

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS
TRAINING PROGRAM
UNIT 10



**FINISH JUDGE &
CHIEF FINISH JUDGE**

LEARNER GUIDE

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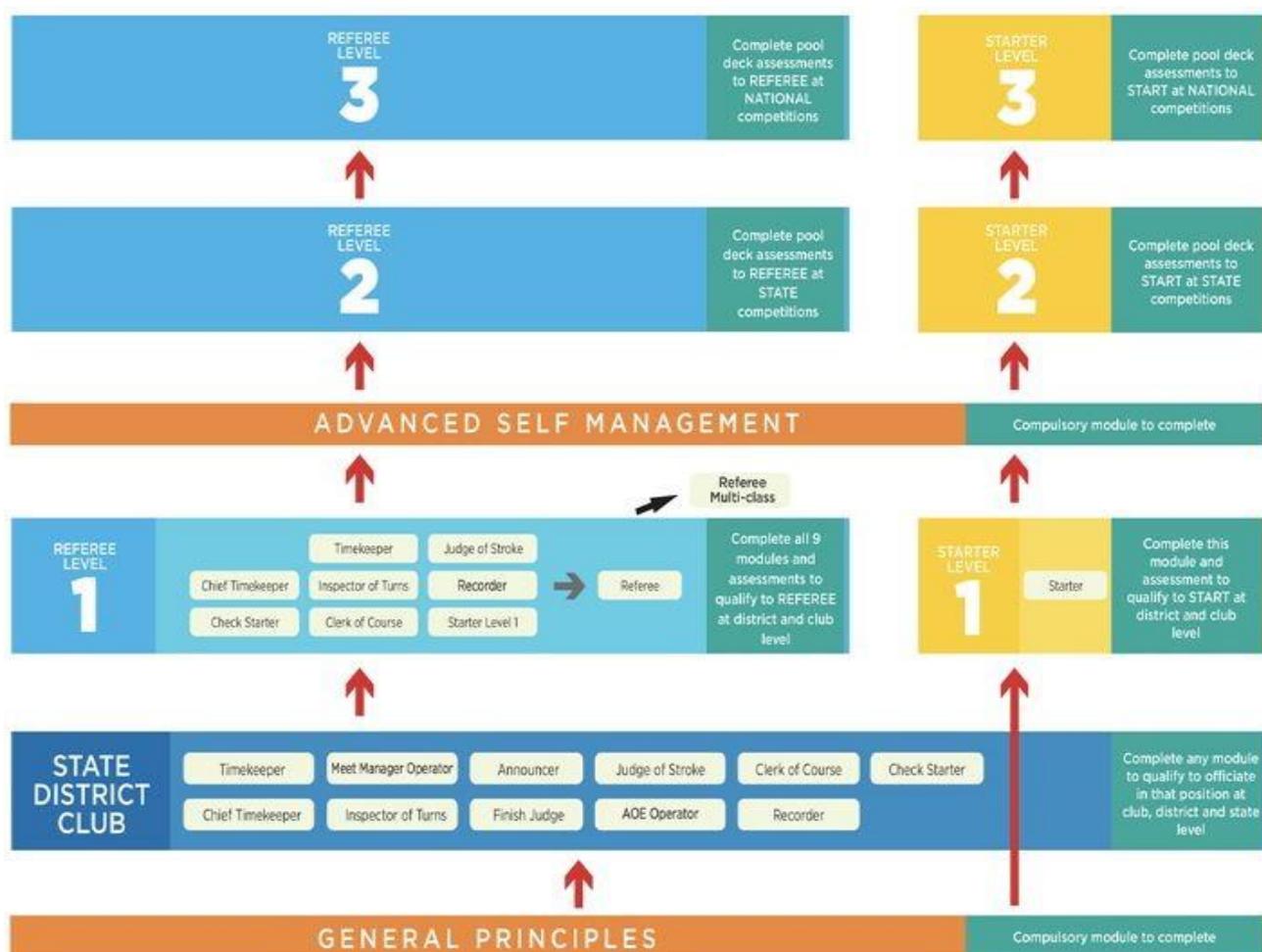
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ABOUT THIS LEARNER GUIDE

This Learner Guide has been developed by Swimming Australia Ltd (SA) to support candidates undertaking, **Unit 10 – Finish Judge / Chief Finish Judge** within the SA **Technical Officiating Accreditation Program**. SA and the State Technical Committees have worked in conjunction in the formulation of this document. Swimming Australia has designed the Technical Officials Training Program on a competency based training platform.

