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Introduction from the Editor

Welcome to the first NJ Swimming Officials Newsletter. Hopefully this will become an added tool to communicate among the NJ official community. As we distribute the first newsletter at the start of the 2017-18 SC season, the aim will be to provide information that covers the registration and renewal process, opportunities for new officials, meets for the SC season, upcoming out of LSC Meets, accomplishments by your fellow officials plus other fun information. While this newsletter will not be comprehensive in covering all the goings on in the officials' community, it will be a point to assist or direct you to other matters. Remember that the NJ Swimming and USA Swimming web sites provide the vast majority of information to assist with your questions but you can always reach out to a member of the NJ Official's committee for assistance as well. If there is something that you would like to see addressed/discussed, feel free to reach out to me or a member of the committee.

Registration Reminder and Process

It is that time of the year for everyone to update their USA Swimming non-athlete membership and registration. In addition, you may need to update all or part of your non-deck certification requirements. Hopefully you all have completed your on-deck requirements and can proceed with renewing your membership. For those that still need sessions to complete their 2017 NJ requirements (either certified or apprentice), there are many meets this fall. Please see the listing of upcoming NJ SC meets later in the newsletter. More detailed information on meets can be found on the NJ Swimming web site. Please use the month of October and early November to complete any requirements so that you can send in your renewal information and it can be returned before year-end. If you require your Athlete Protection or Background Screening to be updated prior to year-end, please do so prior to sending your required registration and renewal paperwork.

You should have received, or will receive shortly, detailed registration instructions from Judy Sharkey. Questions can be addressed to Judy or Ed Miller.

For those that are required to attend a clinic (and then pass the necessary exams), please see the current Officials Clinic schedule later in this newsletter (updates can be found on the NJ Swimming web site). Make sure that you reach out to the instructor(s) to confirm your attendance prior to the clinic as space can be limited. In order to determine if you need a clinic, you can either look at your renewal from last year (which will include such information at the bottom of the letter) or review your account in the USA Swimming OTS system. If you last took your test between September 2014 and August 2015, you are in need of a clinic this fall.

New Jersey Swimming thanks you for your interest in becoming or continuing as an official as it makes for the more efficient and fair meets as well as assisting the Meet Referee in conducting the meet. If you are aware of any individuals who may be interested in becoming an official, feel free to give them this information or have them reach out to their club's Officials Coordinator or a member of the Officials Committee. Included below are the links to the USA Swimming Web Sites for the Background Screening and Athlete Protection information.

USA Swimming Officials Website (link to Athlete Protection)

<https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/safe-sport/apt>

USA Swimming Officials Website (link to Background Screening)

<https://www.usaswimming.org/background-checks>

USA Swimming Officials Tracking System Web Site (link to session and test history)

<https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-tracking>

For those that are looking for officials' attire or an official nametag, please see the Officials page on the NJ Swimming website.

<https://www.teamunify.com/Links.jsp? tabid =12294&team=eznjslsc>

For the APT and BCG materials, there are also quick links in the USA-S website. Click on "For You" and then on "Officials".

New Jersey Swimming Officials Clinic Schedule – Fall 2017

To attend a clinic, you must first contact the clinic instructor beforehand, as space maybe limited in some locations. Please be sure you meet the prerequisites for the clinic you plan to attend. Please do not sign up for multiple clinics; if you sign up for a clinic and then have to change your plans, please let the clinic instructor know at once and withdraw from the clinic. Otherwise, you may cause someone else to not be able to attend the clinic when, in fact, there was space available. Please read the footnotes before applying for a particular clinic. There is a fee of \$15 to attend a YMCA clinic for USA certification.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>	<u>Notes</u>
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October

