of officials.**

- The Timekeeper course run for Clubs remains the entry onto the STO ladder; this year there have been 27 courses at the time of writing this report producing 258 Timekeepers. There is still 1 course still to deliver. Please remember that application forms (and fees) with possible dates should be sent to the Eleanore Ferguson who will make the arrangements for delivery of the course.
- Timekeepers must now be members of SASA (volunteers). All judges and above should be registered as officials.
- Timekeepers ( 15 & over ) are immediately eligible to move on to Judge 1;
- Scottish Swimming is anxious to encourage young officials – will clubs please try to encourage their older swimmers to move into officiating (14 for timekeeper, Judge 1 training can start at 15 but must be 16 at time of assessment.)
- Judge 1, Judge 2 and Judge 2S training consists of a 3 workshops. There is also a final practical assessment on poolside over 2 sessions .
- This year 94 candidates began their Judge 1 training,. However, this number has itself caused problems as it can be difficult for all who wish signatures at any gala to get them.
- Candidates cannot always get training sessions – there are too many of you,. My apologies; we will fit as many in as possible when we can. Candidates ask the Referee to make a note on your sheet that you applied for mentoring but was unsuccessful should help next time you apply.
- Can all clubs remind their trainee's to take there forms and hand them in to the Referee at **least 30 mins** before the start of the gala or they will not get there mentor session.
- If you are unable to attend a gala that you have requested a mentor session,or have finished your signatures Can I ask you to inform the club that has organized the gala, this will make it much easier for the Referee on the day.
- This year 30 candidates began Judge 2 training,.
- This year 9 candidates began Judge 2S training.

## Assessments

- 40 Judge 1 Qualified this year With 4 waiting to be assessed
- 7 Judge 2 Qualified this year With 1 waiting to be assessed
- 2 Judge 2s Qualified this year With 0 waiting to be assessed
- 2 Recorders passed there exam in May
- My thanks to the people who have helped deliver all the training involved – for Timekeeper/Judges/recorder courses , the area organisers ( Kath Cartwright,Ian Gibson,Derek Allan,Jim Robertson,Helen Guy)Willing Helpers (Dave McDonald, Jenny Young , Brian Hendry,David Downie,Janice Simpson,James Scott,Durno Jessiman, Sandra French,Elaina Leach,Doug Thomson and Derek Allan ). My apologies to anyone I have missed out!
- My thanks to all Clubs & Officials who have been involved in mentoring – without you we would have no new officials - and to the Referees who have organised the mentors and candidates on poolside. I have seen some excellent training and discussions going on. This is a hugely important aspect of the training and the debrief/feedback sessions at the end of mentoring session are essential to monitor progress.
- My Thanks to all the Clubs & Referee,s that have helped me out with the Judges final assessments over the year.

Overview of Course Passes



## For license renewal

The contemporary Issues CPD **IOS** [www.swimming.org/.../swimming/cpd-for-officials/](http://www.swimming.org/.../swimming/cpd-for-officials/) is now free as I am aware

The FINA rules Course lasts about 15-30 mins

### 1. Licensing of Officials(Judge 1 and above )

As we are now receiving our licence from British Swimming, It is up to the individual to pay and maintain their licence.

Applying & renewing your BS licence ,below is a list of People who can sign off your Application

Jim Robertson (Shetland)  
Ian Gibson (Orkney)  
Kath Cartwright (Thurso)  
Helen Guy (Inverness)  
Kevin Paterson (Aberdeen)  
Jenny Young (Aberdeen)  
Brian Hendry (Stonehaven)

### 2. Requirements for Renewing your License

- Member of SASA
- Evidence of having attended Contemporary Issues & FINA rules update
- Evidence of having met the minimum stated requirements related to carrying out the role which the license application applies (A minimum of 8 occasions over the 4 year period ,spaced out over the 4 year period ,a minimum of 2 sessions in the last year )
- You must also achieve a minimum of 10 points from electives(Which can be found in Section 10 in your logbook)
- A Licensed Referee who wishes to be a licensed starter will have to provide evidence of having carried out a minimum of 1 session as a starter in the last year prior to license renewal,this is in addition to the requirements of being a licensed Referee.

## British Swimming Referee Training .

British Swimming has published a document about the procedure on the application process and course details,Copy Attached

## Seminar

This years Seminar was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the Dewars Ice Rink Perth, There was presentations from Coach Andy Figgins, BS Officials coordinator Helen Akers ,East District,s Alistair Shields And a group of officials that attended the IPC World Championships in Glasgow

Jim Robertson Received the North District Sto Award 2015

THERE STO LIST is as follows

TK 1987

RECORDER 1994

JUDGE 1987

STARTER 1994

REFEREE 2006

Jim continue,s to be an enthusiastic driving force behind swimming at all levels in Shetland.

The North District STO award is presented in recognition of Jim,s achievements as an official. In particular it is presented because, in addition to the time and effort he dedicates to coaching and to his club, Jim officiate,s year in year out, at virtually each and every meet held in Shetland. Jim also travel,s to the mainland with His team. Jim held the mantle of being the only Referee based in Shetland for more than 10 years.

Without Jim's dedication and continuing willingness to volunteer his time as an STO, it would have been much more difficult for an entire generation of swimmers to complete locally in Shetland.

Jim has trained and mentored literally hundreds of timekeepers and judges over the years. This has meant that in addition to the Shetland Championships, Lerwick ASC has been able to add meets to the local calendar with sufficient officials to enable swimmers to achieve additional accredited times locally.

Congratulations Jim Robertson

I was disappointed with the turn out at the Seminar this year again as out of 364 registered ND officials only 8 turned up

The Seminar is for the officials to hear what has been happening over the last year , and have there say in any Regulation changes ,Ask Questions and meet other officials from other districts

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Hope to see more of you next year.

*Kevin Paterson*

ND STO Convener

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**Please ensure that this report is shared with the STOs in your Club;**

## **STO Budget 2015**

I have made few claims from the allocated funding because my volunteers rarely make claims. I do however feel that it is important to have the money available in case of need.

This year could I get a health check on the ND STO Laptop(6 years old), as I now need to start the coal fire to kick start it(Have a cup of tea ) then I am ready to go ,Not sure how much this would cost. (?)

1. Referee/Meet Referee Training expenses	£300
2. Printing	£75
3. Referee meetings (If required )	£100
4. Meet Referee polo/shirts	£200
5. FINA handbooks and whistles	£200
6. STO training expenses (Distant venues, island development)	£450
7. STO committee expense.	<u>£75</u>
	£1400

*Kevin Paterson*

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