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## New Jersey Officials Newsletter – Fall 2019

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### Introduction from the Editor

Welcome back to another season of swimming in New Jersey. First, thank you for all of your volunteer work this past year; the swimmers, coaches and rest of the swim community understand it does not get done without you. The return of the fall brings children back to school and the start of many extracurricular activities. For swimming officials, it is the time of year to renew credentials, renew friendships on the pool deck and count the days until that first chlorine induced happiness.

As we start the fall season, this Newsletter will attempt to assist you in the annual registration process (including updates to the registration process and offerings by NJ Swimming), provide some helpful reminders of the rules and guide you to locating the meet schedule. 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. Prior Newsletters are now posted to reference past items as well as 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. As this is your Newsletter, 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. Hope to see you all on deck at some point during the season.

### Some Musings from the NJS Officials' Chair

#### **United States Aquatic Sports Convention**

I attended the USAS Convention in St. Louis earlier this month. As you might guess, one of the hot topics of discussion among the officials was the swim suit flap in Alaska high school swimming. For those of you who didn't hear about it, a female referee disqualified a female swimmer because her swim suit didn't meet the NFHS coverage requirements (NFHS Rule 3.3.3). The matter quickly went viral on the internet. The call was subsequently overturned by the Alaska Athletic Association on the grounds that the official spoke directly to the swimmer and not to the coach, as is the required protocol.

NFHS rules are more detailed on this subject than our rules (Rule 102.8, especially point D), but that doesn't mean we won't have the same issue from time to time. A couple of lessons here: first, do not go around checking swim suits and looking for violations; second, if you become aware of a possible problem, do not talk to the swimmer, tell the referee; and third, if you are the referee, discuss it with the coach whose job it is to make sure his/her swimmers are in compliance. If a coach doesn't have the swimmer comply, then you can disqualify the swimmer. Use discretion here, as this can be a sensitive issue for many teenagers.

#### **Rules Changes**

There were very few rules changes or interpretations this year. There was clarification to Rule 102.8.1E explicitly banning the use of therapeutic elastic tape (e.g., kinesio tape). Also, there were changes made to the language in Rule 102.24.1A(d) to prevent swimmers from using times from an illegally composed relay. Also, Rule 202.8.4 was amended to require observers to be on the deck and to allow them to stand anywhere on the deck so as to be in position to observe the strokes where the rules differ. In response to questions, the Rules Committee Chair again reiterated that the 15-meter mark must be indicated on the deck or pool walls, that the deck markings take precedence over the floats and that the rule must be observed and enforced to the best of our ability, given the configuration of the facility.

Much of the rules changes involved aligning USA-S rules with those of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Program (MAAPP) issued by the US Center for Safe Sport and with the new governance program.

#### **Registration for 2020**

It's time to think about registering for 2020 and more detailed instructions are noted herein. Let me just make a few salient points:

First, remember that you have to take a class and test every three years, so if you last took a class in the fall of 2016, you are due for one this year. **And that includes referees and starters who took a clinic in the spring of 2017.** Every year we have people who suddenly discover in December that they need a class and then it is too, late.

Second, register earlier rather than later; you should be registered by early December. Again, every year we have people who let this slip and then find themselves in January or February unable to work meets because they never registered.

Third, send me all your paperwork at once, not piecemeal or some by e-mail and the rest by snail mail. I am notorious for losing random pieces of paper. **And if you send me a deck pass printout of your experience, make sure your name is on it.** I still have several deck pass printouts from last year which I was never able to match to anyone.

If you have questions, please e-mail me.

#### **Volunteering**

I receive reports from the various meet referees showing, among other things, our staffing levels from both the host club and other clubs. With 500 plus active officials, it's amazing how many sessions are understaffed. That makes it bad for the officials, but also for the swimmers. Nothing is worse than to have to disqualify a swimmer at an end of season championship meet for something that should have been caught during the season but was missed because of a shortage of officials. If you are at a meet with your swimmer, don't be shy, come down and see the meet referee to see if he/she has enough help. (I don't have to tell you the answer to that question.) Don't wait to be called; that might not happen for a number of reasons. Be proactive and get into the action. We need you; you'll enjoy it; and we'll be helping the swimmers, which is why we do it in the first place.

## **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 2019 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 Background Screening to be updated prior to year-end, please do so prior to sending your required registration and renewal paperwork.

For those that are required to attend a clinic (and then pass the necessary tests), 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). If you last took your test between September 2016 and August 2017, you are in need of a clinic this fall.