Officiating Pool Pathway



WHAT IS A COMPETENCY?

A competency can be defined as the application of skills and knowledge to an agreed standard.

Competency relates to what a person can do.

Competency standards specify the level of knowledge and skills required, and the application of that knowledge and skills for effective performance.

WHAT IS COMPETENCY BASED ASSESSMENT?

Assessment is the process of collecting evidence and making judgements about whether competency has been achieved. Assessment needs to be based on established criteria. These criteria are reflected in the questions and activities set out in this Learner Guide.

HOW DO I USE THIS LEARNER GUIDE?

This Learner Guide provides you with the information and activities that will enable you to achieve competencies related to this unit of work.

You can develop competency in this unit through a combination of tasks including:

- Reading the material in this Learner Guide.
- Asking questions about anything you don't understand.
- Observing other officials during events.
- Reinforcing the skills you are learning in practical situations.
- Satisfactorily completing the activities in this Learner Guide.
- Completing the assessment activities outlined in this Learner Guide.

WHAT RESOURCES DO I REQUIRE?

You will require this Learner Guide as well as a copy of the current [SA Swimming Rules](#) and access to swimming events where you can be practically assessed as a Finish Judge / Chief Finish Judge.

WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE THE SKILLS?

You may have already attained the skills required to complete this learning module. If so, you can request your State/Territory Swimming Association for an initial assessment of your **current competence**. This assessment will determine the level of your skills and whether you need additional training.

If you would like to undertake assessment for formal recognition of your existing skills, you will be required to complete a detailed Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) application form that will allow an assessor to review your skills against the specific requirements for this unit of work. Discuss this process with your State/Territory Swimming Association

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

All Swimming Officials whether paid or unpaid must meet the legislative requirements of each state and territory when dealing with children and vulnerable people. Please check with your State/Territory Swimming Association to complete any documentation required to meet this legislation.

WHAT ABOUT ASSESSMENT?

To undertake assessment for this unit of work, you will need to complete the following assessment tasks:

- Completion of this Learner Guide
- Completion of practical tasks

You will be assessed at a swim meet to ensure the relevance of the assessment process.

When you complete the assessment within this Learner Guide and are assessed as competent by your assessor, you will be eligible to receive accreditation from SA.

The assessment activities are found in the final section within the Learner Guide and can be identified by the icon below.



ASSESSMENT

The Learner Guide also includes a series of specifically designed learning activities, which will allow you to practice your new skills prior to assessment. These activities must be completed and will be represented by the logo below.



HOW DO I START?

You can undertake the activities in the Learner Guide at your own pace, or under the supervision of your trainer / mentor.

You are ready to start.

UNIT 10: FINISH JUDGE & CHIEF FINISH JUDGE

This unit outlines a range of general skills that are required by Finish Judges. The elements within this unit are:

- **Preparation**
- **Role of the Finish Judge / Chief Finish Judge**

Preparation

The Finish Judge / Chief Finish Judge plays a very important role in ensuring that all swimmers compete in a fair and consistent environment. Just as with all other officiating roles in the sport of swimming, pre-event preparation is a key factor in effective operations.

Some of the steps that you will need to take in preparing for your role include:

1. Arrive at venue at least 30 minutes prior to start of meet.
2. Report to the Referee to receive any instructions and an event program.
3. Have all equipment required to complete task (pen, clip-board, and finish sheets).
4. Meet with all other officials with whom you will be working and familiarise yourself with the pool-deck area.



ACTIVITY 10.1

For each of the 4 preparatory steps listed above, list one possible consequence that may occur if they are not undertaken.

1.

2.