YMCA-II	7	HCY – Annandale Branch	8:30a	Bart Fellin	BFellin@comcast.net	(2)
YMCA-II	7	Somerset Valley YMCA – Bridgewater	8:00a	Steve Sawin Perry Novak	Spsawin@aol.com perrynovak@optonline.net	(2)
YMCA-I	8	Montclair YMCA	9:00a	Judy Sharkey	jmsharkey@aol.com	(1)
YMCA-II	8	Madison YMCA	9:00a	Christine Jung	Chrisleex@aol.com	(2)
See Note Below	11	Statewide Officials Meetings	7:00p	Judy Sharkey Val Gibson	jmsharkey@aol.com vhgswimming@msn.com	(3)(5)
YMCA-II	12	Ridgewood YMCA	6:00p	Ed Miller	Caefmilleriii@msn.com	(2)
YMCA-I	13	Raritan Bay YMCA	6:00p	Bart Fellin	BFellin@comcast.net	(1)
YMCA-I	14	Ridgewood YMCA	8:00a	Ed Miller	Caefmilleriii@msn.com	(1)
YMCA-I	14	Somerset Valley YMCA – Bridgewater	8:00a	Steve Sawin Perry Novak	Spsawin@aol.com perrynovak@optonline.net	(1)
USA-ST	18	BAC Center of Excellence	TBD	Bruce Petersen	Bpeter8559@mac.com	(1)(6)
AO	18	Mercer County Library-Lawrenceville Branch	6:00p	Ellen Mace	Purplemommy7@gmail.com	(2)(6)
AO	19	Ridgewood YMCA	6:00p	Ed Miller Chuck Dougherty	Caefmilleriii@msn.com	(4)
AO	20	HCY – Annandale Branch	6:00p	Bart Fellin	BFellin@comcast.net	(4)
USA-ST	25	Clifton B & G Club	6:30p	Ed Miller	Caefmilleriii@msn.com	(1)(6)
USA-ST	25	Witherspoon Pool-Princeton	7:00p	Mark Butler Paul Welsh	Butlerms31@gmail.com Paul_Welsh@gbtpa.com	(1)(6)
YMCA-I	28	Lakeland Hills YMCA	12:30p	Val Gibson	vhgswimming@msn.com	(1)
YMCA-I	28	Red Bank YMCA-Shrewsbury	8:00a	Bill Tucker	Wtucker370@gmail.com	(1)

November

YMCA-II	4	Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA	8:30a	Judy Sharkey	jmsharkey@aol.com	(2)
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- (1) This clinic has been approved for certifying new and recertifying existing USA-S Stroke & Turn Judges
- (2) This clinic has been approved for certifying and/ or recertifying USA-S Stroke & Turn Judges and recertifying USA-S Starters and Referees.
- (3) This clinic is for experienced Level II officials who have attended at least two standard Level II clinics in the past; participants in this meeting can re-certify by then taking the normal Level II Re-certification test.
- (4) This clinic has been approved for certifying new and recertifying existing USA-S Administrative Officials.
- (5) For YMCA Level II recertification purposes. This clinic is only available to those officials who have attended the full Level II program at least twice.
- (6) This clinic is not approved for certifying new and recertifying existing YMCA Stroke and Turn or Administrative Officials.

NJ Swimming Meet Schedule (September 2017 through January 2018)