There are two new updates to your annual certification requirements for this year. All officials will need to complete a one-time course on Concussion Protocol Training (please see below for further information) and the Athlete Protection training is now an annual requirement. In addition, NJ Officials committee has updated its' certification requirements to include certification for Chief Judge (pre-requisite for Deck Referee in Spring 2020) and Meet Referee. Please use this link to see the updated NJ Swimming Officials certification requirement and procedures and the links below for other contact information - [https://www.teamunify.com/eznjslsc/UserFiles/File/NJ%20Swimming/NJ%20Swimming%20Officials/NJ%20Swim%20Official%20Requirements/njs-requirements-for-new-officials-sept-2019\\_013555.pdf](https://www.teamunify.com/eznjslsc/UserFiles/File/NJ%20Swimming/NJ%20Swimming%20Officials/NJ%20Swim%20Official%20Requirements/njs-requirements-for-new-officials-sept-2019_013555.pdf)

New Jersey Swimming thanks you for your interest in becoming or continuing as an official as it makes for more efficient and fairer 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.

### **New Certification Requirement - Concussion Protocol Training**

This requirement is new for all coaches and officials in 2020. Though several states have previously passed concussion education requirements, USA Swimming will now require all coaches and officials complete Concussion Protocol Training by January 1, 2020.

Courses from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), as well as individual states' required courses will satisfy the USA Swimming requirement. (For example, if a coach lives/coaches in a state with a concussion education requirement, he/she must only complete this requirement and will not need to complete an additional course). Many high school officials will have already completed the NFHS training.

For USA Swimming membership, coaches and officials must successfully complete concussion and head injury education at least once. Individual states may require annual or continuing education and coaches/officials must abide by the requirements of their home state or states in which they coach or officiate.

This requirement is necessary to avoid personal liability for concussion/head strike incidents, ensuring our insurers will continue to provide liability insurance protection to USA Swimming, coaches, officials and clubs.

Please use either link below from the Officials Page on the USA Swimming web site to access either the CDC or NFHS courses- CDC – <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>  
NFHS - <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61129/concussion-in-sports>

Please direct questions about Concussion Protocol Training to the NJ Safe Sport Coordinator – Marlene Curtis at [marlene@berkeleyaquaticclub.com](mailto:marlene@berkeleyaquaticclub.com). A FAQ document is also posted on the USA Swimming website.

### **Links for Officials Registration 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 - <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-tracking>

NJ Swimming Officials Nametags - <https://www.teamunify.com/Links.jsp?tabid=12294&team=eznjslsc>

Unless attending a clinic, once complete you can mail the copies of your cards to Ed Miller at 140 Concord Street, New Milford, NJ 07646, or e-mail them to him at [caefmilleriii@msn.com](mailto:caefmilleriii@msn.com). Don't miss out due to missing paperwork.

## **Meet your Officials Committee**

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## New Jersey Swimming Officials Clinic Schedule – Fall 2019

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. Check the NJ Swimming officials page for updates.

For your future planning, we will again be running two/three Starter Clinics in the spring, along with a Referee Clinic.

