

Technical Officials' Information

As of 1st October 2007, there is a new set up for STOs in Scotland.

All STOs apart from Recorders and AOE operators will be GB Technical Officials. Recorders and AOE operators will remain a SASA qualification.

The new structure will be:

Timekeeper

To qualify, you must attend a presentation of about 1 hour and successfully time 10 races. On completion of this, you will receive a Timekeepers card. This level of qualification does not come under the new licensing scheme. It does allow you to timekeep at any gala.

Judge 1

This training covers Timekeeper, Chief Timekeeper, Turn Judge and Chief Inspector of Turns, in that order and is the first GB/SASA qualification

To qualify, you must complete a workbook, be mentored on the poolside where you receive signatures from the mentoring judge, attend workshops and have a final assessment. There is no exam.

If you are presently a Registered Timekeeper, you do not have to complete the poolside section as Timekeeper.

Judge 2

This training covers Stroke Judge, Finish Judge and Chief Finish Judge. The process is similar to becoming a Judge 1.

Judge 2S

This training covers the duties of a Starter and the process is similar to becoming a Judge 2. You must be a Judge 2 before you become a Judge 2S.

Referee

Training remains as present, but the Referees will be GB Referees. Referees must have a starter certificate but they do not have to have held it for a year. Trainee referees in Scotland must have passed the recorders exam.

Applications for referee training in 2008 must be received by District Convenor before 6 January 2008

Recorders and AOE operator training remains as it is at present, with an exam twice a year

All STO's who are presently completing their Poolside Duties forms for qualifying as Timekeeper, Judge or Starter, must have these completed and returned before the end of 2009, otherwise they will have to start that qualification again.

Current STOs

All certificated Judges will become J2, all Starters will become J2S.