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Sierra Nevada Swimming Officials Newsletter

April 1, 2020



*to become an official for
USA Swimming*

Five Reasons to Become an Official

You'll be working with the greatest group of volunteers in all sports.

You'll be close to the action.

The bleachers aren't comfortable anyway!

High satisfaction; low pay.

**It's a great way to meet future
Olympians — unless you already
have one in your home.**

**Great food in hospitality, and you
Can't beat the price.**

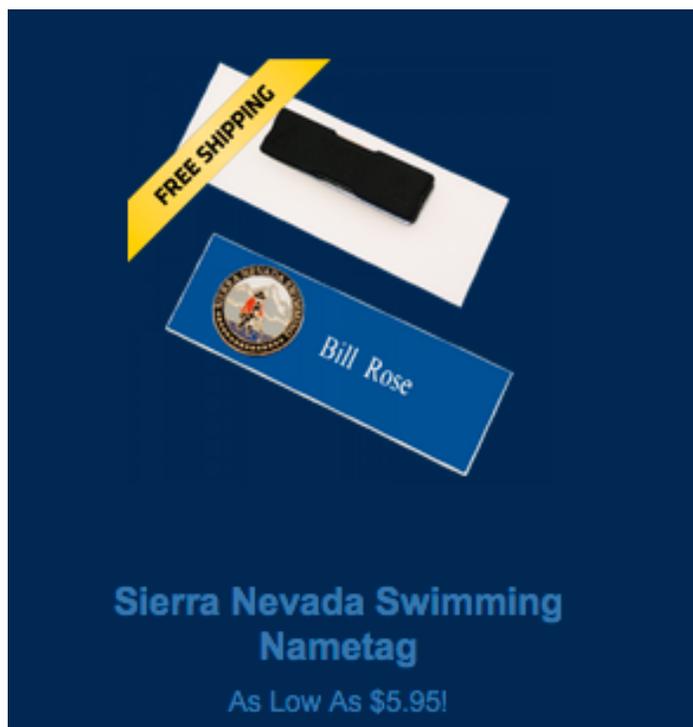
Sierra Nevada Swimming Name Tag's Anybody?

All name tags will now be purchased by you by going onto the Hasty Awards web site, that is written below, and then filling in the needed information, like your name, mailing address, where the name tag will be shipped, your credit card information and the "in hands" date. When the information is entered properly, you will submit your order. You will use a credit card and the name tag will be mailed to you when completed. Please allow two to three weeks for delivery.

Copy and paste the link below onto your browser:

<https://www.hastyawards.com/catalog/Nametags/136/product/Sierra-Nevada-Swimming-Nametag/433/>

All name tags now are made with the new Sierra Nevada Swimming Miner Pin.



The name tags will be mailed to you when they are completed by Hasty Awards.

The cost of one name tag is \$5.95, which includes shipping and handling.

If you want to phone directly and not use the Hasty Awards web site method to order your name tag, please dial (800) 448-7714 or (785) 242-5297

BUYING A WHITE POLO SHIRT FROM JUST PRINT IT INK

After looking sharp with the Lands' End shirts for a long time, I found an even better offer I don't think you can pass up.

Whose going to be wearing the Sierra Nevada Miner shirt on deck?

This is a local business. Bret Penner does the shirts for the Summer Sanders Senior + meet, all of CCA Meets as well as the Bill Rose Classic, when CCA is hosting the classic.

These shirts are less in cost than the Lands' End shirts, because they are shipped free.

SIERRA NEVADA SWIMMING

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PLEASE CHECK ALL SPELLING, PUNCTUATION, GRAMMAR AND PLACEMENT OF YOUR DESIGN



I hope you are as impressed as much as I am, with the graphics on the shirt.

Please wear this shirt with pride by starting with the click on the website below.

<https://sns.justprintitink.com/>

Swimmingly,

Bill

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BUYING A WHITE POLO SHIRT FROM LAND'S END

THE ONE TIME SETUP FEE HAS BEEN PAID

YOU WILL PAY FOR:

THE PRICE OF THE POLO SHIRT - mine was \$29.95, less 20% because of a sale, but check for promotions, sales and different types of polo shirts.

THE LOGO APPLICATION - each shirt will be charged \$8.95 for embroidery.

PLUS SHIPPING AND HANDLING
PLUS TAX



WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

GET A LANDS' END CATALOG AND PICK OUT THE SHIRT, SIZE AND COLOR.

CALL LANDS' END BUSINESS OUTFITTERS AT 1-800-663-2193

PHONE ONLY Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, CST.

ASK TO PURCHASE A POLO SHIRT WITH THE Logo Number: 1146603W

Complete Your Online Test by April 14, 2020

Note that any test you start and do not complete by **4/14/2020** will be automatically deleted on **4/15/2020** in order to make updates to the tests to coincide with the 2020 Rulebook. **COMPLETED** tests (from any year) will not be deleted, just incomplete ones.

Make sure to still use the 2019 Rulebook for these tests. After May 1st, the 2020 Rulebook will be used.

