

Musselburgh Amateur Swimming Club, home of the

Musselburgh Marlins



TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

As your child gets more involved in swimming you spend more and more time in the viewing gallery at competitions.

To enable your child to swim competitively there is a requirement for volunteers to support the events. Why not volunteer and get involved? There are several roles available and these are outlined below:

Timekeeper

This is an introduction into the world of the swimming official. In this role, you will be required to use a stopwatch and captures the times of swimmers. The course is around 2-3 hours long, it covers the practical aspects of what is required of a timekeeper by means of a short theory session followed by a practical assessment.

The minimum recommended age for candidates to undertake this training is 14 years, and all need to be registered members of an affiliated club.

Judge Level 1

This is the first level of British qualification. It encompasses the role and duties of a Timekeeper, Chief Timekeeper and Inspector of Turns.

The minimum age to start training is 15 years. Candidates will be required to undertake some formal theory instruction and gain practical experience working on the poolside with a mentor. A course workbook is provided for completion after which there will be a practical assessment. During the practical assessment candidates will be required to answer questions orally. Upon qualification candidates will be attributed with the qualification Judge Level 1 on the British Swimming Database and will be encouraged to become a Licensed Official.

Judge Level 2

This is the second level of qualification. It encompasses the role and duties in relation to all aspects of judging and the theoretical role and duties of Starter.

The minimum age to start training is 16 years and candidates must have already qualified as Judge Level 1. The training follows a similar format to that of Judge level 1 with formal instruction, mentored pool side training with workbook followed by a practical assessment. When qualified, candidates will be attributed with the qualification Judge Level 2 on the British Swimming Database.

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Judge Level 2S- Starter

Candidates wishing to qualify as a Starter will be required hold the Judge Level 2 qualification and have completed a minimum of 20 hours' post qualification experience as Judge Level 2. Training will consist of a prescribed number of practical experiences as a Starter before undertaking a formal practical assessment.

Successful candidates will be attributed with the Starter qualification: Judge Level 2S.

Referee

The minimum age for training is 19yrs providing the candidate is aged 20yrs as at 30th November in the year of the theory examination. In addition, candidates must have proven poolside experience at Judge Level 1 and Judge Level 2 and must also have been qualified as Judge Level 2S for at least 1 year with a minimum of 10 hours' post qualification experience in that role at the time of application.

This course contains theoretical instruction and specified practical experiences. It is followed by a formal examination in November after which successful candidates take a final poolside practical assessment leading to qualification as a British Swimming Referee.

Several months have been allocated between registration and the formal examination to enable candidates to undertake all the practical experience required to complete the course as well as the theoretical instruction.

At Musselburgh we are currently looking for more parents to get involved and start the journey as Timekeepers and Judge 1.

If you are interested then please contact MASC's STO Coordinator - mascstocoordinator@gmail.com