Class	Date	Location	Time	Instructor	Contact Info	Notes
YMCA-2	9/28	Somerset YMCA	8:00a	Steve Sawin Perry Novak	<a href="mailto:Spsawin@aol.com">Spsawin@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:perrynovak@optonline.net">perrynovak@optonline.net</a>	(2)
YMCA-1	9/28	HCY – Annandale Branch	9:00a	Bart Fellin	<a href="mailto:BFellin@comcast.net">BFellin@comcast.net</a>	(1)
YMCA-2	9/28	Lakeland YMCA	12:30p	Val Gibson	<a href="mailto:vhgswimming@msn.com">vhgswimming@msn.com</a>	(2)
YMCA-1	9/29	YMCA of Monmouth City-Freehold	8:00a	Sirena Carnevale	<a href="mailto:sirenacarnevale@gmail.com">sirenacarnevale@gmail.com</a>	(1)
YMCA-2	10/3	Ridgewood YMCA	6:00p	Ed Miller	<a href="mailto:caefmilleriii@msn.com">caefmilleriii@msn.com</a>	(2)
YMCA-1	10/5	Ridgewood YMCA	8:00a	Ed Miller	<a href="mailto:caefmilleriii@msn.com">caefmilleriii@msn.com</a>	(1)
YMCA-1	10/5	Metro YMCA of Oranges, Livingston	8:30a	Chris Jung	<a href="mailto:chrisleex@aol.com">chrisleex@aol.com</a>	(1)
YMCA-2	10/5	HCY – Annandale Branch	9:00a	Bart Fellin	<a href="mailto:BFellin@comcast.net">BFellin@comcast.net</a>	(2)
YMCA-1	10/5	Lakeland YMCA	12:30p	Val Gibson	<a href="mailto:vhgswimming@msn.com">vhgswimming@msn.com</a>	(1)
YMCA-2	10/6	YMCA of Monmouth City-Freehold	8:00a	Sirena Carnevale	<a href="mailto:sirenacarnevale@gmail.com">sirenacarnevale@gmail.com</a>	(2)
YMCA-2	10/6	Madison Area YMCA	8:30a	Chris Jung	<a href="mailto:chrisleex@aol.com">chrisleex@aol.com</a>	(2)
AO	10/10	Ridgewood YMCA	6:00p	Ed Miller	<a href="mailto:caefmilleriii@msn.com">caefmilleriii@msn.com</a>	(4)
YMCA-1	10/12	Somerset Hills YMCA	8:00a	Steve Sawin Perry Novak	<a href="mailto:Spsawin@aol.com">Spsawin@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:perrynovak@optonline.net">perrynovak@optonline.net</a>	(1)
YMCA-1	10/12	Raritan Valley YMCA	9:00a	Bart Fellin	<a href="mailto:BFellin@comcast.net">BFellin@comcast.net</a>	(1)
YMCA-2	10/12	Ocean County YMCA	9:00a	Judy Sharkey	<a href="mailto:jmsharkey@aol.com">jmsharkey@aol.com</a>	(2)
USA-ST	10/16	Clifton Boys and Girls Club	6:30p	Ed Miller	<a href="mailto:caefmilleriii@msn.com">caefmilleriii@msn.com</a>	(1)(6)
AO	10/17	Rutgers University	6:30p	Ellen Mace	<a href="mailto:besmartinc@gmail.com">besmartinc@gmail.com</a>	(4)
AO	10/18	HCY – Annandale Branch	6:00p	Bart Fellin	<a href="mailto:BFellin@comcast.net">BFellin@comcast.net</a>	(4)
USA-ST	10/22	Witherspoon MS - Princeton	7:00p	Paul Welsh	<a href="mailto:Paul_Welsh@gbtpa.com">Paul_Welsh@gbtpa.com</a>	(1)(6)
See Note Below	10/23	Statewide Officials Meetings Somerset Valley YMCA – Bridgewater	7:00p	Val Gibson Judy Sharkey	<a href="mailto:vhgswimming@msn.com">vhgswimming@msn.com</a> <a href="mailto:jmsharkey@aol.com">jmsharkey@aol.com</a>	(3)(5)
YMCA-1	10/26	YMCA of Monmouth City-Freehold	8:00a	Sirena Carnevale	<a href="mailto:sirenacarnevale@gmail.com">sirenacarnevale@gmail.com</a>	(1)
USA-ST	10/29	BAC Center of Excellence	7:00p	Bruce Petersen	<a href="mailto:Bpeter8559@mac.com">Bpeter8559@mac.com</a>	(1)(6)
USA-CJ	11/5	BAC Center of Excellence	7:00p	Bruce Petersen	<a href="mailto:Bpeter8559@mac.com">Bpeter8559@mac.com</a>	(7)

### Notes-

- (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.
- (7) This clinic is for new chief judges and recertifying stroke & turn judges.

## Officials advancing to Starter and Referee

Congratulations to the following officials who this complete their apprentice training this past SC Season and fall have stepped up to greater responsibilities and advanced in their certification to a Starter or Referee.

### New Starters

Monish Dhalwani	WFY	Jason Fenixdy	WFY	Albert Hendrawn	WFY	Shea Lukacsko	SHY
Karyn Weber	PPST	Jennie Wright	RY				

### New Referees

Susan-Andrew Esposito	BB	Simon Chen	SVY	Julie Consiglio	HACY	Matt Murphy	HACY
Greg Spicka	GMY	Eric Tanalski	STAC				

## Thoughts for Meet Referees

As we begin the SC season, below are some reminders for Meet Referees and those that greatly assist them.

