

Technical Advisory Committee Update October 2007



Swimming New Zealand TAC Meeting, 27 – 28th October 2007, Wellington

Application of Rules

The TAC discussed several rule application queries and it was decided that a one page sheet should be published with correct rule applications and placed on the SNZ website in the Technical Information area.

Officials Assessment System

The Officials Assessment System made its debut at the 2007 Spring Competition and it was extremely successful. Referees, Judge of Strokes and Starters were assessed. A discussion was held in relation to each individual that was assessed.

Minor changes to the assessment documents have been made and the altered documents will be republished. The assessment documents are living documents and will be changed if improvements to the feedback given are evident.

Please note it is optional to be assessed when appointed to a Referee, Judge of Stroke or Starter position for a National Competition but it will affect appointments to key positions in the future.

Officials in positions other than those being formally assessed will be observed throughout each competition and any incidents will be addressed at the competition and noted.

Technical officials' discussion group

From the Assessment feedback process, it was decided to hold a technical officials discussion group at future championships/Competitions where officials can discuss any technical queries. More information will be available on this shortly.

Appointments

1. 2008 National Competition Technical Official Appointments
The TAC appointed officials for the 2008 National Competitions. These can be found on the SNZ website under Technical Information. When making appointments, the TAC keep in mind that all referees require a referee/JOS appointment during the year. The TAC endeavour to appoint all referees that apply at least once. The TAC are also responsible for ensuring that those appointed as referees, judges of strokes and starters have the ability to be assessed during the year.
2. FINA List 15
Nominations for FINA List 15 were discussed and the following recommendations will be made to FINA on approval from the SNZ CEO.
Starter: Matt Meehan
Referee: Ron Clarke, Esther Price, Lyn Sutherland
3. 2nd FINA World Youth Championships – Mexico
Esther Price will be recommended to FINA as a starter on approval from the SNZ CEO.

International Appointments

The TAC would like to congratulate the following officials who have been appointed to International Competitions in 2008:

- John West – 2008 FINA World Championships (25m), Manchester, England
- Chris Groothoff – FINA World Masters Championships, Perth, Australia
- Lesley Huckins – 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, Beijing, China

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DQ Concerns

The TAC discussed their concerns over the incorrect wording on Disqualification forms. Please ensure that the DQ Wording Card is used as a guide only. The card must be used in conjunction with the FINA handbook. Officials may be asked to rewrite DQ forms if the incorrect wording is used.

An amended DQ Wording card is on the SNZ website.

Committee Change

As the TAC did not receive any applications for the Central North Island TAC Member, the structure of the TAC was discussed.

The TAC made the decision that the TAC areas would be altered as follows.

Upper North Island – Northland, Auckland
Central North Island – Counties, Waikato and Bay of Plenty

All other TAC areas remain the same:

Lower North Island – Taranaki, Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay, Wanganui, Manawatu, Wairarapa, Wellington

Upper South Island – Nelson Marlborough, Canterbury West Coast
Lower South – Eastern Districts, Otago, Southland

Brent Singer the current Upper North representative will take over the adjusted Central North area.

Applications for the Upper North position are currently being called for. Details of the requirements of the position and the responsibilities for the Technical Advisory Committee are detailed in the Committee Terms of Reference on the SNZ website.

Applications must be made by the individual wishing to stand, there is no nomination procedure. Applications must be submitted on the SNZ application template available from the SNZ website. Applications may be electronically submitted.

Applications close **29th February 2008** and should be sent to Swimming New Zealand, P.O. Box 11-115, Wellington, Attn: Libby or emailed to libby@swimmingnz.org.nz

Technical Manual

The TAC addressed the Technical Officials Manual and more work is required on this document before it can be published.

The Manual will be worked on over the next 3-4 months and the TAC hope to have the final version published by the end of the February 2008.

Regional Roundup

The TAC members discussed their areas' performance and areas of improvement.

Control Room Supervisor Duties

The TAC discussed in depth the roles of the Control Room Supervisor and the Recorder. It was decided that the CRS will now sign off the results instead of the Referee and will involve the referee if there are any problems.

The Recorder will now not be required to complete the Record Applications for New Zealand Records swum at National Competitions/Championships. As the results are already signed off by the CRS, the record application form will not need to be signed for National Competitions/Championships.

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Over the top Starts

The safety of over the top starts was discussed and a recommendation made to address them on a case by case basis once entries have closed and session times known. Exemptions not to use over the top starts will then be applied for if time allows.

FINA DVD

FINA have published a DVD on Officiating Swimming and copies will be made available for Regional Associations. Please contact your local association to borrow the DVD.

Regional Level Examinations

In order to increase consistency, the TAC are going to publish a Regional Level Examination for Referee, Starter and IOT for use around the country by regions to use if they wish.

NZ Tri Series Competition 22-30th January 2008

SNZ is holding a Tri-Series Competition between Napier, Taupo and Taranaki in January. SNZ is calling for a National Referee and a National Starter to travel with the teams for the duration of the competition. SNZ will cover the costs for the two TAC appointed officials.

Yvonne Voss was the successful official.

Trans Tasman Tri-Series 6-12th July 2008, Australia

The 2008 Trans Tasman Tri Series with Australia is a development tour for swimmers, coaches and officials. SNZ will cover the costs for 1 Technical Official to travel with the team. Swimming Australia has indicated that SNZ can send more than 1 Official. Any other officials that are invited to attend will be on a user-pays basis.

Matt Meehan and Dave Beattie were the successful applicants.