

Swimming Manager's Report

March 2017

First of all a big thank you to all those who volunteered to assist at the Blocks this year.

Sessions 3 – 14 were very well supported, particularly the morning sessions.

The distance events were not so well supported with only just enough for us to meet licencing requirements for the 1500 m. It is disappointing when clubs have swimmers competing, but fail to supply any officials which was the case with Cirencester in both the 800 m and 1500 m and Cheltenham in the 1500 m. What was even more disappointing was to see qualified officials sat in the audience whilst the 1500 km was in progress!

Whilst I'm on the subject of clubs not supplying officials the following clubs were mentioned at the recent ASA South West Officials group meeting for the same reason namely: -

Cheltenham; Cinderford; Gloucester City; Severnside; Soundwell; Southwold; UBSC;

What should be noted with the above list is that although, with the exception of UBSC, they may have failed to provide officials for certain events, they may have made an over provision at others.

At the completion of the Blocks we have 150 licenced officials on the County list which breaks down into: -

Referees:	7
J2S:	23
J2	54
J1	66

We have three candidates who have embarked on the referee's course this year. I would wish them every success, and as they're already finding out, there is an awful lot of study involved!

I am looking to hold a Contemporary Issues module up-date in early April at this venue (the Gables Hotel)

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