



Open Water Swimming– Clinics guidelines

Level 1 – Open Water Swimming

Summary of an open water swimming competition

Official

- Timekeeper
- Turn Judge (with a lifeguard whistle)
- Feeding platform Judge
- Finish Judge
- Safety Officer

Volunteer

- Marker
- Protocol
- Announcer
- Hospitality
- Material responsible: sound system, radios, stop-watches, clip board, starting device, pencils, markers, bathing caps, etc...

In order to complete your certification as a Level 1 Open Water official you must obtain the following experiences in an open water swimming competition:

- 1 experience as Turn Judge
- 1 experience as Timekeeper or Finish Judge

You may participate in the Open Water Level 2 Clinic, however you are not eligible for Level 2 certification until you have met both Level 1 and Level 2 certification criteria.

Note: The Level 3 Open Water Certification Clinic is only available to certified Level 2 officials.

Level 2 – Open Water Swimming

Course and Finish

Official

- Event Director
- Course Officer
- Chief Timekeeper
- Clerk of the Course (feeding poles)
- Chief Finish Judge
- Race Judge (marathon – boat escort)
- Recorder



To be certified as a Level 2 Open Water official you must obtain 2 experiences in the following Open Water positions:

- 1 experience as Clerk of the Course or as Event Director
- 1 experience as Chief Timekeeper or as Chief Finish Judge

Note: To participate in the Open Water Level 3 Clinic you must be certified as a Level 2 Open Water official.

Level 3 – Open Water Swimming

Excellence in officiating and Behavior

Official

- Chief Referee
- Referee
- Starter
- Safety Officer
- Medical Officer

To be certified as a Level 3 Open Water official you must obtain 2 experiences as referee monitored by a qualified Chief Referee

To become Chief Referee in Open Water Swimming, the official will have to pass an assessment under the supervision of a Chief Referee.

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