Reach out prior to the meet to the host to obtain assistance from host club officials and where assistance may be needed. Look to balance the deck and provide mentoring opportunities, when available. Remember to look to rotate those officials to different positions when they work multiple sessions in a meet (s) that you are Meet Referee. When arriving at the pool, post the sign-up" sheet so that officials can clearly print their name, club and certification and know when the briefing will take place and any other information that may be helpful. Here are some rule reminders:

- Fifteen Meter Mark – Rule 103.16.2.was amended to comply with the FINA rules concerning marking the 15-meter mark, as follows: A fixed mark shall be placed on any wall or the deck adjacent to an outside lane to correctly align the 15-meter buoys for judging underwater starts/turn distances. The mark on the wall or deck will be considered the default marking for officiating purposes. Thus, the deck markings will take precedence over the buoys
- DQ Slips - It was made clear again that an error in preparing the DQ slip does not automatically result in the DQ being overturned; it is all right to correct the slip. The slip is not required by the rules and has no bearing on the DQ itself. However, if the problem with the slip concerns which heat and/or lane was disqualified, and that cannot be settled, then that may be a basis for overturning the disqualification
- Watches Used as Pacing Devices – Clark Hammond noted that he has received a number of questions about swimmers wearing watches and are they prohibited under Rule 102.8.1.F as a "pacing" device. He pointed out that simply wearing a watch is not prohibited. He had not seen any watches that were capable of acting as a pacing device, but if one was noted, wearing it would be prohibited.

Remember that USA Swimming is committed to safeguard the well-being of all its members, with the welfare of its athlete members as the top priority – including providing them the best opportunity to perform. Our appearance on deck should be professional and neat, following the uniform requirements of the host LSC (blue pants or skirt, white shirt and white shoes in NJ). Professionalism is for before, during and after the session/meet.

## Other Swimming Meets Opportunities

Another competitive event for USA Swimming is Open Water. Traditionally, this occurs during the summer months and there are limited opportunities for USA Swimming sanctioned events. However, these meets are always looking for volunteer officials to assist in the operation of the meets. The roles for Open Water swimming meets are both similar and different but the primarily goal is the safety of the swimmers during the event. If you are interested in finding our more information in advance of next summer, feel free to reach out to Ed Miller (caefmilleriii@msn.com ) or Christopher Barry ([Accebarry@verizon.net](mailto:Accebarry@verizon.net)) for more information.

Another area of service is the Para Swimming community. Para Swimmers compete under the same FINA guidelines with some adaptations at either separate meets or included in USA swimming meets. Those adaptations can be found in your USA Swimming rule book in Article 105. Feel free to read the entire section so that you are prepared for future possibilities. For those further interested in working with Para Swimmers, feel free to reach out to Doug Griswold ([douglasg@multi-plastics.com](mailto:douglasg@multi-plastics.com)). Next opportunity is in early March and again in June.

## Rules Reminders

Below please find the article posted from the most recent National Officials Newsletter regarding technology advancement and use in competition.

**Heads Up Goggles Not Valid for Competition** - Clark Hammond, Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee

The great news is that there are folks who are always looking for ways to enhance or improve athletes' performance. One new piece of equipment are goggles with a minicomputer and heads up display. These goggles were developed by Form. The goggles shown here enable a swimmer to use the smart display to know split times, distance, and more, as they swim. As such, these goggles, while seemingly excellent for training, would be illegal during competition. Rule 102.8.1E provides:

No swimmer is permitted to wear or use any device, substance or swimsuit to help his/her speed, pace, buoyancy or endurance during a race (such as webbed gloves, flippers, fins, power bands, adhesive substances, etc.). Goggles may be worn, and rub-down oil applied if not considered excessive by the Referee. Any kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the Referee.

Accordingly, should a swimmer compete with these goggles, they would be subject to disqualification.

Another developer is the VUZIX who has developed the Smart Swim™ head-up display for swimmers providing workout status and information in real-time, during uninterrupted swimming activities. There may be others, but the point is these devices while great for training, are not appropriate for competition.



