

Technical Official Training Process and FAQ

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Introduction

Officials ensure competitions are run in a safe and secure environment, while maintaining rules and regulations. Technical Official roles at Club/Branch/State Surf Sport Competitions may include Marshall/Check-Marshall/Starter/Check-starter/Recorder/Timekeeper/Finish Judge. Participants will be aged 16 years and older.

Step 1: Course Allocation

Congratulations, you have decided that you would like to become a Technical Official.

- Login to the [SLS Members Area](#) > Click on eLearning > Training Library > SLS – Officiating (view courses) > Technical Official > Purchase
- You will receive an email from 'etrainu LMS' once you have been allocated a course
- Contact your State/Territory for more information on how to enrol in the Technical Official course
<https://sls.com.au/state-centres/>

If you require technical assistance with the SLS Members Area or with the online training process, consult the *SLS eLearning User Guide* available on the [SLS IT Helpdesk website](#).

Step 2: Working with Children Check (WWCC)/Working with Vulnerable People Check (WWVP)

- The requirements for WWCC/WWVP are slightly different in each State and Territory. To determine what they are for your situation, please visit the [AIFS website](#)
- Once the requirements for your State/Territory are complete, please provide your SLS Club with your WWCC/WWVP number so this may be recorded in SurfGuard
- Contact your State/Territory if you are unsure of the requirements

Step 3: Complete Module 1 Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) Community Officiating General Principles

- Community Officiating General Principles course is Module 1 of the SLS Technical Official course. The online course has been developed to assist officials in learning the basic skills they will need to officiate effectively
- Log into the [SLS Members Area](#) > eLearning > My Training > Technical Official > Australian Sports Commission's Community Officiating General Principles > View Slides > Start > Click the link button
- You will be taken to [Australian Sport Learning Centre](#) (external website) > Log In or Create New Account > Officials General Principles Go > Complete: Community Officiating General Principles course (no fee)
- Upon completion, take note of the certificate number located at the bottom of the certificate
- Log back into the [SLS Members Area](#) > eLearning > My Training > Technical Official > ASC Community Officiating General Principles > View Slides > Take Assessment > Complete Question 1 and 2 (enter certificate number) > Submit

Step 4: Complete the Online Theory Modules

- Login to the [SLS Members Area](#) > click on eLearning > My Training > SLS – Technical Official
- Complete the following course modules at your own pace:
 - Technical Official Module 2 – Being an SLS Technical Official
 - Technical Official Module 3a – Technical Official in Action (Marshall/Check Marshall)
 - Technical Official Module 3b – Technical Official in Action (Starter/Check Starter)
 - Technical Official Module 3c – Technical Official in Action (Timekeeper, Finish Judge, Recorder)
- Upon successful completion of the course, you will automatically be allocated SLS "SS - Technical Official (Online Theory Modules)" award

Step 5: Book in a Face-to-Face Workshop/Officiating Session

- Once you have completed the ASC Community Officiating General Principles course and SLS online Technical Official Modules, please contact your Club to arrange attendance at a face-to-face workshop/officiating session
- Your Club/Branch will take you through a face-to-face workshop/officiating session (duration is dependent on each Club/Branch)
- Upon completion of the face-to-face workshop/officiating session and assessment, you will be allocated the SS - Technical Official award
- Your Club will then notify your Branch/State/Territory Centre who will post you an officiating badge/card

Step 6: Begin Officiating

- As a Technical Official, you may officiate at all levels in the discipline that you have been assessed on

FAQs

Is Core Official a prerequisite for Technical Official?

- No. Core Official is an entry level course where participants will be aged 16+ and will generally be non-bronze proficient. It is designed to be a quick and easy course for those wanting to officiate at junior surf carnivals

Is Technical Official a pre-requisite for Senior Official?

- Yes

How long does the Technical Official accreditation last for?

- All courses are accredited for four (4) years. Please ensure you submit your reaccreditation by the end of the fourth year to maintain your accreditation. Officials are required to keep a logbook and attain 100 points within a four (4) year period (please refer to logbook for more details)
- To reaccredit, complete the officiating reaccreditation form found on the [SLS Members Area](#) > Document Library

Am I required to keep a logbook?

- Yes. At all levels, Officials are required to log each carnival they attend and have their logbook signed by the event referee/coordinator and/or the stamp of the organising body

How do I get a logbook?

- If your Club/Branch does not supply you with a logbook, you can purchase a logbook from your State/Territory Centre

How long will it take for me to complete the course?

- Each online learning module is designed to take approximately 30 minutes
- A face-to-face should take approximately two (2) hours and will generally be conducted at a carnival to provide you with on-the-job training

How much does it cost? How do I pay?

- Each State/Territory differs in price. Payment can be made with credit/debit card in the [SLS Members Area](#) > eLearning. You will receive an invoice to your email address once payment has been processed

I haven't received the receipt for my course. Where is it?

- All Officials courses are linked to SurfGuard, your receipt will be emailed to the email registered within SurfGuard. Please ensure your email is up to date in the [SLS Members Area](#), and check your junk or spam folders

The online course starts at Module 2. Where is Module 1?

- Module 1, is the Australian Sports Commission's Community Officiating General Principles course. Please refer to step 3

I've got to the last slide, however it won't let me complete the course

- Make sure that you have opened every slide in the course and that you have completed all the questions, clicked all tiles/icons and watched each video to the end

Where can I find my Official's license number?

- Log into the [SLS Members Area](#) > Memberships > Awards > SS – Technical Official > Award Number. Your Award Number is your license number

Where can I find the expiry date of my Officials qualification?

- Log into the [SLS Members Area](#) > Memberships > Awards > SS – Technical Official > Expiry Date

If I would like a copy of my SLS certificate of completion, where can I find it?

- Log into the [SLS Members Area](#) > click on eLearning > My Training > scroll down to Completed Courses > SLS – Technical Official > Click on Certifications > Certification 1

How do I locate my Australian Sports Commission Community Officiating General Principles Certificate?

- Log into Sport Australia's Learning Centre <https://learning.ausport.gov.au/login/index.php>
- OFFICIALS General Principles Go > Click on Go
- Scroll to the bottom of the page, click on 'Community Officiating General Principles Certificate > View certificate

How do I locate the Surf Sports Manual?

- Browse to <https://sls.com.au/ssm> and then bookmark or add a shortcut to this webpage to your home screen (on any device) to make accessibility easier.
- A PDF copy is located in the [SLS Members Area](#) > Document Library