	Meet Name	Meet Location	Meet Referee	Level
September				
30	BAC Silver/Gold Fall Splash	BAC COE	Bruce Petersen	Silver/Gold
October				
1	BAC October Pentathlon and Mini	BAC COE	Bruce Petersen	Silver/Bronze
7	PAA and CAT Dual Meet	Peddie School		Close Approved
13-15	Trident Invitational Swim Meet	Raritan Bay YMCA	Bach Lequang	None
14-15	XCEL Fall Festival	Princeton University	Bach Lequang	Meet Cuts
21	MB Apple A Day Swim Meet	Neptune Aquatic	Bill Tucker	None
21-22	PAA and RBY Dual Meet	Peddie School		Close Approved
21-22	SVY Champions Classic	Witherspoon School		Close Approved
21-22	OCY Fall Harvest	Ocean County YMCA	Andrew Schober	None
21-22	BB Go for the Gold	Raritan Valley CC	Ray Wong	None
22	PPST Pentathlon Swim Meet	Rider University	Robin Meirs	None
28-29	BAC Monster Mash Swim Meet	BAC COE	Zhongxu Lu	Silver/Bronze
November				
3-5	OCY Great Turkey Invitational	Ocean County YMCA		Close Approved
5	SCAR Andy O'Grady Memorial Meet	Raritan Valley CC	Dan Bibb	None
5	RY 8U Gingerbread Mini Meet	Ridgewood YMCA	Ed Miller	None
17-19	PPST Fall Rally	Witherspoon School		Nine and Older
17-19	PAA Thanksgiving Classic & Mini	Peddie School		None
17-19	SCAR TYR Distance Derby	Newark Academy		None
18	BAC Treasure Island	BAC COE	Resty Rivera	None
18-19	BB Thankful Swim Meet	Raritan Valley CC		None
19	BAC November Pentathlon & Mini	BAC COE	Resty Rivera	Silver/Bronze
19	EEX Mercer County Throwdown	College of NJ		None
24-26	SCAR Fast Times	Lyndhurst		None
25	BAC Thanksgiving Invitational	BAC COE	Bruce Petersen	Meet Cuts
December				
2-3	BAC Holiday Splash Swim Meet	BAC COE	Bruce Petersen	Silver/Bronze
3	CAT Caitlin Lehman Memorial	Secaucus Swim Center		None
8-10	OCY Winter Classic Invitational	Ocean County YMCA		P/F - Meet Cuts
9	MB Paul Criscuolo Invitational	Neptune Aquatic		None
15-17	EEX 31 st Holiday Classic Invite	Rutgers University	Bill Tucker	P/F – Meet Cuts
16	BAC December Invitational	BAC COE	Christopher Barry	Meet Cuts
17	OCY 1000/1650 Distance Meet	Ocean County YMCA		None
January				
5-7	SVY New Year's Splash	Raritan Valley CC		None
6	BAC Blizzard Swim Meet	BAC COE	Resty Rivera	Silver/Bronze
7	PPST Snowball Mini Meet	Witherspoon School		8 and Under
7	PPST Piranha Mile Swim Meet	Witherspoon School		None
12-14	BAC CeraVe LC Invitational-Closed	Rutgers University	Christopher Barry	P/F – Meet Cuts
19-21	PTAC Winter Invitational	Princeton University		None
21	SCAR Artic 12U Swim Meet	Raritan Valley CC		None
26-28	NJS/PPST 14U Junior States	Witherspoon School		P/F – Meet Cuts
27-28	CBGC Winter Cup	Clifton Boys & Girls	Ed Miller	None
27-28	BAC Pro Bowl Invitational	BAC COE	Zhongxu Lu	None

Meet your Officials Committee –

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USA Swimming National Championship and Eastern Zone Schedule Fall 2017 to Summer 2018

Host	Dates	Meet	Applications	Location	Course
USA	11/29-12/2	USA Winter Nationals	Closed	Columbus, Ohio	SCY
USA	12/8-10	USA Winter Jr. Nationals-East	Closed	Knoxville, Tenn.	SCY
USA	12/8-10	USA Winter Jr. Nationals-West	Closed	Iowa City, Iowa	SCY
USA	1/12-14	Arena Pro Series #1 – Austin, Texas	Pending	Austin, Texas	LCM
ZONE	1/26-28	USA Swimming IMX Games -Eastern Zone	Pending	U. of Maryland	SCY
USA	3/1-3	Arena Pro Series #2 – Atlanta, Ga.	Pending	Atlanta, Georgia	LCM
ZONE	3/22-25	Eastern Sectionals – North	Pending	Ithaca, NY	SCY
ZONE	3/22-25	Eastern Sectionals – South	Pending	Christiansburg, Va.	SCY
ZONE	3/22-25	Eastern Super Sectionals	Pending	Buffalo, NY	LCM
ZONE	3/29-31	Eastern Zone SC Age Group Championships	Pending	Webster, NY	SCY
USA	4/12-14	Arena Pro Series #3 – Mesa, Arizona	Pending	Mesa, Arizona	LCM
USA	5/17-20	Arena Pro Series #4 – Indianapolis, Indiana	Pending	Indianapolis, Indiana	LCM
USA	6/14-17	Arena Pro Series #5 – Santa Clara, Ca.	Pending	Santa Clara, California	LCM
USA	7/12-15	Arena Pro Series #6 – Columbus, Oh.	Pending	Columbus, Ohio	LCM
USA	7/31-8/4	USA Swimming Summer Junior Nationals	Pending	Irvine, California	LCM
ZONE	8/2-5	Eastern Zone Senior Championships	Pending	Buffalo, NY	LCM
USA	8/1-	USA Swimming Futures Championships	Pending	TBD	LCM
USA	8/7-11	USA Swimming Summer Nationals	Pending	Irvine, California	LCM
ZONE	8/8-11	Eastern Zone LC Age Group Championships	Pending	Richmond, Va.	LCM

