



INDIANA SWIMMING - IHSAA PARTNERSHIP ***New This Season for ISI Officials!***

Indiana Swimming is excited to announce a new partnership with the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) to better serve our athletes and our clubs/schools that host high school Sectionals as well as to assist the IHSAA in their recruitment of new swimming & diving officials.

This initiative grew out of Indiana Swimming's existing partnership with the IHSAA and USA Swimming's rule (new in 2017) that high school end-of-season competitions (such as HS Sectionals) must have four (4) association (IHSAA) officials working the meet in order to satisfy the requirements for Observed Swims. Qualifying as an Observed Swim allows athlete times from those meets to be entered into SWIMS, USA Swimming's times database. This in turn allows these athlete times to serve as qualifying times for USA Swimming competitions. Currently, there are not enough IHSAA certified officials to staff HS meets to satisfy the USA Swimming rule (202.8.3A).

At this time, we are asking all Indiana Swimming clubs to encourage their officials to become dually-certified officials by attending a special workshop at this year's Indiana Swimming House of Delegates on Saturday morning, September 15. Details are below.

1. **IHSAA Officials Training Session: 8:00 AM - Noon on Saturday, September 15** in conjunction with the Indiana Swimming House of Delegates. Sandra Walter and Kerrie Schludecker from the IHSAA will be present to facilitate an IHSAA officials' training session for Indiana Swimming officials at North Central High School. This program will consist of both classroom training and pool training with swimmers & divers. All participants will meet promptly at 8:00 AM in the Pool Classroom just inside Door #24W near the Natatorium at North Central. A complete HOD schedule can be found [HERE](#)
2. **Registration for This Session:** Registration opens at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, August 29, on the Indiana Swimming web site: [REGISTRATION](#) When you register, register yourself as an Official. If you are serving in another capacity for your team at House of Delegates, you will also need to have your team representative register you for other sessions in which you will be representing your club.
3. **Questions:** We know that many of our ISI officials will have questions. You are encouraged to attend the training session and ask your questions there. However, below are responses to some common questions we've received:

Common Questions:

- Will parents be permitted to officiate at HS meets in which their children are competing? Through official IHSAA certification and adjustment in assignments at the meets (not officiating your child's lane), parents of competing athletes will be able to officiate at HS meets in which their children are competing.

- In what role will the dually-certified officials serve at the HS Sectional meets? The two dually-certified officials necessary for the Sectional meet to be observed will serve as stroke and turn officials.
- How will the Sectional assignments work for these dually-certified stroke and turn officials? The Sectional assignment for these two officials will be done by John Hiester, Indiana Swimming Officials Chair, in collaboration with the IHSAA and a task force of dually-certified officials. If parents or club officials want to serve in these two officiating positions, they can be assigned to Sectionals at their home schools if requested.
- Will there be any compensation for the two dually-certified stroke and turn officials at HS Sectional meets? The IHSAA provides a stipend to the host school for meet personnel. The determination of the amount of compensation is up to the host school. You can also choose to donate those stipends back to the school.
- Will the dually-certified officials be able to officiate other high school meets besides the Sectional meets? Yes! Ask Sandra and Kerrie more about these opportunities at the September 15 training session.

NEXT STEPS: *Hopefully, by now, you have decided to take advantage of this unique opportunity to serve our athletes, your local high schools, and the IHSAA by attending the IHSAA training session on September 15. There are a few things you should do in preparation for the training session as outlined below.*

Below please find the link to registration for an IHSAA official's license as well as a quick billeted list of required steps.

Register for a License: This is necessary for insurance purposes. You can register before or after the September 15 workshop.

- Link to IHSAA Officiating License Registration: <https://www.myihkaa.net/officials/registration>
- \$50 fee – includes up to 3 sports, NFHS insurance, Rule Books, Background Check fee
- IHSAA office will mail Rule Books upon receipt of registration

Complete the Sport Select Exam(s) via the Officials/Exams Tab

Note: This can be done before, during, or after the September 15 workshop.

- 75% or better required
- Open Book
- Untimed
- May save and return as schedule permits
- 2 opportunities granted to achieve a 75%

Review New Rules Interpretation via an Online Delivery

Note: This can be done before, during, or after the September 15 workshop.

- Untimed
- Date of completion – Start of HS season

Attend an IHSAA Certification Clinic to meet a minimum requirement to work into the Tournament levels [Sectional – State]

Note: Indiana Swimming HOD Training Session will satisfy this requirement.

Rating System for Tournament Placement

Note: This does not apply for placement of the two dually-certified Stroke and Turn Officials at HS Sectional Meets.

- School Votes = 50%
- Official's Work = 50%
- Meetings attended
- Meets officiated
- Years of Experience
- Years of Tournament Experience