

Becoming a Qualified Technical Official

The different levels of technical officials are as follows (junior to senior):

- Timekeeper
- Inspector of turns (IOT)
- Judge of stroke (JOS)
- Starter
- Referee

The description and requirements for each of these roles is summarised on the Auckland Swimming web site under [Technical Booklets](#)

It also includes a useful booklet titled [Parents Guide to Officiating](#)

In addition to these technical official roles, a key component of running a competitive meet is the successful operation of the AOD room.

What is the club's policy?

It is the club's objective and policy that each swimmer's family will have a qualified technical official over a specified timeframe and that the level of qualification will increase over time.

This is because we need to be able to contribute qualified technical officials to ensure that each competitive swim meet satisfies the Swimming NZ requirements and is therefore a qualifying meet under their regulations. It also enables United to host swim meets, which in addition to providing opportunities for all swimmers, they can also be effective fund-raising opportunities for the club.

The club's policy on qualified technical officials is as follows:

1. Each swimming family is to nominate at least one parent/guardian who is, or will become a qualified technical official (Nominated Parent)
2. The Nominated Parent is required to become a qualified timekeeper within 12 months of joining United or 30 September 2018, whichever is the later
3. The Nominated Parent is required to become a qualified IOT within 12 months of becoming a qualified timekeeper
4. If the Nominated official advises the Club Handicapper that they would like to gain experience working in the AOD room then they have 36 months to become a qualified IOT from the date that they become a qualified timekeeper

Please note that while it is preferred that you become a qualified timekeeper first, it is not necessary to do this before becoming a qualified IOT. Therefore, if you have had sufficient experience working as an IOT and would like to be assessed for qualification as an IOT, this can be arranged without completing a timekeeping assessment. To become a qualified JOS, you need to be a qualified IOT.

How do I become qualified?

Auckland Swimming regularly assesses officials at swim meets to determine whether they meet the qualification requirements. If you consider you are ready to be assessed, then please notify the club Handicapper and an assessment at the next available meet will be organized with Auckland Swimming.