



## Iowa Swimming Official's Newsletter --February 2020

### A Message from the Official's Chair

We would like to introduce the following newly certified officials to our team and thank them for volunteering to support our athletes. The following table lists all ISI officials who received Iowa certifications and ISI officials who received national certifications or recertifications since July 1st of 2019. (The summaries are from OTS, so if your name isn't on the list but it should be, please contact Phil or Kerry Barnes so we can correct it).

N1	N2	N3
<b>Stroke and Turn</b>		
Bill Brown	Bob Clewell	Dave Bina
Andy Darrington	Tim Kilcoin	Kim Bina
Karli DeMoss	John Van Meter	Troy Currier
Andrew Easter		Art Dinkin
Mary Jean Ewalt		Jennifer Flatte'
Marc Gilbertson		Jason Horras
Faith Griffin		Curt Oppel
Sara Halbur		Kim Renze
Rich Jacobson		Jodie Elaine Stone
Staci Madetzke		Eliot Winer
Dan McGrane		
<b>Chief Judge</b>		
Bill Brown	Art Dinkin	Curt Oppel
	Jennifer Flatte'	
	Curt Oppel	
	Kim Renze	
	Dave Thoma	
	Eliot Winer	

<b>Starter</b>		
Bill Brown	Art Dinkin	Curt Oppel
Marc Gilbertson	Jason Horras	Kim Renze
Kimberly Gleason	Dave Thoma	
Michelle Kathan	Eliot Winer	
Carrie Marie Van Quathem		
Stacey Voynov		
<b>Deck Referee</b>		
Bill Brown	Art Dinkin	Eliot Winer
Amy Fertig	Jennifer Flatte'	
Marc Gilbertson	Curt Oppel	
	Kim Renze	
<b>Administrative Official</b>		
Robert Beagle	Alicia Emanuel	
Faith Griffin	Josh Otis	
Tiffany Scovel		
Ben Selden		
<b>Administrative Referee</b>		
Bill Brown	Jennifer Flatte'	
	Eliot Winer	
<b>Meet Referee</b>		
Bill Brown		
Art Dinkin		

Additionally, the LSC Officials certification requirements have been updated to include the Concussion Protocol Requirement - this should be printed on your membership/certification card now. Remember, there are two sections of requirements for being a certified Iowa Swimming Official:

1. Current Non-Athlete Registration. This means being registered with USA Swimming (either annual or life member), have a current Level II Background Check (2 years validity), have completed and passed the Athlete Protection

Training (annual requirement), have completed and passed the Concussion Protocol Training (currently only required to do this once).

2. Deck Certification - This is for each designated position on deck (Stroke and Turn, Chief Judge, Starter, Deck Referee, Admin Official, Admin Referee, Meet Referee, Timing Judge, Clerk of Course, Open Water Judge, and Open Water Referee). LSC certifications are valid for basically 2 years whereas a national certification for a position is valid for 3 years (however you must retain your LSC certification for the national certification to remain valid). There are a number of ways to recertify, the typical means is by passing the online recertification test for a position. The valid methods for recertification are on the Iowa Officials website.

So what does a meet referee do when an official or coach turns up without valid certification? They can't work on deck in a position requiring certification - so the coach can't coach athletes, and the official can't officiate. However they can serve in roles to support the deck that don't require certification (e.g. time, operate the timing console, etc.). One of the reasons for using meet sign ups for officials is that it gives the referee the opportunity to validate the certification status of the officials before the meet - so there's an opportunity to address certification items that have lapsed.

Cheers-  
Phil Barnes

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### **Open Water Clinic and Events**

Fellow Officials,

There will be an OW clinic prior to the April 18th OW pool event held at DMSY. Officials may then take their new knowledge and apply it to the pool event.

OW Zones will be held June 18th and 19th at Pleasant Prairie. On the 18th they host an officials clinic and a swimmer's clinic. The race is the 19th. You do not have to be OW certified to work this meet. You only need to be a stroke and turn.

There will be an OW event July 10th in Evansdale (close to Waterloo).

--Kirstin Oppel  
East Zone Rep

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## Iowa Swimming Officials By the Numbers

Thank you to all the officials who volunteer to run Iowa Swimming meets. The following table summarizes (volunteer) work activities by our Iowa Officials.

