



### **What is the Officials Licensing Scheme?**

CIASA introduced a licensing scheme for swimming officials in 2013. This scheme equates to an accreditation to practice / officiate at local swim meets and demonstrates that the Technical Official is suitably qualified, regularly practices on deck and has undertaken training to ensure they are up to date with their knowledge of the rules of the sport of pool swimming.

New officials are encouraged to express their interest in training as an official at the beginning of each season & to attend a CIASA hosted training session for pool officials. Renewing officials will be renewed automatically.

### **Scope of the Scheme**

The scheme focuses on the following Officials:

- Timekeeper
- Chief Timekeeper
- Turn & Stroke Judge
- Starter
- Referee

### **Why do we need a Licensing Scheme?**

- To assist Meet Organizers in selecting Officials.
- To provide a summary of qualifications to our Officials.
- To help promote high standards in the sport of swimming in The Cayman Islands.
- To provide a framework for continuous professional development for Officials.

### **Who will administer the Scheme?**

The Scheme will be administered by the CIASA Technical Officials Committee.

### **Is there a cost to get licensed as an official?**

There is no financial cost. CIASA recognizes the value of the hours our pool officials volunteer during all local swim meets.

### **What benefits are there?**

- CIASA has an agreement with local clubs, where the volunteering official has a swimmer participating in a meet, the host club agrees to waive the meet fees for their swimmer at that meet. A complete session officiating must be worked to qualify for this offer. No partial sessions.
- Two (2) CIASA Officials uniform shirts.
- Subsidized continued professional development opportunities



### **How do I apply for/renew a License?**

If you are a new to Cayman Swimming and would like to apply to train as a Technical Official, you can ask at your club, or email [ciasatech@gmail.com](mailto:ciasatech@gmail.com) for information. Scheduled training for pool swimming officials is held once or twice a year. Shadowing opportunities are available at all local meets except the CIASA National Championships. To qualify as an Official, trainees must be endorsed by TWO (2) CIASA registered Referees and recommended to the Chairman of CIASA's Technical Officials Committee.

Renewal is automatic each season provided the minimum number of sessions (4) have been completed in the season preceding the new one.

### **How often do I have to apply?**

The license will run from 1st September every year. The Chairman of CIASA's Technical Officials Committee keeps a record to ensure minimum standards have been met by existing officials.

### **Officials wishing to be Licensed for more than one category.**

It is recognized that some officials will fulfill several roles on different occasions. For example, a referee may operate as a starter or a judge and may not wish to be restricted in the sense of only being a licensed referee. In these situations, the highest licensed level held by the individual will automatically include the levels below.

### **Officials leaving/returning to licensed category.**

Any licensed Official who does not meet the requirements for license renewal will cease to be licensed. Should the individual subsequently wish to become re-licensed it will be necessary to re-apply by completing the necessary application form and attending the scheduled training session for pool officials.

### **Suspension/Removal of Licensed Official**

Suspending or removing accreditation to participate as an Official are options available to the licensing body. Suspension will normally occur where an issue has been raised of a serious nature that requires further investigation. Removal of an Official's accreditation may follow on from the initial suspension or be activated when the holder fails to meet the requirements for renewal.