High School Swimming needs our help, if the season isn't canceled!!

As most of you high school parents know, the high school swimming season started and stopped when the schools closed in the Sac/San Joaquin Section. With that in mind, if your swimmer's Coach asks you to help, please do. Most of the dual meets are not officiated, unless parents step up and help.

When there is only one Official starting and deck refereeing and judging strokes and turns, it is impossible to observe and judge every lane in the whole pool. When that is the case, it would be helpful to tell the Coach anything that might be illegal and not disqualify anyone because it would not be fair to the swimmers or team you did not see and who might have done the same infraction. If and when the season ending high

school league championships come around, a few more Officials help and we do not want surprises in the way the swimmers have been taught to swim. You, as an Official, are very helpful in the instruction of deck protocol and swimming rules.

Please help, if the meets are not cancelled and you are called upon.

So, If the Season Isn't Cancelled, You Want Your High School League Championship Meet to be an "Observed" Meet in the Eyes of USA Swimming!!

I have been asked to share some of the requirements that I ask high school leagues to be responsible for when requesting that one of their season ending Championship meets be an "observed" meet in the eyes of USA Swimming.

Since your meet is a high school meet and follows high school rules, you will have to have USA Swimming observers and Officials on deck working the meet. These Officials will be making sure that the swims/times you want your high school swimmer to receive, who is swimming under high school rules, are legal for them to be used as USA Swimming swims/times.

I have some repeat Officials who are parents of high school swimmers, observing swimmers, year after year, in certain leagues.

The big requirement is that the application and/or request has to be in my hands at least 10 days before the meet is to take place.

For my most experienced Referees who have been doing this year after year for a number of years, the key items that they send me at least 10 days before the meet by email, are:

Title of Championship
Location - pool, city and state
Meet Referee
Meet Director
Computer Operator
Timing System used
Dates of meet

It is REALLY important to work with Mark Brown, who is our Sierra Nevada Swimming LSC Times and Sanction Chair, He has some forms that might be of help. It would be extremely helpful if whoever you decide is your Computer Operator, that they contact Mark ahead of the meet, so Mark can help as much as possible.

Mark or whoever your Computer Operator is, will need to know who the USA Swimming swimmer is, not what they might be called by their high school teammates. Mark has a form that can be used for each swimmer to fill out before the meet begins to say what swims are going to be observed, what they are registered as with USA Swimming and if they are the lead-off on a relay team for prelims and also for finals. Sometimes the lead-off swimmer is changed from prelims to finals.

When I am the Meet Referee for the high school "observed" meets, I operate them like they are USA Swimming meets.

If the Official sees a violation that is a high school violation, the hand goes up and the DQ is processed as DQ's are for high school meets. If the Official sees a violation that is illegal according to USA Swimming rules, then the hand is not raised, but their program is marked and when the Official is off during a break, they will let the Computer Operator know that the swim for this particular swimmer will not count for USA Swimming, but will count for high school.

If the above-mentioned information is not received by me at least 10 days before the meet, the meet will NOT be an observed meet in the eyes of USA Swimming. If there are not enough Officials to observe the swimmers during the meet, the Meet Referee will let us know that the meet will NOT be an observed meet in eyes of USA Swimming.

So, when you read this, and since the League Championships start on April 24, you will not have much time to get the above mentioned information to me 10 days before the meet begins.

Please plan, as if these meets will take place. We can always CANCEL the meet on the Official Tracking System of USA Swimming.

We Have Several Approved Observed Meets On the 2020 Calendar and Which Have Been Listed on The Officials Tracking System and Will Be Swum, If the Season Isn't Cancelled!!

THEY ARE:

Title of Championship: Northern California Swimming Championships
Location - pool, city and state: Roseville Aquatics Complex - 3051 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd. - Roseville, CA 95747
Meet Referee: - John Richardson
Meet Director: - Christopher John (CJ) D'Arienzo - Cjdarienzo@gmail.com
Computer Operator: - TJ Kay - cimair2fly@yahoo.com
Timing System used: - Colorado System with touchpad and two buttons
Dates of meet: - April 17-18, 2020
Sanction Number: - SNS20-OBS-1*

Title of Championship: Pioneer Valley League Championship
Location - pool. city and state: Bear River High School Pool, 11130 Magnolia Road, Grass Valley, CA. 95949
Meet Referee: Cristen Brouwer
Meet Director: Ethan Green
Computer Operator: Tracey Bakewell
Timing System used: Colorado System 6 with touchpads and pushbutton back-ups.
Dates of meet: April 23&24, 2020.
Sanction Number: - SNS20-OBS-2 *
Schools: Bear River, Center, Colfax, Foothill, Lindhurst, Marysville

Title of Championship: Capital Valley Conference Championships
Location - pool. city and state: Roseville Aquatics Complex - 3051 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd. - Roseville, CA 95747
Meet Referee: - Scott Sewell
Meet Director: - Christopher John (CJ) D'Arienzo - Cjdarienzo@gmail.com
Computer Operator: - TJ Kay - cimair2fly@yahoo.com
Timing System used: - Colorado System with touchpad and two buttons
Dates of meet: - April 24-25, 2020
Sanction Number: - SNS20-OBS-3 *
Schools: Antelope, Bella Vista, Inderkum, Roseville, River Valley, Woodcreek, Yuba City

