



# City of Cardiff Swimming Club

## Clwb Nofio Dinas Caerdydd

### OFFICIALS

Follow this link to find out what is required:  
British Swimming: Officials Qualifications & Training  
<https://www.britishswimming.org/browse-sport/swimming/officials/>

We need timekeepers and swimming officials who are vital for the successful running of our meets. Ideally 34 officials/session are required!



**What are the roles of the Officials at the gala?**

### JUDGE LEVEL 1

This is the first level of British qualification for which the minimum age is 15.

It encompasses the role and duties of a Timekeeper, Chief Timekeeper and Inspector of Turns.

**Timekeeper:** Records the time the swimmer takes to complete the race using a stopwatch and record it on the heat sheets. If the meet is working with Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) i.e. electronics then there will also be a secondary 'back-up' button that you need to push when the swimmer completes the race.

If the meet is using manual times the Chief Timekeeper will collect the time sheets for each event.

**Chief Timekeeper:** Ensuring the timekeepers perform their role. If the meet is manually timed, they collect the time sheets from the timekeeper after each event and work out the finishing times for the swimmers based on the order of the finish in agreement with the referee.

**Inspector of Turns:** Responsible for looking at the swimmers turns and finishes. They report any infringement if seen to the Referee or Chief

Inspector of Turns. Knowledge of the rules relating to the turn and finish for each stroke is needed. However mentoring will assist & explain what should be looked for.

The only person who can disqualify a swimmer is the Referee.

**Chief Inspector of Turns:** The link between the Inspector of Turns (J1) and the Referee. Takes the report from the time keeper to the referee.

**Relay take-off Judge:** Watching the take-over when the incoming swimmer touches & the swimmer on the blocks dives in. Any infringement is reported to the Chief Inspector of Turns/Referee.

### JUDGE LEVEL 2

The second level of qualification. It encompasses the role & duties in relation to all aspects of judging, the theoretical role and duties of Starter. Training is based around a workshop session followed by practical sessions with an experienced official and a final practical session.

**Stroke Judge:** J2 officials are responsible for ensuring that all stroke rules are complied with. As with J1 Stroke judges they do not disqualify swimmers. but report observed infringements to the Referee who will disqualify the swimmer.

**Finish Judge:** Writes the lane order of swimmers as they finish and passes these to the Referee. An important role even in the meets with electronics as sometimes these systems fail!

**Judge level 2-starter:** This role is the most visible and easiest to understand role. The starter's role is to ensure that the start is fair for all swimmers.

### REFEREE

This role is the highest level of qualification in British Swimming and combines several theory sessions, an exam and assessed practical sessions.

The Referee is in overall control of all aspects of the meet and is responsible for health and safety as well as ensuring that the competition is fair.

Referees consider reports on observed infringements from the other officials & decides whether these will be accepted.

If you are interested in becoming a timekeeper then please contact Jim McCulloch Officials Co-ordinator