Meets Attended	Iowa	Other LSC, National	National Champs	Women		Men	Total
	106	60	18	Total Officials	94	103	197
	Women	Men	Total	Total Meets	701	814	1515
<b>Stroke and Turn</b>				<b>Meet Referee</b>			
N1	57	55	112	N1	4	21	25
N2	5	12	17	N2	0	0	0
N3	17	21	38	N3	0	0	0
Total Meets	407	436	843	Total Meets	11	50	61
Total Sessions	860	861	1721	Total Sessions	38	160	198
<b>Chief Judge</b>				<b>Open Water Referee</b>			
N1	16	15	31	N1	4	1	5
N2	12	10	22	N2	0	0	0
N3	1	5	6	N3	0	0	0
Total Meets	100	111	211	Total Meets	2	1	3
Total Sessions	179	238	417	Total Sessions	2	2	4
<b>Starter</b>				<b>Open Water Judge</b>			
N1	20	29	49	N1	6	3	9
N2	5	11	16	N2	0	0	0
N3	4	4	8	N3	0	0	0
Total Meets	108	139	247	Total Meets	4	2	6
Total Sessions	186	259	445	Total Sessions	8	3	11
<b>Deck Referee</b>				<b>Open Water Clerk</b>			
N1	8	15	23	N1	-	-	-
N2	5	7	12	N2	-	-	-
N3	2	6	8	N3	-	-	-
Total Meets	93	135	228	Total Meets	2	2	4
Total Sessions	174	248	422	Total Sessions	3	2	5
<b>Administrative Official</b>				<b>Evaluator</b>			
N1	12	21	33	N1	-	-	-
N2	2	2	4	N2	-	-	-
N3	0	0	0	N3	-	1	1
Total Meets	93	82	175	Total Meets	0	4	4
Total Sessions	255	204	459	Total Sessions	0	23	23
<b>Administrative Referee</b>				<b>Total</b>			
N1	12	20	32	N1	139	180	319
N2	1	2	3	N2	30	44	74
N3	0	1	1	N3	24	38	62
Total Meets	13	38	51		-	-	-
Total Sessions	38	113	151	Total Sessions	1740	2088	3828

\*A quick explanation of the table:

1. Meets Attended are the number of observed/approved and sanctioned meets that Iowa Officials Attended from 1 January 2019 through to the end of the year. They are in three categories - (a) Iowa Sanctioned (b) Other LSC sanctioned plus Zone, Sectional and Futures meets (c) National Championship meets including Pro Series, Juniors, Nationals, Open, Open Water plus time trials for those meets

2. Officials numbers are for each position - the number of officials that were certified in that position that worked in that position, and the total meets and sessions worked in the position as entered into OTS. Note: Apprentice sessions aren't included - they are inconsistently entered, and there are a couple of positions that don't have LSC certifications (e.g. Open Water Clerk and Evaluator). Total meets doesn't work out as many officials work the multiple positions at a meet (but are only entered as one position per session so that does work).

When we look at the numbers, Iowa Officials spend a lot of hours on deck, and it shows!

## Upcoming Official's Conference--Save the Date!

Please put Sunday September 20th on your calendar. There is going to be an Official's conference that day at the Grinnell pool. Sign-ins will commence at 8am with the conference starting at 9am and finishing at 5pm. Lunch will be available. We already have a few items on the agenda but we are still looking for other areas that officials would like to be discussed. It can be anything that you consider of import. Just let us know!!

Save the date, think of discussion points and sign-up when the email comes out.

Thanks,  
Kerry Barnes  
Officials Committee Vice Chair

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The Next Officials Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18th from 8-9pm. All Officials are welcome to Call in. (319) 214-9433 Room #4 Passcode 14852.

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### Have you Heard?

ISI is no longer ISI! Yes, that's right, Iowa Swimming is no longer abbreviated ISI. According to our recently approved bylaws, Iowa Swimming is now using the abbreviation IASI. This differentiates us from both Illinois and Indiana Swimming who also shared the same abbreviations. In further communications we will be referring to Iowa Swimming as IASI and retire "ISI".

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### DEI Best Practices Meet Resources

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion department has come up with some best practices and meet "scripts" that will assist you in running inclusive meets. Please visit the [Diversity Resource page](#) and click on "Meet Scripts" for this and many other resources or follow the link for a [direct download](#).

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