Title of Championship: Sac/San Joaquin High School Sections
80 plus schools from three LSC's - Pacific, Sierra Nevada and Central California Swimming
Location - pool. city and state: Tokay High School - 1111 W Century Blvd, Lodi, CA 95240
Meet Referee: Bill Rose <cbrose@omsoft.com>
Meet Director: Brent Bohlender - Head Swimming and Water Polo Coach Johansen High School, Modesto, CA
Computer Operator: Mark Brown
Timing System: Colorado Timing System with buttons and touch pads
Date of Meet: May 7-9, 2020
Sanction Number: - SNS20-OBS-4 *

Title of Championship: Monticello Empire League Swim and Dive Championship
Location - pool. city and state: Rodriquez High School, 5000 Red Top Road, Fairfield, CA. 94533
Meet Referee: Niffey Carmody <niffeycarmody@sbcglobal.net>
Meet Director: Lisa Strong <lisa-strong@comcast.net>
Computer Operator: Lisa Strong <lisa-strong@comcast.net>
Timing System: Colorado Timing System
Date of Meet: April 24-25, 2020
Sanction Number: - SNS20-OBS-5 *
Schools: Armijo, Fairfield, Rodriguez, Vacaville, Vanden, Wood

Title of Championship: Sierra Foothills League Championships
Location - pool, city and state: Granite Bay High School, 1 Grizzly Way, Granite Bay, CA 95746
Meet Referee: Bill Rose <cbrose@omsoft.com>
Meet Director: Tyson Frenn - <tfrenn707@gmail.com>
Computer Operator: Brian Hansen - <hansensd@gmail.com>
Timing System: Colorado System with touchpad and two buttons (RJP's)
Date of Meet: April 24-25, 2020
Sanction Number: - SNS20-OBS-6 *
Schools: Del Oro, Folsom, Granite Bay, Oak Ridge, Rocklin, Whitney

* = entered in OTS

We Have Lost Some of Our Swimming Family This Past Month

Tribute to Mike Hastings:

I found out last week that Mike Hastings, my club coach at the Ladera Oaks Aquatic Club from 1973-1977, passed away at his home in Oregon. He lived alone.

Mike came from the Arden Hills program where Mark Spitz had been groomed for success. We were eager to meet the man, and were delighted to hear that he preferred to be called Mike rather than Coach Hastings. Mike became a major force in my swimming career. He taught me a lot about life and sport, but I will always remember how much he taught me about myself. Allow me to share a few quick examples:

On his first day on the workout pool deck, as the team's only American Record holder, I tried to make Mike feel welcome by loudly agreeing to every practice set he presented to the team. He'd quietly say something like, "8 x 500s on the six minutes," and I'd helpfully chime in, "That's a great idea, coach," or, "Sounds good to me." After three such shows of enthusiastic support, Mike pulled me aside and said, "John, I appreciate what you're trying to do, but I don't need your approval. I need your obedience." I learned about authority, that day.

A few months later, at the end of a grueling set of pulling 200s, Mike stopped the pace clock, and signaled for me to lean in. "John," he pointed to the other swimmers, and whispered, "On this last one... show them what can be done." He didn't say, show them what you can do. He said show them what can be done. In that moment, I felt I could do something that had never been done before. With a tube around my ankles and buoy between my thighs, I pulled 200-yards freestyle almost as fast as I could swim it. On that day, I believed myself possible of world records for the first time. "Show them what can be done" was his pep-talk to me before every major race from then, on.

In 1973, at the US Nationals that selected the first World Championship team ever, I was the top seed in the 100-meter backstroke. A win here would place me on the team and also on the USA medley relay. Sadly, after

finishing first, an official called me out for not touching the wall on the turn (the rule at the time) but the head meet referee was not so sure. Mike was the one to tell me the news. He asked, "Do you want to argue the call?" I said, "No Mike, I didn't touch the wall." And right there, the discussion ended. Mike could have urged me to fight a fight we might have won, but with so much on the line, he took truth as the arbiter of the decision. I learned the joy of doing the right thing, even when it costs more than you're willing to pay. It became the choice of which I am most proud.

Mike was my coach on deck when I broke my first world record. He was the first man I hugged after winning my first Olympic medal. He was the first man I asked for advice, after I retired from the sport. He was my rock.

I have lots more Mike stories: his sharp whistle, his ingratiating smile, his demand for respect. One time referring to him, I said, "Give that boy a prize." He put on his serious face, and spoke slowly to me, "You can call me Roy, and you can call me Leroy, and you can call me cowboy, but don't you ever call me Boy!" I called him Roy, the last three times I saw him.

Mike was a bit of a loner, but he agreed to be my travelling companion when I was invited to compete in the 1978 ABC Superstars in the Bahamas. For the first time, he was not my coach, but my friend. He treated me as an equal, not a kid, and it was one of the greatest times of my life. I thanked him then and I thank him now.

