

## Referee Training Information

The minimum age for training is 19 years providing the candidate is aged 20 years as at 30<sup>th</sup> November in the year of the theory examination. Swim England also requires completion of the online course '[Refereeing Swimming – A Beginners Guide](#)'.

This course contains theoretical instruction and specified practical experience. It is followed by a formal examination in November after which successful candidates take a final poolside practical assessment leading to qualification as a British Swimming Referee.

Several months have been allocated between registration and the formal examination to enable candidates to undertake all the practical experience required to complete the course as well as the theoretical instruction.

Application forms must usually be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> December of the previous year to allow sufficient time for completion of training in preparation for the November examination.

The pre-requisites and application process for Referee training are available [here](#); scroll down to Referee for the requisite forms and information

Please ensure that you have familiarised yourself with the pre-requisites before applying for training. We advise speaking to both your ONB Officials Coordinator ([onbofficials@gmail.com](mailto:onbofficials@gmail.com)) and your preferred choice of Referee Tutor some time before the application deadline to ensure a successful application process.