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Hi, I'm Wendy Hill, qualified National Starter and qualified Regional Referee.

I became involved in the technical officiating side of swimming to get a better understanding when Tiana was a competitive swimmer and of course officials get the best view on pool deck. When Tiana stopped competing, I was more than happy to carry on and give back to the sport as swimming had given to her so much – Swim Rotorua, coaching, and skills for life.

In 2010 I sat my timekeeper's exam in the Waikato and in 2011 we moved to the Bay of Plenty, Swim Rotorua and was keen progress to be an IOT. National meets are so much fun. My favourites are NZ Opens and NZ Secondary Schools.

The technical officials come from all over the country and it's like a family reunion.

Last year I was fortunate to be selected to officiate at State Team Champs in Canberra. Wow what an experience!

Highlights have been officiating at the Olympic trials for Rio 2016 at NZ Opens and watching the amazing para swimmers Sophie Pascoe, Cameron Leslie, and Mary Fisher. Also, World Masters 2017 was an awesome experience – even when the old guy took 40mins to do a 400Free!!

It was a natural progression to be a starter (one of my favourite appointments) and then referee. I love going away with our Swim Rotorua officials and representing our club/region.

To keep fit I run three times a week with Lake City Athletics Club and follow a keto eating lifestyle (you may have noticed I don't eat off the luscious food platters that go round pool deck lol).

So, if you are a parent thinking of getting involved – just do it, it is better than sitting around in the spectator seats.