Mike, you helped make me become the man I am today, and I will be forever grateful.

Another Tribute to Mike Hastings:

1991 USA Swimming Award-winning coach **Mike Hastings** died last week, Olympian Summer Sanders posted this on Facebook.

Hastings was Summer Sanders' longtime coach and founded California Capital Aquatics in 1983 before building into a national powerhouse. He coached her through participating in multiple sports and taking a brief hiatus from swimming.

"I worried a lot," Hastings told them Chicago Tribune in 1992. "At that age, when kids have a chance to excel, it starts taking more than physical talent."

"Summer didn't have the mental drive. She had the will to win, but not the will to prepare to win."

In her Facebook tribute, Sanders said she "loved" his strict, at-times harsh coaching style.

"Mike passed on a few days ago. And I feel true pain and sadness in my heart. I do feel like a part of me passed on with him," Sanders wrote. "I am so lucky to have met him and been coached by him. He coached me my entire swimming career! He helped me secure a scholarship to Stanford, he helped me almost make the Olympic team and he helped me make the Olympic team and win medals. He was in Barcelona with me...whistling with every breath."

The passing of Bob Walker, the Coach of many at Arden Hills and California Capital Aquatics.

It is with an even bigger sad heart, that I pay tribute to Coach Bob Walker, who was a fierce competitor while coaching at Arden Hills, with Mike Hastings at California Capital Aquatics. When I became active as an

Official, I remember the rivalry between these two clubs. I remember the countless hours Bob spent on the pool deck coaching. He would also work many hours with NorCal Swim Shop and Macy's. He later worked with his loving wife Debbie as the co-coaching team at California Capital Aquatics. It is with a saddened heart that his loving wife Debbie let me know that Bob, an amazing Dad, and wonderful Papa passed away on the morning of March 14, 2020. It was very sudden and has left us with a huge void in our lives. Life is such a precious gift. Keep your loved ones close and tell them how much you love them.

Please keep the Walker family in your prayers,
Debbie, Jen (Jake, Hunter, Casen), and Sarah (Kyle, Brynlee)

***Here is a Photo of Working Officials at the
Only Held Meet for the Month of March!!***



2020 SCY 14 & under Championships
(only meet of the month)
March 6-8, 2020

My "ONE BIG THING" From Being Out & About

By Bill Rose

With the unprecedented situation our nation and world currently faces due to the COVID-19 situation, your Sierra Nevada Board of Directors felt it was their responsibility to take unprecedented actions on behalf of the Sierra Nevada Community.

On Thursday, March 27, 2020, the Sierra Nevada Board of Directors approved **Emergency Grant Funding** as a way to extend financial aid to ALL Member Clubs in Sierra Nevada Swimming during this turbulent and ever-changing time in our history.

Grant Funds will be distributed to ALL Member Clubs over a three (3) month period provided certain conditions are met. If every Member Club in our LSC were to avail of the Grant Funds they are eligible to receive, Sierra Nevada Swimming would have dispensed a total of over **\$250,000** in financial aid to its Member Clubs.

For more specifics concerning the **SNS Emergency Grant Funding**, please view the screen shot below:

The Sierra Nevada Board of Directors has approved **Emergency Grant Funding** as a way to offer economic aid to ALL Member Clubs in Sierra Nevada Swimming during the COVID-19 situation.

Grants will be distributed to Member Clubs that were active on February 29, 2020. The basis of the Grant for each Member Club is \$20 per registered swimmer using current registration numbers. For Summer Member Clubs, registration numbers will be based on 2019 registrations as of August 31, 2019. (Please view \$20 per swimmer Grant Report)

Three (3) months of Grants were approved for April, May, and June 2020 which each Member Club is eligible to receive, provided certain conditions are met. Grant Funding will be sent on the 10th of each month.

To qualify for each month of Grant Funding, **Currently Operating** Member Clubs must meet the following conditions below. To qualify for April 2020 Grant Funding, a Member Club must by April 5th:

- o **Send Club Financials to LSC for Review**
 - Email Mark Brown or Alex Ongaco
 - Include 2019 Tax Return or Final Profit/Loss Statement
 - Include year to February 29, 2020 Profit/Loss Statement
 - Both of the above statements will require Balance Sheets
 - Statements from each Satellite Club will be needed when applicable
- o Financials will NOT be shared with any other clubs
- o The LSC needs to gather overall data to make assessments about the financial health & viability of its Member Clubs
- o USA Club Development may become involved once data is collected
- o Clubs may need to take CLBMS (Club Leadership Business Management School) 101 or 201
- o <https://www.usaswimming.org/news-landing-page/2019/07/18/club-leadership-business-management-school>
- To qualify for May 2020 Grant Funding, a Member Club must By May 5th:
 - o Complete and Submit the **USA SWIMMING SAFE SPORT CLUB RECOGNITION PROGRAM**
 - This is located on the Club Portal Page (Contact Mark Brown for Password)
 - <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/safe-sport-recognition-program>
- To qualify for June 2020 Grant Funding, a Member Club must By June 5th:
 - o Complete the next Level of their Member Club's **USA SWIMMING CLUB RECOGNITION PROGRAM**
 - Clubs must complete at least Level 1
 - There is additional money from the LSC for clubs completing Level 1
 - Clubs need to advance to the next level or redo current level and update all documents.
 - There is additional money from the LSC for clubs completing a New Level
 - This is located on the Club Portal Page (Contact Mark Brown for Password)
 - <https://www.usaswimming.org/news-landing-page/2017/03/16/club-recognition-program>

