



## Pathways to Becoming a Technical Official

### Timekeeper

The Introductory Timekeeper's course involves learning and practising the mechanics of Timekeeping. This course should be done by every member, and their willing friends and family. Clubs need to take accurate times to better measure their swimmers' progress.

Clubs doing this course need only organise a demonstration and practise session at a pool following the instructions in [Demonstrating Digital Hand-held Timekeeping](#).

Clubs can use anyone who has experience teaching in the workplace or elsewhere to run this demonstration.

### Accredited Timekeeper

This second stage is a little more involved.

**Candidates** will need to read the [Timekeeper Accreditation Worksheets](#) at least one week before attending the course.

The course can be organised at the club but it must be presented by someone who is both an accredited MSA Timekeeper and who has had experience at a swim meet.

**Presenters** can obtain copies of the **Presenter's Course Instructions for Timekeeper** from either the National or Branch offices.

Presenters must download copies of [Candidate Notes](#), [Timekeeper Log sheets](#) and [Timekeeper Competencies Cards](#) to give to each of the candidates.

Once candidates have completed their log sheets they should send them to the branch office for checking and recording. The Branch will send them to the National Office for issue and recording of accreditation. An accreditation certificate will be sent to the successful candidates.

After accreditation as a Timekeeper you may proceed to any of the following five courses. It is preferable to complete a course before starting another.