



Attention: Swimming Parents / Guardians



Become a Swimming Official & Help The Club !

Dear Parents / Guardians of CSWPC Swimmers,

In order to participate in respective swimming competitions, galas and for our club champs times to be recognised by the ASA, the club has to put forward a specified number of qualified swimming officials for each respective event.

Last year we were able to qualify five new people which was fantastic, but unfortunately the club still has a critically low number of ASA qualified swimming officials, and as a result our ability to enter competitions etc is in serious jeopardy. We were unable to licence our club champs this year, as we did not have the number officials required by the ASA, and as result the times will unfortunately not count towards qualifying for counties / regionals.

We are now about to start a new J1 course, and are looking for volunteers who are prepared to make the commitment to complete the course and become a qualified J1. To complete the course, each candidate would be required to:

- Complete 2 x 1 hour classroom sessions paid by the club, to understand the duties of a J1 official. These are run during one of the club swimming nights at Leisure@
- Complete 10 x poolside practical sessions for each of the J1 duties (i.e timekeeper inspector of turns, chief timekeeper & chief inspector of turns), where you are assigned a mentor to help your understanding. Each gala session counts as 1 practical session (i.e at county champs, you could complete 2 in one day).
- Complete a practical poolside assessment under the supervision of an ASA qualified official to check your knowledge. This is normally done at the county champs.
- Complete a Q&A session (based upon the J1 workbook), which is normally carried out by the Gloucester ASA official's coordinator at the County champs.

The above sounds a bit onerous, but is actually pretty straightforward, and myself and the other qualified officials in the club are here to help and guide you through the process! You can also go on to become a J2 or even a referee!

Aside from really helping the club and your child to enter swimming events, it is actually very rewarding to do and also provides you with a (free) poolside view when your child is swimming. If enough of us become qualified, we can share the load at various events.

If you are prepared to participate, please email / text me your email/phone details, or leave them on the attached sign-up sheet (at Leisure@). The next course will run in early October, so that the next cohort of J1 candidates can get signed off at the county champs in Jan/Feb 2017.

If you have any questions about the above, please don't hesitate to contact me at the email / numbers below.

Many thanks in advance for your help & support!

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