## NJ Swimming Meet Schedule (October 2019 through January 2020)

October	Meet Name (Meet Referee)	Meet Location	Level
5	MB Apple A Day Swim Meet (Bill Tucker)	Neptune Aquatic	None
12	BAC Fall Pentathlon and Mini (Alex Kolarov)	BAC COE	None
18-20	XCEL Fall Festival (Bach Lequang)	Princeton University	Meet Cuts
18-20	HAC Halloween Classic (Rob Curry)	NJIT	None
18-20	OCY Fall Harvest (Doug Griswold)	Ocean County YMCA	None
19-20	BB Go for the Gold (Ray Wong)	Raritan Valley CC	None
19-20	SVY Champions Classic (Tom Pearce)	Raritan Bay YMCA	Closed-YMCA
20	PPST Pentathlon Swim Meet (Robin Miers)	Rider University	None
26-27	BAC Monster Splash Swim Meet (B. Petersen)	BAC COE	None
<b>November</b>			
1-3	OCY Great Turkey Invitational	Ocean County YMCA	Close Approved
2-3	STAC Great Gobbled Meet (G. Van de Walle)	Raritan Valley CC	None
3	RY 8U Gingerbread Mini Meet (Ed Miller)	Ridgewood YMCA	None
9-10	HAC Veterans Classic (Rob Curry/Judy Sharkey)	NJIT	None
9-10	EEX Fall Shootout (Frank Fitzgerald)	College of New Jersey	None
15-17	PPST Fall Rally (Robin Miers)	Witherspoon School	None
16-17	BAC Treasure Island (Bruce Petersen)	BAC COE	None
16-17	BB Thankful Swim Meet	Raritan Valley CC	None
22-24	PAA Thanksgiving Classic & Mini	Peddie School	None
22-24	SCAR TYR Distance Derby (John Ciulla)	Newark Academy	None
24	EEX Mercer County Throwdown	TCNJ	None
11/29-12/1	SCAR Fast Times	Lyndhurst HS	None
<b>December</b>			
1	CAT Caitlin Lehman Memorial	Secaucus Swim Center	None
7	MB Paul Criscuolo Invitational	Neptune Aquatic	None
7-8	BB Snowflake Meet	Rutgers University	None
7-8	LHY Big Chill Invitational	Lakeland Hill YMCA	None
13-15	EEX Holiday Classic Invite (Officials OQM)	Rutgers University	P/F – Meet Cuts
13-15	PPST Ugly Sweater Meet P/F	Witherspoon School	P/F - Meet Cuts
13-15	OCY Winter Classic Invitational	Ocean County YMCA	P/F - Meet Cuts
14-15	BAC Holiday Splash Swim Meet	BAC COE	Silver/Bronze
15	SCAR Artic 12U Swim Meet	Raritan Valley CC	None
<b>January</b>			
3-5	SVY New Year's Splash	Raritan Valley CC	None
4-5	SCAR TYR Winterfest	Rutgers University	Silver/Gold
5	PPST Snowball Mini Meet	Witherspoon School	8 and Under
5	PPST Piranha Mile Swim Meet	Witherspoon School	None
10-12	BAC Speedo Winter LC Invitational-Closed	Rutgers University	P/F – Meet Cuts
12	MDY Junior Jam	Meadowlands YMCA	None
17-19	HAC Winter Classic	NJIT	None
17-19	PTAC Winter Invitational	Princeton University	None
18-19	BAC Pro Bowl Invitational	BAC COE	None
25-26	CBGC Winter Cup (Ed Miller)	Clifton Boys & Girls Club	None
1/31-2/2	NJ Swimming Senior States	Rutgers University	Meet Cuts

### 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. New Jersey had nine officials work at one of the following meets this past summer – USA Nationals, USA Futures or Eastern Senior Zones. Volunteering at Futures in either Des Moines or Greensboro were Valerie Gibson (LHY), Gregory Spicka (GMY), Gretchen Van de Walle (LHY), Louis Hu (LHY), Jae Lee (SCAR) and Ray Wong (BB). Volunteering at Eastern Senior Zones in Buffalo were Alex Kolarov (BAC) and Erling Hoie (BAC). Finally, volunteering at US Nationals was Bach Lequang (HACY).

In addition, NJ sent 23 dual certified YMCA/USA-S officials to work at YMCA Nationals in College Park, MD, constituting 37% of the deck officials. Officials working were Lynn Alexy (SHY), John Bernauer (LHY), Gina Capizzi (SHY), Ed Devine (HACY), Ed Eckels (HACY), Bart Fellin (HCY), Jason Fenixdy (WFY), Dean Ferdico (LHY), Chuck Graf (LHY), Sonja Hood (MYM), Junko Iizuka (LHY), Chris Jung (MYM), Bach Lequang (HACY), Simon Lee (FSPY), Ed Miller (RY), Alka Rinkus (RBY), Sandi Rushevs (SVY), Roni Sawin (SVY), Steve Sawin (SVY), Judy Sharkey (UN), Melissa Thompson (SVY), Jennifer Ward (SVY) and Mike Weldon (LHY).