Officials advancing to Starter and Referee this past summer

Congratulations to the following officials who this past summer successfully completed the requirements to be certified as a Starter or Referee in the NJ LSC.

New Starters

Charles Banville	SVY	Carol Gitune	PAA	Matt Murphy	HACY	Alka Rinkus	RBY
Dean Ferdico	LHY	Sonja Hood	MYM	Janice Rein	MEY	Greg Spicka	GMY

New Referees

Walter Benzija	JFAC	Ed Eckels	HACY	Bob Englert	TAC	Adam Yee	FOBY
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Updates to USA Swimming Rules from Fall Convention

In mid-September, USA Swimming held its annual convention. While much of the discussion centered on the changes in the governance structure, there were also some rule changes that will take effect at various points during the 2017-18 swim year. Most importantly, the rules regarding the swimming of the freestyle leg of the individual medley and medley relay were clarified, in accordance with the clarifications issued by FINA. (As many of you know, USA-S, as the NGB for swimming in the USA, is bound to follow FINA rules.) Effective September 21 2017, when a swimmer in the IM or Medley Relay comes off the wall for the freestyle leg of the event, he/she may leave the wall toward their back as long as they are toward their breast when executing their first kick and/or stroke. See the full information on the NJ Swimming or USA Swimming website at

<https://www.teamunify.com/eznjlsclsc/UserFiles/File/NJ%20Swimming/NJ%20Swimming%20Officials/NJ%20Swim%20Officials%20Announcements/Medley%20Rules%20Change%20Effective%202009-21-17.pdf>.

In addition, on relays, the second, third and fourth swimmers are prohibited from starting on the top of the adjustable back plate. A swimmer must have at least part of one foot in contact with the starting platform in front of the adjustable back plate during a relay exchange. This will normally be the responsibility of the relay take-off judges.

Also, the "handgrips" for the forward start which may be installed on the sides of the starting platform, cannot be used for backstroke starts. There are other changes that will take effect with the next rule book effective May 1, 2018 regarding timing, seeding and positive check-in for timed final events.

Officials attending Zone, Sectional and National Meets

Congratulations to the following officials who officiated at meets outside of the NJ LSC. These meets provide the opportunity to meet other officials from across the Eastern Zone and the country. They also provide an opportunity to further develop one's skills and be evaluated for USA Swimming National level certifications.

The officials listed below volunteered at one or more of the following meets – Spring or Summer Eastern Zones, Eastern Sectionals (North, South, Super), Arena Pro Series, USA Swimming Futures and USA Swimming National Championships (World Trials, US Open, Junior Nationals) and the Eastern Zone Open Water meet.

Christopher Barry - BAC
Walter Benzija - JFAC
Cynthia Donnelly - LHY
Chuck Dougherty - LHY
Bob Englert - TAC
Dean Ferdico - LHY
Frank Fitzgerald - EEX

Valerie Gibson -LHY
Shiangling Jang - LHY
Louis Hu - SCAR
Alex Kolarov - BAC
Ann Leaver - RHSC
Jae Lee - SCAR
Bach Lequang - HACY
Alka Rinkus - RBY

Eric Ristad - XCEL
Guru Khambadkone Sanjeev - RBY
Judy Sharkey - UN
Gregory Spicka - GMY
George Williams - SCAR
Ray Wong - BB

For those interested in furthering your training within the LSC, you will have an opportunity to be evaluated for such certifications during the EEX Holiday Classic, which qualifies as an OGM, on December 15-17, 2017. More information to follow in future newsletters and information on the program can be found on the USA Swimming web site.

Here are some photos of your fellow officials at such meets – remember if you go to a meet to get a picture gathering the NJ Official representation.

