

**1. STO District Convenor details**

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**2. STO Examinations**

STO examinations were held Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2007 for Judges, Starters, Recorders and Referees - results of these examinations will be sent to each candidate following the National STO Committee meeting to be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

**3. GB Officials Training**

British Swimming has decided that the training of all Technical Officials would come under the British Swimming banner.

The new GB Referee training commenced at the beginning of this year with the first set of examinations due to take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007. This is being done to provide a common training package for all officials throughout the whole of Great Britain.

## Timekeeper, Judge, Starter Training

It is hoped that as of the beginning of 2008 there will be no more examinations for Judge or Starter - these would be done by theory sessions and assessments incorporated into a workbook type system. Recorders examinations will continue at the present time. AOE Operator assessments will continue as normal.

## New GB Officials Training Program

- The present SASA Club Timekeeper Course will be taken on verbatim by all associations as the basic entry level for Technical Officials.
- Judge Level 1 - this covers the duties of Timekeeper and Chief Timekeeper, Inspector and Chief Inspector of turns.
- Judge Level 2 - this covers Stroke / Finish Judge and theory for starters.
- Judge Level 2S - additional practical module for those wishing to become a qualified starter.

For the three judge levels the criteria for courses, arranged by each District, will be when sufficient candidates have applied - it is anticipated that candidates would not have to wait more than 6 months for a course (i.e. a minimum of two per year as at present)

Workbooks for Judge Level 1, 2 & 2S are presently being written and it's hoped that full implementation will take place from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

## Technical Officials with Existing SASA Qualifications

1. There will be no change to an existing SASA Timekeeper - but this will not, at present, be recognised as a British Swimming qualification.
2. An existing SASA Judge will have a British Swimming Judge Level 2 qualification.
3. An existing SASA Starter will have a British Swimming Judge Level 2S qualification.
4. An existing SASA Referee will have a British Swimming Referee qualification.

#### 4. Licensing of Officials

SASA officials are advised that there will be no charge in Scotland to be in the Licensing scheme. Anyone registering with British Swimming direct will be charged £10.00

Further information will be advised on how to register in Scotland in due course.

#### 5. Club Timkeeper Update

District Convenors intimated the following numbers of successful candidates for 2007 to date (2006 comparison also listed):

District	2007 to date	2006 (at same time last year)
East	46	35
Midland	34	8
North	78	78
West	73	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>165</b>

#### 6. Scottish National Open Swimming Championships

Application forms for Technical Officials wishing to officiate at the above event from the 28<sup>th</sup> June - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 can be downloaded from the SASA Technical Officials website. Closing date for applications is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007. Contact details for Tom Mills are on the form.

#### 7. UK Schools Games

These are taking place in Coventry at the end of August. The following officials have been selected to officiate at this event.

East - Ralph Payne.

Midland - Susan Coe.

North - Jim Buchan.

West - Janice Morgan.

## 8. Exchange Visits

The following officials have been selected to represent SASA at the following respective events

British Masters - Campbell Abercrombie  
ASA National Age Groups - Dave McDonald  
ASA National Youth Championships - Jim Buchan  
ASA Masters - David Downie  
Welsh Regional Nationals - Alison Findlayson

## 9. STO Seminar

The National STO Seminar will be held at the Dewars Ice Rink at Perth on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 a.m. Please make a date in your diary to attend this event to find out more about STO Training and Licensing of Officials.

## 10. Poolside Uniform

As a reminder to all Technical officials the SASA Poolside Uniform for all competitive swimming events is:

Men        White open-necked short sleeved shirt  
              White trousers  
              White poolside shoes and white socks

Women    White dress or white blouse and skirt or trousers  
              White poolside shoes

Please note that "white" means "white" - not cream, not beige, not khaki nor any similar off-white shades.

Would all club STO convenors / organisers please ensure that your officials are aware of this SASA Regulation (STO 10.0). If they turn up at events and do not conform to this uniform regulation they may be asked to leave the poolside.

Please also ensure that your officials are aware that they must display their current SASA membership badge and their current STO badge whilst on Poolside.