3.

4.

Role of Finish Judge / Chief Finish Judge

The following are a guide to the duties of the Finish Judge / Chief Finish Judge:

- At each event, Finish Judges shall decide and report the placing of the swimmers. The Chief Finish Judge shall assign each Finish Judge their position.
- After the race the Chief Finish Judge shall collect signed result sheets from each Finish Judge and establish the result and placing that will be sent directly to the Chief Recorder.

Note: Finish Judges / Chief Judges are not always required. Where Automatic Officiating Equipment or three digital stopwatches are used to judge the finish of a race, Finish Judges are not required.

Procedures

1. The Chief Finish Judge shall assign each Finish Judge their position.
2. Finish Judges shall be positioned in elevated stands in line with the finish where they have at all times a clear view of the pool and the finish line.
3. The Finish Judges shall judge the finish of each race and report the placing of the swimmers to the Chief Finish Judge.
4. Finish Judges shall not act as timekeepers in the same event.
5. After the race the Chief Finish Judge shall collect the result sheets from each Finish Judge and establish the result and placing which will be sent directly to the Chief Recorder.



ACTIVITY 10.2

For each of the 5 Procedures listed above, list one possible consequence that may occur if they are not undertaken effectively.

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5.

Sample of a Judges Result Sheet

JUDGES							
PLACINGS	1	2	3	4	5	REFEREE	RESULTS
1 ST	4	4	4	5	3		4
2 ND	5	5	3	4	5		5
3 RD	3	3	5	3	4		3
4 TH	6	6	6	6	6		6
5 TH	2	7	2	8	2		2
6 TH	7	2	7	7	7		7
7 TH	8	8	8	2	8		8
8 TH	1	1	1	1	1		1

To calculate results the majority is taken.

Example: Out of the five judges, lane 4 was placed 1st by three judges. Lane 5 was placed 2nd by three judges and lane 3 was placed 3rd by three judges and so on.

If the five judges were unable to agree on the final result, the Referee's placing would be used.

Note: in the case above it was not necessary to use the Referee's result.



ASSESSMENT

Task 1:

Answering these questions will assist you in your preparation for being assessed as competent as a Finish Judge / Chief Finish Judge.

1. As a Finish Judge where would you position yourself?
2. What is your main duty as a Finish Judge?
3. How would you report the placings at the finish?

Task 2:

You are required to be assessed as a Finish Judge / Chief Finish Judge in a full session of a Swim Meet. This will give you the opportunity to provide evidence of your competence in a swimming specific environment.

ASSESSMENT TOOL – UNIT 10 FINISH JUDGE / CHIEF FINISH JUDGE

Element / Performance Criteria FINISH JUDGE / CHIEF FINISH JUDGE	Displayed Competency		Comments <small>Must be completed if Competency has been marked NO</small>
	YES	NO	
1. Preparation			
1.1 Arrived at venue at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.			
1.2 Reported to the Referee to receive any instructions.			
1.3 Had all required equipment to complete the task.			
2. Performance of Task			
2.1 Was in the correct position and observed every finish.			
2.2 Maintained their position for the entire time required.			
2.3 Focused entirely and exclusively on the task assigned without engaging in any distracting activities.			
3. Decision Making			
3.1 The Finish Judge made all decisions independently and reported to the Chief Finish Judge.			
3.2 All decisions were consistent with every competitor being treated equally.			
3.3 All decisions were made clearly, concisely and in accordance with the rules.			
4. General			
4.1 Was dressed appropriately for the task.			
4.2 Was courteous to all competitors, coaches, parents and other officials at all times.			
4.3 Possesses State-specific accreditation in relation to child protection legislation.			

Name of Candidate: _____

Swimming Club: _____

National Technical Official Accreditation Number: _____

State-Specific Working With Children Card No _____

State-Specific Working With Children Card Expiry Date: _____

Date of Assessment: _____

Name of Assessor: _____

ASSESSMENT DECISION:

Competent

Not Yet Competent

Assessor Signature: _____

Candidate Signature: _____

FUTURE TRAINING / ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: