

**ASA EXAMINATIONS FOR SWIMMING OFFICIALS - STARTER**

**MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2006**

A candidate must be a member of a club or organisation affiliated to the ASA or one of its Regions. Candidates must have taken and passed both parts of the ASA Judge examination. Application should be made by completing the form below and sending it together with the £7.50 fee to the address of the Regional or County Organiser listed overleaf.

Cheques and postal orders must be crossed and made payable to - The Amateur Swimming Association. NO LOOSE NOTES OR COINS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

**The closing date for applications is Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006. The date for the written examination is Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006.**

A maximum of 40 minutes, inclusive of reading time, will be allowed for the Starter written examination.

No discussion or correspondence may be entered into regarding the result of a candidate's examination. A candidate who fails the practical test may be allowed, at the discretion of the Organiser, a second attempt after an interval of not less than six months from the first attempt. If a candidate does not pass the practical test within two years of passing the relevant written examination, that pass will lapse. A candidate who fails the practical test at the second attempt must retake the written examination.

Candidates are strongly advised to attend an approved course of instruction, details of which may be obtained from the Regional or County Organiser. **It is essential that candidates should have had considerable practical experience at club or similar level and that they should study thoroughly the Laws of the Sport.**

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I WISH TO ENTER THE APRIL 2006 ASA EXAMINATION FOR STARTER

Full name Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss (BLOCK CAPITALS) .....

Address.....

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Post Code ..... Telephone .....

Club ..... ASA ID No. ....

E-mail.....

I confirm I am eligible to take the examination. I agree to take the examination when and where arranged and to be responsible for my own expenses. I enclose the appropriate fee.

Signed ..... Date .....

Application Acknowledged	Written	Candidate Advised	Practical	Candidate Advised	

**Aim:** The aim of these examinations is to provide qualified officials capable of acting to the highest level to ensure that swimmers competing anywhere in England can expect to find Timekeepers, Judges, Starters and Referees, operating uniform procedures with a high standard of competence.

**Courses:** Candidates are strongly advised to consult a wide range of sources and attend a course of instruction approved by their Regional Organiser. Question databases are available from the Officials section of [www.britishswimming.org](http://www.britishswimming.org)

**Assessment:** Shall be in two parts, first a written or on-line examination, which, if passed, shall be followed by a practical test. To qualify, candidates must reach a satisfactory standard in both parts of the assessment. The pass mark for all theory examinations is 70% and practical Judge 80%. Whilst the latter is used as a guide for Judge, the practical examination will be more subjective.

A candidate who fails a practical test may be allowed, at the discretion of the Regional Organiser, a second attempt. If a candidate fails this second test, or does not pass a practical test within two years of passing the written examination, that pass will lapse and the written examination must be taken again.

**On-line theory examinations:** Prospective candidates should call the ASA Awards Centre on 01527 514288 to register their details and pay by credit/debit card, they will then receive a confirmation e-mail with the necessary information to complete the examination. All on-line candidates should contact their Regional/County Examinations Organiser who can advise on tuition.

#### **Syllabus**

The duties of a starter and the ASA Laws/Technical Rules relating to starts. An understanding of what constitutes misbehaviour at the start, delaying the start and disobeying an order at the start. Knowledge of where to stand on the poolside and why. Knowledge of starting systems/devices that may be used. The actions to be taken in the event of a false start. An understanding of the ASA Disability Swimming Technical Rules as they affect a Starter. Duties of other officials as they affect the role of the starter and starting. Duties and responsibilities common to all officials

### **Where to send this Form**

#### **ASA East Midland Region**

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