



**Technical Officials can hold a number of roles at national level:**

**There is a misunderstanding that you must be Nationally qualified to officiate at a National meet, you only have to be regionally qualified to officiate .**

### **Inspector of Turns**

An inspector of turns ensures swimmers comply with the rules for turning and also the starting and finishing rules. The rules differ for each stroke, so inspectors of turns need to know about each swimming stroke.

### **Referee**

The referee has full control over all officials and swimmers. The referee must enforce all rules and any decisions made regarding the conditions of the race.

### **Starter**

The starter has full control of the swimmers from the time the referee turns the swimmers over to them until the race commences. Previously starters used starting pistols, but now electronic starting and timing systems are used.

In order to become a nationally qualified technical official, you are required to undertake training at the local and regional level, and pass a national examination.

For information on becoming nationally qualified in these Technical Official Roles see the

### **National qualification information.**

### **Technical Examination Eligibility Criteria**

The following are the current requirement for national examinations:

**Minimum Age to Sit Examinations** (Minimum age for timekeeper to be 16 Years)

#### **Inspector of Turns**

Regionally qualified and completed 5 centre/region or sanctioned meets as an IOT.

#### **Starter**

Regionally qualified and completed minimum of 5 centre/region or sanctioned meets as a starter. Prior to application being accepted recommendation from a member of the SNZ TAC is to be obtained.

#### **Referee**

Regionally qualified and completed a minimum 5 centre/region or sanctioned meets as a Referee. Prior to application being accepted recommendation from a member of the SNZ TAC is to be obtained.



To sit the National Referees examination the candidate must have passed the National IOT and Starters examinations and held the most recent one for minimum of six months.

If a candidate is considered suitable and ready to sit an examination a lesser number of meets or period could be accepted by the SNZ TAC for that region.

\* Sanctioned Meets: Applications can be received from centre/regions for meets that are of a high standard and run like championships to be classified as sanctioned meets. For example: Level 1 meets in Auckland, large club meets run with full complement of officials within FINA or SNZ Rules.