Taking into account the varying starting operations dates for our **Summer Member Clubs**, the start of their conditions schedule would be designated by the month they submit their **Club Financials to the LSC**. At this point, a Summer Member Club would become eligible to receive the first of three (1st of 3) Grants Funds on the 10th of that month. The condition of completing and submitting a **USA Swimming Safe Sport Club Recognition Program** would need to be done by the following month in order for a Summer Member Club to be eligible for the second Grant Fund. In the subsequent month, a Summer Member Club would need to Complete the next applicable Level of the **USA Swimming Club Recognition Program** to be eligible for the third Grant Fund.

SIERRA NEVADA SWIMMING LSC BOARD MEETING

Please plan to attend our Board of Directors Meeting

and get involved!

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020
Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Hosted by: Sierra Nevada Swimming
Contact Information: Alex Ongaco <alex.ongaco@snswimming.org>

Remember: Silence is consent!!

**IF YOUR TEAM WOULD LIKE TO HOST A STROKE
AND TURN CLINIC FOR THE 2020 SWIMMING
YEAR PLEASE CONTACT**
MELISSA SZPIK SERRAO AT: <officialmelissasn@gmail.com>

The new 2020 swimming year will start on September 1st, and Stroke and Turn Clinics will be offered at many places throughout our LSC after the USA Swimming Convention ends on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

An "Athlete Protection Training" online program and a Criminal Background Check will be required for all first-time non-athlete volunteers, Officials and Coaches, before your 2020 USA Swimming membership becomes valid. The clinics that will be offered in early September and October will be for the 2020 swimming year.

After the 2018 USA Swimming Convention, there were many 2019 yearly-required clinics offered. Many past certified Officials didn't think they needed to attend a clinic in the calendar year of 2018, for the swimming year of 2019. They were mistaken. **DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU** for the 2020 swimming year.

Hope you will have worked enough sessions in the swimming year of 2020 to maintain your current certification in 2021. Check the requirements below.

**USA Swimming Minimum Standards
Guidelines
For Utilization By
Local Swimming Committee (LSC) Officials
Mission**

To develop and conduct mentoring programs to recruit, educate, train and certify USA Swimming officials to provide high quality and consistent officiating for our athletes.

The goal of having all Local Swim Committees (LSC) adopt these minimum standards for certification of Officials is to set standards, that when applied, will accomplish the following:

- * ensure a clear and consistent knowledge of the rules
- * provide sufficient time in training to assure familiarity with all levels of competition
- * provide opportunity to work on the deck and advance through the certification process
- * allow automatic acceptance at the Stroke & Turn level between all LSCs meeting the USA

Swimming Minimum Standards Guidelines

- * ensure professionalism in all aspects of the word "team" while in attendance at a swim event both on and off the deck

The sessions referred to in the guidelines should be of duration to assure sufficient time to observe a significant number of swimmers and should contain a complete schedule of events to provide the opportunity to observe all strokes.

LSC's may set minimum standards for additional positions such as Referee (Non-Starter), Clerk of Course, Timing Judge, Equipment Operator, etc.

Any exception to these minimum standards must be approved by the National Officials Chair who may stipulate appropriate conditions for each exception.

- * May not Officiate at a Session in Which They are Competing or Coaching

TIMER (Minimum Age 11)

Education & Training	None except pre-meet briefing Performance monitored by Chief Timer and/or Referee during meet.
Evaluation & Certification	Certify after passing USA Timer's test and satisfactory performance at one meet.
Renewal	Based on satisfactory performance.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL (Minimum Age 18)

Education & Training	Formal clinic training. Must take USA Administrative Official test. On-the-deck apprenticeship with at least one (1) mentor who has a minimum of one (1) year certification as Administrative Official, Administrative Referee, or Referee) for a minimum of two (2) sessions.
Evaluation & Certification	Certify after passing USA Administrative Officials test and satisfactory performance at one meet. Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Criminal Background Check and complete the online Athlete Protection Training before officiating as an Administrative Official. <u>Sierra Nevada Swimming:</u> After above training, must have the recommendation of the Trainer before being granted certification.
Renewal	Based on satisfactory performance. Sierra Nevada Swimming: Attend yearly Administrative Official clinic, work a minimum of two meets* and take the Administrative Official Recertification test every other year.

*meets are defined as being listed as the AO or AR on the Meet Announcement or being an Assistant AO or Assistant AR at the meet.