If you worked a meet and it was missed, please let me know for future update.

## Officials attending NJ hosted Eastern LC Super Sectional



This past July, New Jersey played host to the Eastern Zone Summer Super Sectionals at Rutgers from July 18-21. This provided a local opportunity for New Jersey officials to experience a meet using National Protocols that brought teams from across the Eastern Zone. It was an honor to have experienced officials as leads-

- Meet Referee - Paul Memont
- Administrative Referee - Dave DiNardo/Jack Neil
- Lead Chief Judge – Val Gibson/Ken Galica
- Head Starter – Denice Wepasnick
- National Evaluators – Kathleen & Robert Scandary, Bob Menck
- Meet Director – Ellen Mace

From a New Jersey officials' perspective, we exhibited true support with 24 officials (of 49) in attendance plus couple former LSC officials joining in the fun. Many of whom attained national certifications in the process.

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| Sue Andrews-Esposito-BB   | Biljana Askew-STAC   |
| Chris Barry-Un            | Walter Benzua-JFAC   |
| Sue Xiuhong-SWAC          | Jule Consiglio-HACY  |
| Victor Egg-NJ             | Frank Fitzgerald-EEX |
| Val Gibson-LHY            | Carol Gitune-SCAR    |
| Louis Hu-LHY              | Chris Jung-MYM       |
| Ann Leaver-RHSC           | Jae Lee-SCAR         |
| Helen Leigh-SCAR          | Bach Lequang-HACY    |
| Jackie Prekop-SCAR        | Janice Rein-MEY      |
| Alka Rinkus-RBY           | Judy Sharkey-Un      |
| Greg Spicka-GMY           | Melissa Thompson-SVY |
| Gretchen Van de Walle-LHY | Ray Wong-BB          |

### USA Swimming National Championship and Eastern Zone Schedule – Fall 2019 to Summer 2020

Host	Dates	Meet	Applications	Location	Course
USA	11/6-9	USA TYR Pro Series #1	Open	Greensboro, NC	LCM
USA	12/4-7	USA Winter Toyota US Open	Closed	Atlanta, GA	LCM
USA	12/11-14	USA Winter Jr. Nationals-East	Closed	Atlanta, GA	SCY
USA	12/11-14	USA Winter Jr. Nationals-West	Closed	Federal Way, WA	SCY
USA	1/16-19	USA TYR Pro Series #2	Open	Knoxville, TN	LCM
ZONE	1/24-26	USA Swimming IMX Games -Eastern Zone	Pending	University of Maryland	SCY
USA	3/4-7	USA TYR Pro Series #3	Open	Des Moines, Iowa	LCM
ZONE	3/26-29	Eastern Sectionals – North	Pending	Buffalo, NY	LCM
ZONE	3/26-29	Eastern Sectionals – South	Pending	TBD	LCM
ZONE	3/26-29	Eastern Super Sectionals	Pending	Christiansburg, VA	SCY
YMCA	3/30-4/3	YMCA National SC Championships	Closed	Greensboro, NC	SCY
ZONE	4/1-4	Eastern Zone SC Age Group Championships	Pending	Webster, NY	SCY
USA	4/16-19	USA TYR Pro Series #4	Open	Mission Viejo, CA	LCM
USA	5/6-9	USA TYR Pro Series #5	Open	Indianapolis, IN	LCM
ZONE	5/28-31	Eastern Zone LC Super Sectional	Pending	Richmond, VA	LCM
ZONE	6/27	Eastern Zone Open Water Championship	Pending	Middlebury, CT	OW
USA	7/30-8/2	USA Swimming Futures Championships	Pending	Columbus, OH	LCM
USA	8/4-8/8	USA Swimming Summer Invitational	Pending	Indianapolis, IN	LCM
ZONE	8/5-8	Eastern Zone LC Age Group Championships	Pending	Lynchburg, VA	LCM
ZONE	8/6-9	Eastern Zone Senior Championships	Pending	Buffalo, NY	LCM

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 OQM, on December 13-15, 2019 at Rutgers University. This meet will have all N2 and N3 evaluations available as a National evaluator will also be in attendance with a lead CJ. More information on the program can be found on the USA Swimming web site.

**Look forward to seeing everyone on deck this season.**