

## Judge Level 1 Online

In January 2020, the delivery of J1 training changed from classroom learning with poolside experience to online learning with poolside experience.

### Changes to the current system:

1. Online theory modules must be completed in full prior to commencement of any poolside work (with the exception of the timekeeper assessment which can be carried out after completion of the timekeeper and chief timekeeper modules).
2. Final Poolside Assessment has been removed.
3. All trainees will become licensed officials at the end of the process.
4. Upfront fee of £20 (training and licence fee combined – licence lasts 4 years).
5. 11 months to complete the training from date of completion of online modules.

### Online Theory:

The online module is being hosted by the Institute of Swimming. Candidates will sign up to the training and pay a fee of £20 which covers the learning phase and the licence, which will be issued at the point of qualification.

Payment to be made via card/BACS or Institute of Swimming vouchers – method of payment is determined by each Home Nation and, within that, region/county etc.

The theory content of the qualification has not changed. Trainees will progress through the various stages of the course and to move onto the next lesson, an assessment will need to be undertaken where 100% needs to be attained. For trainees who get answers wrong, it sends you back to the beginning of the assessment (although the questions may not be in the same order).

Once completed the trainee will be issued with a theory certificate which will then need to be uploaded to [swimmingresults.org](http://swimmingresults.org). At this stage guidance will also be provided with regards to uploading a photo onto the site, to be used for the licence card.

Once the certificate has been uploaded, it will be verified and this will instigate the release of the J1 workbook for poolside alongside a FINA Rules book. This new workbook will fit inside the new licencing folder being produced so that all learning and CPD material can be kept in the same place. County and Regional co-ordinators will also be informed of who has completed the theory part of the training.

### Poolside Experience:

The emphasis is on the trainee being competent unless proven otherwise and there is a shift to hours on poolside and not sessions. If candidates are not deemed competent then this should be evidenced within their log book and they should understand why they have not achieved certain competencies.

The following guidelines are issued for trainee competency

#### **1. Trainees will require a minimum of 15 hours mentored poolside experience.**

- a. Only a qualified Technical Swimming Official of at least the qualification level being undertaken can carry out mentoring.
- b. Only a licensed Referee can sign off the candidate as being competent or evidence them not being competent in the manner proscribed above.

#### **2. Candidates are encouraged to gain this experience across all levels of meet.**

However, it is a requirement that the following minimum number of hours are logged at the mandated levels of meet;

- A minimum of three hours at Levels 1 or 2 AND a minimum of 3 hours at Levels 3 or 4.
- The remaining nine hours shall be spread over a variety of meets

**3. With regards to sign off for strokes etc., the BS SOG feel that competency can be obtained within the following timescales, however some candidates may take a shorter/longer period of time to demonstrate this (these timescales are guidelines only).**

**Strokes •**

- Butterfly - 1 hour
- Backstroke - 1 hour 30 minutes.
- Breaststroke – 1 hour 30 minutes.
- Freestyle - 30 minutes.
- Individual Medley - 1 hour at each end of the pool. This will be in addition to the time spent observing individual strokes.
- Relays - 24 mentored relay take overs across Freestyle and Medley relays.

**Roles**

- Chief Inspector of Turns - 1 hour.
- Chief Timekeeper - 1 hour.
- Disqualification Reporting - a wide and varied experience is desired. However, on the rare occasions that no infractions are witnessed then this can be covered by way of both Question and Answer and Role Play.
- Bells/whistles - one heat (desired but optional).
- Lap cards – one heat (desired but optional).
- Use of a radio - (desired but optional, Question and Answer plus demo is recommended).
- Backstroke ledges - (desired but optional, you will have already seen the videos during your theory session).

**4. Trainees need to complete the Contemporary Issues course**

Either face to face or online, prior to being signed off as a Judge Level 1.

**Qualification**

On completion the Regional and/or county co-ordinators will administer the training via [swimmingresults.org](http://swimmingresults.org) and “tick” when trainees have been successful. This “tick” will then trigger the release of the licence pack and updating of their record with membership and Integra.

**Post qualification**

Once qualified as a Judge Level 1, a MINIMUM of 20 hours in the role before progression onto Judge Level 2 and hopefully beyond.

**Escalation**

Should any candidate feel they are not progressing through their training or getting signed off for competencies within reasonable timescales they are to escalate this to their County/Regional co-ordinator or Home Country and/or British Swimming SOG as appropriate.

Notes:

1. All trainees must be Swim England members before they can enrol on the online course as they will need their Swim England membership number. Check with your club membership officer for the number or to register as a Swim England member.
2. Normally once completing the online theory candidates have 11 months to complete the poolside mentoring sessions however due to the Corona Virus lockdown Swim England have stated that "Each individual will have 11 months from the date of their theory certificate with an additional extension equal to the length of the lockdown plus three months. The first aspect will be calculated from Friday 20 March, the date when pools were shut down."
3. Due to lockdown the poolside workbooks will not be sent out until Swim England furloughed staff return to work.
4. Although there is no poolside assessment for the Judge element of the course there is a simple timekeeping assessment which can be carried out after completion of the timekeeper and chief timekeeper modules.
5. The poolside experience must cover a minimum of three hours at Levels 1 or 2 and a minimum of 3 hours at Levels 3 or 4. The remaining nine hours should spread over a variety of meets. Level 1 & 2 meets are usually regional or county championships, level 3 are usually club open meets and level 4 club championships.
6. Only a licensed Referee can sign off the candidate's workbook as being competent.
7. Before becoming licenced, on completion of the training, trainees need to complete the Contemporary Issues course, this can be done online.
8. Suffolk County ASA will fund 50% of the £20.00 fee. The claim should be made by your club so contact your club secretary who will make the claim on your behalf.

**All Suffolk trainees should let the Suffolk County ASA Officials Co-ordinator Stephen Christian know when they embark on the course and again once the online theory is completed and you have uploaded a copy of your certificate. He will be able to advise on the poolside duties.**

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