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PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Time	Programme syllabus
09:00 am	Welcome and Introduction
	- Introduction of Participants
	- Course Objectives
	- Introduction of Officials
	- Roles Proscribed by World Aquatics
	- Review Duties & Powers of Officials
	Chief Referee
	• Referee
	• Starter
	Chief Timekeeper
	 Determining the swimmers returned time
	- Timekeeper
	Exercise determining official time - Application of Rule SW 11
10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am	Duties & Powers of Officials. Cont.
	- Turn Judge
	- Feeding Platform Judge
	- Race Judge
	- Finish Judge
	 Determining the manual finish placing
	- Chief Finish Judge
	Exercise in determining official placing
3:00 pm	Lunch Break
3:15 pm	Duties & Powers of Officials. Cont.
	- Confirmation of finish placings & times
	- Use of video recording/Slo-mo equipment
	Exercise in determining the official result
5:00 pm	End of Day 1

DAY 2

Time	Programme syllabus
09:00	Race rules
	- The Start
	- Venue
	- The Race
	Disqualification Procedure
	Emergency Abandonment Pool Practice
10:30 am	Coffee Break
	Competition management:
	- World Aquatics standards – World Championships/Open Water Swimming
10:45 am	World Cup/Other Events
	- Event Planning
	- Water Quality & Temperature





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	- Technical Officials Meeting
	- Team Leaders Meeting
	Risk Management
	Safety Considerations & Planning for Risk Minimization
	- Assistance & Support
	- Boats/Escort Craft
	- Communications
	- Pre-race Briefings – Officials/Teams/Safety Support
	- Emergency Abandonment Procedure
12:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:30 pm	Officials' decisions making
	- Infringements
	- Protests
	World Aquatics Open Water Swimming Officials Lists
	- Criteria
	- Selection of Officials for World Championships and Olympic Games
	Ethics – The Professional Official
3:00 pm	Coffee Break
3:00 pm	Questions & Clarifications
	Written examination – 90 minutes
	Summary & Wrap-up
5:00 pm	End of World Aquatics Open Water Swimming Certification Course for Technical
	Officials

N.B. Please kindly note that depending on the standard of the participants and the local circumstances, the programme may be slightly changed by the lecturers.

