

Northumberland & Durham Counties Swimming Association is arranging
Session 1 of a Training Course leading to qualification as a
British Swimming Official Judge Level 1.

COURSE: Judge Level 1, including timekeeper, session1. This session is for new trainees, who will learn about competitions and timekeeping

REQUIREMENTS: Must be a member of a swimming club. Minimum age is 14yrs

VENUE: The Louisa Centre, Stanley, Co Durham DH9 0TB

DATE & TIME: **Wednesday, 21st February 2018 from 7pm to 9pm**

COST: The course cost is £8, but the North East Region will normally cover the cost for members of Swim 21 clubs and, also, most swimming clubs will cover this modest cost.

APPLICATIONS for a place on this course should be made to Chris Johnston, by email at: ndofficials@gmail.com. Applications can be made individually or via your swimming club.

ANY queries relating to this course or officials' training in general should be made to Chris Johnston (N&D Officials' Manager), by email, at: ndofficials@gmail.com.

Training within N&D is being delivered by a select team of trainers and is run from 4 centres spread around the Region. The training centres are: (1) The Louisa Centre, Stanley, Co Durham DH9 0TB. (2) Benfield Sports Centre, Benfield Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 4NU. (3) The Dolphin Centre, Darlington, DL1 5RP. (4) The Neptune Centre, Middlesbrough, TS3 7RP.

Further courses will be available during the year at all 4 hubs. Courses will be advertised on the NER website: asaner.org.uk.

Officiating is essential to the successful operation of competitive swimming in the North East. Without the support of volunteers as officials many of the events within the region and nationally would just not happen. Becoming an official is a great way to provide support to your club and the swimmers within it as well as giving you the opportunity to learn new skills and meet new people.

Clubs will be aware that they are required to send at least one qualified and licensed official to each session of Championship events (N&D) where they have swimmers competing. It is recommended that each club arranges to have a team of officials available to share this task between them.