

# OFFICIATING STANDARDS

## OFFICIALS SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

Thank you for supporting our swimmers to get back in the water and take part in the Swim Wales Super Series 2020. During this challenging time, we hope the Super Series can offer something new, full of possibility and opportunity...

The following rules are in place to standardise competition across Wales, whilst ensuring the event remains accessible and manageable. Please be aware that these differ from traditional competition practices.

### Super Series guidance for Technical Officials supporting delivery of races:

1. Super Series racing must comply fully with Swim Wales Return to Water Guidance and Government guidance in addition to any specific health and safety requirements of the venue
2. Super Series races are in place to support swimmers returning to a competitive environment, offering training goals and providing some level of normality for our members, please operate with this in mind at all times
3. Short Course times should be used (submitted times will be assumed as SC)
4. An official qualified minimum J2 must be present for the race to start, and sign off the achieved time
5. The presiding Technical Official present may be accompanied by a stopwatch operator, both must be current Swim Wales Members
6. Starts will be initiated by an official however a start box is not required, this is to minimise the amount of equipment required
7. The use of backstroke ledges is not allowed
8. We encourage clubs to discuss use of equipment, such as diving blocks, with their facility, to ensure safe and appropriate use
9. Ages are as December 31st 2020
10. Disqualifications for infractions of the technical rules should only be made if the infraction committed provides the swimmer with an unfair advantage. If a swimmer is slowed by their infraction, advice may be given by a coach to help the swimmer improve
11. In the event of a valid time not being available for a swimmer, the swimmer may be asked to re-swim
12. Times must be submitted, using the correct file (available online) by midday Monday following the end of each stage, times submitted after this deadline will not be accepted



"The Super Series will provide an innovative and exciting competitive experience for swimmers across Wales while adhering to the current Welsh Government regulations. It will undoubtedly motivate our swimmers to continue to work hard in training, both in the pool and on land, and enable them and their coaches to set clear performance goals and targets. Ultimately it will provide swimmers with a fantastic opportunity to test themselves against not only their own personal goals but also against their peers across the competitive swimming network in Wales through the virtual leader board."

ROSS NICHOLAS  
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If you have any questions relating to the delivery of Super Series races please contact your regional Technical Official Representative or the Swim Wales team:

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