

Officials

Level X Racing

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Level X Racing - Officials

Officials Requirements & Responsibilities

Level X Racing is a concept that enables swim times registered during a normal club training sessions to be entered into a national ranking system. It is a single club event, therefore not a competition, but a training activity. It has been designed to be a fun opportunity for swimmers, it is unlicensed and has minimal requirements regarding officials.

The table below outlines the minimum official requirements for a Level X Racing session as detailed in the Level X Racing Conditions, and the responsibilities of the officials.

Role	Number Required	Eligibility/Minimum Qualification	Responsibilities
Technical official	2	- Swim England member - British Swimming Judge 1	- Start the race - Act as chief timekeeper - Observe the race for any obvious rule infringements - ratify the results
Timekeepers	1 per racing lane	- Swim England member - Minimum of 14 years old on date of session - Can be another swimmer, a coach or anyone who is normally on pool deck for that session	- Record the name, distance, stroke and time for each swimmer - Inform the technical officials if their watch failed to start on the starting signal, and if they did not stop the watch when the swimmer touches at the finish

Health & Safety Considerations for Level X Racing Officials

As Level X Racing is designed to need minimal officials, it may be able to take place with only personnel who would usually be on pool deck during that session. Where additional people are needed to meet the officiating requirements the Risk Assessment must reflect this and the Covid-19 Lead should be aware.

Below are some additional health & safety considerations for Level X Racing sessions

- Where races are started with a whistle, this must be supplied by the individual who is acting as starter.
- Timekeepers must supply their own stopwatch and means of recording the time (pen, paper, clipboard)

If you have any questions about Level X Officials requirements, please email levelx@swimming.org

Officials Training

To support volunteers in the delivery of Level X Racing, there are two courses available to train new and existing volunteers. These are not a compulsory requirement however it is

recommended that any Level X Racing technical officials and timekeepers complete the training before the event takes place.

1. A Beginners Guide to Refereeing Swimming

Venue: Online

Cost: Free

Duration: 60 mins

Access: <https://www.swimming.org/ios/course/3049>

Overview

This online course has been designed to provide support and guidance for officials refereeing for Level X Racing sessions and small or locally run competitions.

The course incorporates varying activities and checks on learning, which enables you to recognise and identify the duties of a referee at a swimming meet with regard to:

- The role of the referee
- The role of the referee with specific reference to Health and Safety
- Producing the race result (Manual and AOE)

Pre Requisite

- At least 16 years of age
- A registered member of a Swim England affiliated club or member of the Institute of Swimming.

2. Time Keeper

Venue: Online

Cost: £5

Duration: 60 – 90 mins

Access: <https://www.swimming.org/ios/course/3847>

Overview

This course is for club members and volunteers who want to help their club take part in Level X Racing, Swim England's virtual swimming series, by becoming a timekeeper.

By becoming a timekeeper and supporting this exciting new virtual event, you will get a glimpse into the vital world of officiating. Members who complete this training will be able to access the British Swimming Judge 1 online module at a 25% discount.

Pre Requisite

- At least 14 years of age
- A registered member of a Swim England affiliated club or member of the Institute of Swimming.

Once you have completed the online learning, you will need to download your e-certificate and contact your club, they will help arrange your practical session.