STROKE & TURN JUDGE (Minimum Age 18*)

Education & Training	Formal clinic training. Must take USA Swimming Stroke & Turn/Timer test. On-the-deck apprenticeship with at least two (2) mentors (who have a minimum of one (1) year certification as a Stroke and Turn Judge) for a minimum of six (6) training sessions. (Cannot make a disqualification during those sessions).
Evaluation & Certification	Evaluation by evaluator/mentor and/or Referee to be reported to LSC Officials Chair or their designee. Must complete certification within one year from date of clinic. Must be a member of USA Swimming, pass the Criminal Background Check and complete the online Athlete Protection Training before officiating as a Stroke and Turn Judge.
Renewal	Attending a yearly clinic and taking the re-certification online test every other year. To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions per year in Stroke & Turn or higher capacity.

If the renewal is for the year after receiving the initial S/T certification, the above mentioned four (4) sessions are in addition to the six (6) minimum training sessions worked to become a certified Stroke & Turn Judge for the first time.

Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and satisfactory performance.

RELAY TAKE-OFF JUDGE (Minimum Age 18*)

Education & Training	Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge
Evaluation & Certification	Considered part of Stroke & Turn Judge certification. Must have a minimum of one (1) year experience as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge.
Renewal	Same as Stroke & Turn Judge

CHIEF JUDGE (Minimum Age 18*)

Education & Training	Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge
Evaluation & Certification	Considered part of Stroke & Turn Judge certification. Must have a minimum of one (1) year experience as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge.
Renewal	Same as Stroke & Turn Judge

STARTER (Minimum Age 18*)

Education & Training	Must attend yearly clinic. Must take USA Swimming Starters online test and be a current member of USA Swimming, pass the Criminal Background Check and complete the online Athlete Protection Training. Must serve a minimum of six (6) training sessions on the deck at two (2) different meets with at least two (2) different mentors approved by the LSC Officials Chair or their designee. Must have worked as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge for a minimum of five (5) sessions and one (1) swimming year.
Evaluation & Certification	Certification based on recommendation of the mentor(s) and/or Referee(s).
Renewal	Attending a yearly clinic and taking the re-certification Starter online test every other year.

To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions per year in Starter or higher capacity.

If the renewal is for the year after receiving the initial Starter certification, the above mentioned four (4) sessions are in addition to the six (6) minimum training sessions worked to become a certified Starter for the first time.

Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and evaluation.

REFEREE (Minimum Age 21*)

Education & Training

Must attend referee's clinic and **apprentice** on-the-deck for a **minimum of six (6)** training sessions at **three (3)** sanctioned meets with at least **two (2)** different referees.

Previous certification as a Stroke & Turn Judge and Starter.

Can begin Deck Referee training after becoming a Certified Starter, who has worked the minimum four (4) sessions as a Starter and taken the battery of online tests, mentioned below.

Recommend **being familiar** with the positions of Announcer, Clerk of Course, Starter, Stroke & Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Timer, Timing Judge and Meet Marshal.

Must pass USA Swimming Officials tests (**Stroke & Turn/Timer, Timing Judge, Clerk of Course, Administrative Referee, Starter and Referee**) with a grade of **at least 80% within the past 24 months** and be a current member of USA Swimming.

Evaluation & Certification

Certification based on recommendation of the mentor(s) and/or Referee(s).

Renewal

Must attend yearly clinic and **take and pass the re-certification Referee test** every other swimming year. If a Starter, it is recommended to take the re-certification Starter online test every other year as well.

To maintain certification, must work a minimum of six (6) sessions per year in Starter or higher capacity with a least one session as Referee.

If the renewal is for the year after receiving the initial Referee certification, the above mentioned six (6) sessions are in addition to the six (6) minimum training sessions worked to become a certified Deck Referee for the first time.

Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and evaluation by the LSC Officials Chair or their designee.

It is a REQUIREMENT to attend a yearly clinic to start the process of becoming a certified Official once again for the new swimming year.

REMEMBER: attend one of these yearly-required clinics when we host clinics in your neighborhood. Don't wait for us to come back. We might not be able to come back a second time.

ALL Officials have to attend yearly clinics!!

Future Administrative Official Clinics on the Calendar.
There are presently **NO 2020 Admin Official Clinics on**
the calendar.

Future Stroke and Turn Clinics on the Calendar.
There are presently **NO 2020 Stroke and Turn Clinics**
still on the calendar.

TAKE YOUR MARK
A
STARTER AND DECK REFEREE WORKSHOP

**REQUIRED OF ALL STARTERS AND DECK REFEREES OR FOR THOSE
OFFICIALS WANTING TO BE A STARTER OR DECK REFEREE IN THE
FUTURE**

There are **NO 2020 Starter/Deck Referee Workshops**
still on the calendar.

Taking the Online tests

The online test is an every-other year requirement.

FOR THE **2020** USA SWIMMING YEAR,
THERE ARE **14 STROKE AND TURN JUDGES** WHO NEED TO COMPLETE
THEIR STROKE AND TURN/TIMER RE-CERTIFICATION TEST!! IN
ADDITION, THERE IS ALSO
2 CERTIFIED REFEREES WHO HAVE TO COMPLETE THERE RE-
CERTIFICATION REFEREE TEST

REMEMBER, these renewal tests have to be completed and passed by
January 1, 2020.

