



## **Worthing Swimming Club – Technical Officials**

*Why should I consider becoming a Technical Official?*

*What exactly are Technical Officials and what do they do?*

If you have asked yourself either of the questions above, you have come to the right place to find out.

Every gala we promote, together with all Open Meets, County, Regional, National, World Championship and Olympic events can only run with us, the humble Technical Official. We cover all jobs required to run an event, from the Promoter through Referee, Judges, Timekeeper, Scorers, etc. It takes over 40 Officials to run a County Championships alone.

Here at Worthing Swimming Club, we pride ourselves with the quality of the Officials that we have, but we always need more people to come forward and help. How do you find out about becoming an Official? Firstly, speak to either Rob Drage, Ian Nash, Katy Hazeldine or Charles Silk who officiate on a regular basis. Any of them will be able to answer all your questions. Secondly, if you would like to take a step on to the officiating ladder, Rob, a Licensed Referee, holds courses where you can learn how to become a Timekeeper or Judge. If you are interested, please telephone Rob on 07496 427595, who will be pleased to give you any further information.

Please remember that the galas in which your children compete would not take place without the Technical Officials running the show, providing a route to Olympic glory, perhaps, one day. Two of our local Olympic competitors, Karen Pickering and Gemma Spofforth would definitely agree with that.

***Go on, make our Officials day and speak to them straight away!***

### ***Technical Officials***

For every gala we hold, the following officials are required:-

Referees

Chief Timekeepers

Starter (J2S)

Judges (J2)

Timekeepers (J1)

Clerks of the Course

Recorders

AOE (Automatic Officiating Equipment) operators

Announcers

Drinks (very important when you are on a pool deck for several hours)

Door Managers

As you can see, many people are required to help the event run smoothly. If you think you would like to be a part of our team and help your own kids at the same time, please contact any Club Official and they will point you in the right direction.

Most of the jobs listed above need some training, especially the Judges and Timekeepers, for whom there are special courses that need to be taken. If you would like to learn how to operate the gala software or the AOE, shadowing can be arranged or perhaps you might want to have a go at the Announcers job. If you would like to discuss any of the above roles, please speak to Rob on any club night at Splashpoint.

Remember these events cannot take place without help from all quarters and it is far more interesting to be involved than just sit watching your children swim. We have done that too, but it is great to be involved in the action and we know all officials feel a great sense of satisfaction from giving up their time to help great organisations like Worthing Swimming Club, who have been providing excellent service to the children of our area since 1890.

If you would like any further information, please contact Rob 07496 427595

Thank You for reading this and we look forward to having you on board.