

## How to become a British Aquatics Official (J1)

- The 1<sup>st</sup> leg of the journey will be to do the Judge 1 (Official) theory training course (£20). This can take up to 6 hours to complete, which would then give you the J1 Trainee qualification. Link below -

<https://www.swimming.org/ios/courses-officials-volunteers/>



- Once you are a J1 trainee you will have 11 months to complete the practical element. This would involve spending a minimum of 15 *mentored* hours making sure that you are able to complete the tasks required poolside (*please ensure that you are able to commit to this element prior to starting on your journey as the club may request the monies paid out back if not qualified within the specified timeframe*)
- When you have received your certificate for the theory this needs to be uploaded to the Swim Wales Just Go site. Please create yourself a profile and upload into the credential's element of your profile.
- The club will pay the £15 to ensure you are covered as a volunteer (insurance), but as per note above may ask for it to be returned if the qualification hasn't been completed by the 11-month deadline.
- Once the above 2 points have been done, a file will be sent to you from British Aquatics. This is the file which has all the information to enable you to progress on your practical journey – and will need to be signed at each event which you volunteer, building up your profile.
- To volunteer please go to the website below –  
<https://swim-meet.com/Availability/>
  - Search by either the Host (ie Swim Conwy) or the Pool (ie Llandudno Swimming Pool)
  - This brings up the Meets which require Officials
  - Choose the Meet relevant to yourself
  - Type in the Swim Wales Membership Number
  - Type in the information requested

- For Qualification –

Qualification:

JL1 Trainee

- Further Information –

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(e.g. mentoring request)

Need mentoring - this will be my first practical session after getting the theory qualification.

- Put in your Session availability (they are always after assistance)
- Equipment Needed to be Poolside (this is also listed with the Qualification Folder info)
  - White Polo Shirt (if you do a Swim Wales event, Nationals, Regionals, these are supplied free of charge)
  - Black Trousers
  - White Shoes/Trainers (must be closed toe)
  - 2 Stop Watches
  - Clipboard
  - 2 Pens/Biros
  - List of FINA Swimming Aquatic Rules (recommend that this is laminated)
    - A Quick Reference Guide is on the Denbigh Dragons website, <http://www.denbighdragons.co.uk/fina-swimming-rules/>
- Recommend that you use the YouTube videos available online to brush up on infractions prior to Officiating. One site which is useful is – Officials Training Videos, by USA Swimming (link below) [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJUznzZd1j8Urx4pxOW9gYFCzrWMb0jgx&si=gMdGnNzP\\_BtlWWH8](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJUznzZd1j8Urx4pxOW9gYFCzrWMb0jgx&si=gMdGnNzP_BtlWWH8)
- Once Qualified
  - Upload the information onto your Swim Wales Just Go Profile
  - An e-mail will be sent by Swim Wales to confirm qualification
  - Send this e-mail to [SwimmingOfficials@swimming.org](mailto:SwimmingOfficials@swimming.org) who will organise getting you your licence sent out (this takes a while)