**Even though we started the 2020 swimming year way back in
September, we are now still using the 2019 Rulebook on all online
tests.**

The 2019 Rulebook can be downloaded from the USA Swimming web site if you like, but in most cases, you do not need the whole Rulebook for your test. The Rules and Regulations is one book that can be seen on the web site, in its entirety, for free.

Looking for the current Rulebook:

When you are on the USA Swimming Home web page, click on **FOR YOU** at the top of the web page. Look for **OFFICIALS** in the middle of the web page, then click on **OFFICIALS**. You will now get a page that has at the top of that page, a picture of the Officials in their red polo shirts, who attended one of the recent TYR Pro Series Meets in Mesa, Arizona. Scroll down a bit on this page, until you find an area titled, **OFFICIALS QUICK LINKS**.

Choose **Rules and Regulations** and click on [Rules and Regulations](#).

The 2019 Rulebook appears. Run your mouse down at the bottom of the cover page, to choose how you want to download your book to your desktop (Open in PDF

in Preview or Save PDF to download folder). I chose Open in PDF in Preview for my Apple product.

REMEMBER PAST CERTIFIED OFFICIALS

After you have attended your 2020 Swimming Clinic, you will receive a message from me reminding you about taking an online test if this is your year to take the re-certification test. This is one of the requirements to complete in order to be certified to work the deck after January 1, 2020.

TAKE YOUR 2020 ONLINE TESTS NOW!!

The online tests have all been aligned with the 2019 Rulebook and are waiting just for you.

Use your 2019 Rules and Regulations now to take your 2020 required online test.

Officials: When taking your on-line tests, please...

TAKING THE ON-LINE SWIMMING TESTS

<http://www.usaswimming.org>

1. Once you are on the USA Swimming web site, look for "**SIGN IN**" at the top of the web page and then click on **SIGN IN**.
2. If this is your first time on this webpage, fill in the information needed to become a member and then click on **SIGN IN**. This step is only done the first time you **SIGN IN** on the USA Swimming web site.

3. When you return to the USA Swimming web page, click on [FOR YOU](#) at the top of the web page.
4. Look for **OFFICIALS** in the middle of the web page, then click on [OFFICIALS](#).
5. You will now get a page that has at the top of that page, a picture of the Officials in their red polo shirts, who attended one of the recent TYR Pro Series Meets in Mesa, Arizona. Scroll down a bit on this page, until you find an area titled, **RESOURCES FOR OFFICIALS**. You will now locate the picture titled, **OFFICIALS ONLINE TESTING**. Click on [OFFICIALS ONLINE TESTING](#). Please read all the information on this page. You may want to print these instructions for further use.
6. Now you are ready to start a test. At the bottom of this page, you will click on [START AN ONLINE TEST - CLICK HERE](#) at the bottom of this screen. On my screen it is in **RED**.
7. You are now taken to a page, which is titled, **START AN ONLINE TEST** at the top. Click on [Select A Test](#) and drag your mouse until the test you want is highlighted. At the top of this drag-down menu make sure your pick is the correct one; there are 32 tests to choose from. In most cases, if you are taking your first online test, your test will be the Certification Stroke and Turn/Timer test.
8. You will then have to click on the "[I agree](#)" box, saying that you understand that if you don't complete your test, by a certain date, it will be automatically deleted. Now click on [NEXT](#).
9. You are now taken to a page with your personal information. You must verify that the information provided is correct. You may make any changes necessary and then click "[SAVE INFORMATION & PROCEED TO TEST](#)"

10. The next page you are taken to is getting closer to taking the test. You now have 2 choices:

Choice one: Click on [START TEST](#) button, to start test.

Choice two: click on "[PRINT BLANK VERSION OF TEST.](#)" You can print a version of the test, so you can study at your leisure and mark up your printed version of the test with the correct answers, which can be found in your current Rulebook. When you click on this choice, you will get a PDF copy of the test. You have to go one step further to print the test and that is to look for the small icon of a printer in the top right-hand corner of the Adobe PDF document shown on the screen. Click on the little printer icon. Your copy in PDF form should now be on your desktop. That is where I save my PDF documents.

When using Choice one and you have clicked on [START TEST](#), the first question will appear. When you have made your choice and clicked on that choice, click on "[NEXT.](#)" If you now click on "[NEXT,](#)" you will see the second question of your test. If you don't have time to finish the whole test, one question at a time, make sure you click on "[SAVE & RESTART LATER.](#)" The web site will remember which test you have chosen **only** if you have clicked on "[SAVE & RESTART LATER](#)".

11. I have heard that if you answer just the first question before you click on "[SAVE & RESTART LATER](#)" and then [SIGN OFF](#), you will be assured of returning to this same test the next time you have more time to spend completing the test. By mistake, if you don't save the test properly, the questions will not be in the same order, with the questions and answers being randomly chosen.

