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CALLING ALL POTENTIAL TIMEKEEPERS (and JUDGES)

Or, "Life in the Fast Lane" (but exactly how fast?)

Hart SC is very fortunate to have a large number of enthusiastic and committed parents and older swimmers, who provide a pool of officials to help run competitions. However, we are always on the lookout for new recruits and encourage all Club members to get involved.



Timekeepers

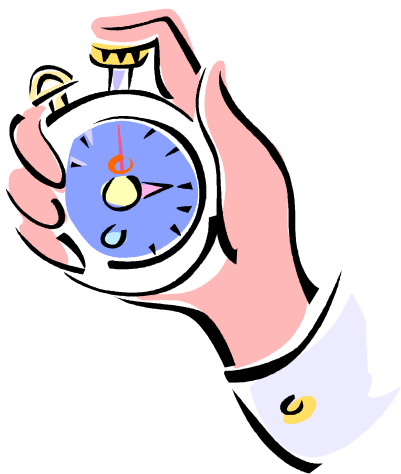
We have a number of members who have expressed an interest in training as Timekeepers. The Club pays a fixed fee for this, but that fee covers a group of up to **TEN** candidates, so others can easily be added to the list.

The whole process is quite quick and straightforward, and costs the candidates nothing. Theory training takes about one hour (this is done locally, we will try to arrange it at a time to suit the trainees - e.g. while training is on). There is then a practical test, where candidates time a number of races alongside an already qualified timekeeper (again, this can be done locally - e.g. at Club Championships or similar events).

Judges

We also have members interested in training as Judges (Judge Level 1). This is a more widely usable qualification, costs the trainee £8 and the training process is a little more lengthy (for more details, please just ask). Although not run as a specific group, it is better to have a small number training together. The usual process is for individuals to apply direct to HCASA but, for ease, we can collect applications and send them in together.

The Winter Championships are a good opportunity for the practical tests for Timekeepers and for Judges to get their first poolside experience, but we need to act soon in order to provide the training before then. The aim is to send in applications in late July - we are therefore looking for anyone interested to please let us know in the next few days.



Timekeeper and Judge 1 are the first levels of officiating for competitive swimming and are essential if events are to be staged. This is a really good way to help the Club and all its swimmers. It allows a close view of competition and is often more comfortable than sitting in the spectator area. **Above all, it's actually quite fun!**

If you would like to help the Club in this way, or would like to know more about these activities, please contact Mark Randles on:

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