



ISI Officials Newsletter – April 2018

Welcome to Long Course Season!

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone had a relaxing few weeks away from swimming but the Long Course season is already upon us. Just a couple of things to cover as we start the season:

First: The new 10 and under tech suit ban is now in effect. Please read the article below on what the protocols will be for this

Second: A reminder on bad weather at outdoor meets. If thunder is heard or lightning is seen, we will immediately clear the pool and move to the designated safe areas for the facility. We will then wait no less than 30 minutes (or if the facility requires longer we will

follow their rule) from the last thunder or lightning before restarting the meet. Meet Refs please be sure to remind everyone where they are to go during the bad weather delay

Third: Encourage everyone to check out the Meet Sign Up page on the Officials website and apply to a meet outside our LSC. Applications are open for Zone and Sectional meets along with some National meets.

I look forward to seeing everyone on deck this summer.

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ISI Swimposium 2018

Mark your calendars for the 2018 ISI Swimposium, scheduled for October 6! This all-day event will include concurrent tracks for athletes, coaches, parents and officials, and all officials are encouraged to sign up! Several sessions are planned for the officials track:

- **The making of a professional Stroke and Turn Official** - This is for anybody who is thinking about becoming a stroke and turn official as well as those who are already certified. It will cover different scenarios a stroke and turn official may encounter while on deck and how to react to those scenarios. It will also be a place where you can ask specific questions you may have.
- **The making of a professional Chief Judge** - This is for anybody who is thinking about becoming a stroke and turn official as well as those who already certified. Within Iowa Swimming, once you are stroke and turn certified, you are also certified to be a chief judge. It will cover the responsibilities of a chief judge as well as different scenarios a chief judge may encounter while on deck.

- **So what are all those white shirts doing on the deck at every meet?** - This is for anybody who is interested in becoming an official or who would like to know more about how a meet is run.
- **The making of a professional Admin Official, Admin Ref., or Meet Director** - This is for anybody who is interested in learning more about the dry side of a swim meet. It will include best practices and different scenarios.
- **The making of a professional Starter or Deck Ref.** - This is for anybody who is interested in learning more about what these positions do at a meet. It will cover responsibilities and scenarios.
- **Safe Sport for Officials** - This will cover what officials need to be aware of in this day and age as well as their responsibilities.
- **The making of a professional Open Water Official** - Up until now, Iowa LSC has not hosted any open water events. It is a growing sport. This will cover what it takes to become an Open Water Official and the different officiating positions and responsibilities at an Open Water event.

Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017

On February 14, 2018, Senate bill S. 534 – Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 – was signed into law and became effective immediately. This law places specific requirements on us as swim meet officials. Specifically

the legislation requires USA Swimming and its adult members to report suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse, to local or federal law enforcement or to a child-welfare agency designated by the Justice Department **within 24 hours**. A failure to report is

subject to criminal penalties. Additionally, we are required to report to the Center for Safe Sport (<https://safesport.org/report-a-concern>) conduct that could constitute (a) sexual misconduct, (b) misconduct that is reasonably related to the underlying allegation of sexual misconduct and (c) retaliation related to an allegation of sexual misconduct. Further information can be found on the USA Swimming website at: <https://www.usaswimming.org/news-landing-page/2018/02/27/about-bill-s.-534-the-safe-sport-authorization-act-of-2017>

On the topic of Safe Sport, now is a good time to remember that cameras are never permitted behind the blocks at the start of a race. This can be a particularly challenging rule to enforce at outdoor pools, where access to the deck is difficult to control. It is highly recommended for meet leadership to plan ahead of time to handle this potential situation.

Ban on Tech Suits for 10 and Unders

At the Fall 2017 HoD meeting in Iowa City, ISI passed a motion to ban use of "Tech" suits for swimmers aged 10 and under during ISI sanctioned meets. This policy is now in effect, and applies to competition by 10&U swimmers in both age group and open events. ISI defines a Technical Suit as any suit that does not have fully stitched seams. Suits that have bonded or taped seams instead of stitched seams are considered Technical suits. 10 & under athletes will be permitted to use any suit that is FINA Approved and has stitched seams. **Stroke and Turn Judges are not expected to pay any special attention to swimmers' suits.** This is an issue that will be handled solely by the Meet Referee. If a non-conforming suit is observed, the correct course of action for a Stroke and Turn Judge will be to communicate this to a Chief Judge or Deck Referee, who will then inform the Meet Referee.

Thunder and Lightning!

Iowa Swimming follows the National Lightning Safety Institute guidelines regarding thunder and lightning. At an outdoor meet, competition must be suspended **immediately** if thunder or lightning is detected in the area. Competition may resume only when at least 30 minutes have elapsed following the last detection.

Name Tags

The new design ISI officials name tags are available for order from Hasty awards, found either via the ISI Officials website, or directly at: <https://www.hastyawards.com/catalog/Nametags/136/product/iowa-Swimming-Nametag/1839/>



Meet Signup and New Officials Clinics

Signup links, both to officiate meets and to attend new officials' clinics, are being regularly added to the ISI Officials website. To sign up to officiate, go to: <https://www.teamunify.com/About.jsp?tabid=209099&team=iaso>. For new officials clinics, look under Events/Clinics on the home page: <https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?tabid=0&team=iaso>

New ISI Officials

ISI welcomes these new officials to our team in early 2018!

Wendi DeHaai (DMSF) ST

Damian Krysan (IFLY) ST, CJ, SR

Anastasiya Landry (DMSF) ST

Amy Mundisev (PSC) ST

Lelahni Plasier (WAUK) ST

Amy Renze (CAST) ST

Jeff Richards (WAUK) ST

Gareth Smith (ICE) ST

Erin Sundrup (CAST) ST

Jill Thomas (CAST) ST

Advancing Officials

ISI recognizes these officials for adding new certifications to their credentials in early 2018:

Art Dinkin (DSMY) CJ, SR

Scott Koch (DASH) AO

Andrea Kelley (LMST) DR

Vikram Yedake (BLAZ) AO

Christine Beagle (UN) DR



Splash Multisport offers polos, rain jackets and more for officials, embroidered with the new ISI logo: <http://www.splashmulti.com>