



## Open Water Official Level 1 and Level 2

All those undertaking training for any qualification must be a member of a club affiliated to Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales, or be an individual member of the Institute of Swimming.

To obtain the following qualifications the candidate must attend an initial classroom session to get an introduction to the sport and to carry out some simulated practical exercises. This is followed by practical open water officiating experience at local events monitored by an assigned mentor. Once the workbook is completed the candidate will be required to demonstrate proven post qualification experience.

Open Water Level 1: The minimum age to **commence** training is 15 years.

Open Water Level 2: Proven post qualification experience as OW Level 1 and a minimum age to **commence** training of 16 years.

To make an application please complete the form below and send it together with the fee **£8.00** to your regional/local organiser as listed who will arrange for course instruction and training.

Applicants in England please make cheques payable to Swim England, those in Scotland, Scottish Swimming and those in Wales, Swim Wales. Course Workbooks are available from your regional/local organiser or may be downloaded from the website.

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| Please tick appropriate box: | <b>Level 1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Level 2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Title:                       | First name:                             | Surname:                                |  |
| Membership No:               | Date of Birth:                          |   |  |
| Club:                        |   |   |  |
| Address:                     |   |   |  |
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| Post code:                   | Email address:                          |   |  |
| Telephone:                   | Mobile:                                 |   |  |

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I confirm that I wish to train as an Open Water Technical Official and enclose the fee of £8.00.

Signed .....

Date .....

| Application Acknowledged | Course Leader Appointed | Classroom based theory session completed | Course workbook completed | Practical Assessment completed | SE/ SS/SW advised |
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## Open Water Level 1 Syllabus

Reporting for event duty

Safety at events

The use of radios to communicate

The role and duties of:

- Timekeeper
- Chief timekeeper
- Turn judge
- Finish judge
- Platform judge

Practical experience in the above roles.

## Open Water Level 2 Syllabus

The roles and duties of:

- Race Judge
- Chief Finish Judge
- Course officer
- Clerk of the Course
- Starter

Practical experience in the above roles.

### Regional contacts:

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