12. Looking at the first question, answer the multiple-choice answer. When completed with the first question, click on the "[NEXT](#)" button. If you have to stop for some reason and start later, click on the "[SAVE & RESTART LATER](#)" button.

13. You will have to look for the small 'X' at the top right-hand corner of the page. Click on this to close the test for now.

14. If you want to take the test off line at your leisure by using the printed version of your test, you may look for [Print Blank Test](#), click on that and you can then make a printed copy of your test.

15. Click [SIGN OUT](#) at the top of the web page, if you want to take the test at a later date. Take the test off line at your leisure by using the printed version of your test.

16. When you are ready to take the test again, you need to return to the USA Swimming web page, by following the steps you used at the start of this instruction. If you have forgotten, here it is again.

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You will now click on [RESUME](#) to start the test once again.

17. By clicking on **RESUME**, you will be able to put your correct answers to the test that was saved and waiting for its answers. When you resume your test at a later date, the system will take you to the first question. If you want to go to where you left off, type in the number of the question that you want to start with, in the little box and click on the "[Go](#)" button. It will take you directly to the first question in need of an answer. **You might want to check and make sure the answers are in the order that they are listed on your printed test. If you didn't save and restart later correctly, most of the time the questions will be in the same order, but the multiple-choice answers might be randomized. Double-check your choices.**

18. Now you can continue to answer the questions in the same fashion.

Please check and make sure you have answered all the answers correctly.

When you get to the last question on the test, you can double check by clicking on the "[PREVIOUS](#)" button. If you click on the "[SAVE & RESTART LATER](#)" button, you may want to double check later.

19. When you have **double-checked** your answers, submit for grading by clicking on the "[End Test/Submit for Grading](#)" button. If you click on the "[End Test/Submit for Grading](#)" button, you will be finished with this test and receive a grade. Before your test will be graded, another window will show up on your computer screen, when it asks you if you are sure you want to end this test? Just click on [OK](#). The LSC Officials Chair will receive the results at the same moment the Test Taker receives their score, which is seconds after the "[End Test/Submit for Grading](#)" button is clicked.

20. Remember: Haste makes waste or Measure twice and cut once. Once you have submitted your answers, it is too late for changes.

21. You will get immediate results as well as the LSC Officials' Chairperson. Now the screen that shows is your completed test results. You can review your results by clicking on "[Review Results](#)." Your computer will download a PDF copy of the test. You will have to retrieve it where downloads are found on your computer. If you click on "[Return to Test Selection](#)" you will return to the location where all of the tests that you have taken are kept. This is the window where you selected the test to start this test taking process. You can review the test that was just taken by clicking on "[View](#)" which can be found on the right of the screen, on the same line as this most recent taken test.

22. Remember, each time you take another test, you will have to answer all the same information that was asked of you the first time, when you selected a test and started that test.

23. Click [SIGN OFF](#) at the top of the web page when you are finished.

COMMON MISTAKES

DID YOU CHECK TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE MARKED YOUR RESPONSES ON THE SAME TEST THAT YOU DOWNLOADED?

WERE THE MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWERS IN THE SAME SPOT AS THE TEST YOU DOWNLOADED?

YOU CAN GO BACK AND CHECK ANY QUESTION BY CLICKING ON "[GO](#)" AFTER YOU INPUT THE NUMBER OF THE QUESTION YOU WANT TO CHECK.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE DOUBLE CHECKED YOUR RESPONSES BEFORE YOU CLICK ON SUBMIT!!

**IF YOUR TEAM WOULD LIKE TO HOST A STROKE AND TURN CLINIC
FOR THE NEW YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT
MELISSA SZPIK SERRAO AT: [<officialmelissasn@gmail.com>](mailto:officialmelissasn@gmail.com)**

ALL Officials have to attend a yearly clinic!!

Most of the clinics we hold are between October and December, with a few more in January of the new calendar year. Most Officials want to be certified before the previous certification expires on the last day of the calendar year (12/31/??).

If this is your year, besides attending a clinic, paying your non-athlete fees, completing or renewing your Criminal Background Check and completing your Athlete Protection Training, there is another requirement for some of you!!

That requirement is taking your on-line re-certification test.

The 2019 Rules and Regulations (Rulebook) is now in effect for all on-line tests.

Now that you are certified, you could have worked other USA Swimming, LSC's or Sierra Nevada Swimming meets in April of 2020, but not now, because they have been CANCELLED.

Meet Date: April 17-19, 2020 - **CANCELLED**

Type of Meet: EGAC Summer Opening

Hosted by: Elk Grove Aquatic Club

Location: Elk Grove Aquatics Center
9701 Big Horn Boulevard

Elk Grove, California 95757

Directions: Taking I-5 South, follow I-5 South to Elk Grove Blvd. Take exit 506 from I-5 South. Continue on Elk Grove Blvd. to Big Horn Blvd in Elk Grove, approximately, 11 minutes or 5.5 miles.

Taking I-5 South to Cosumnes River Blvd. Take the 510 from I-5 South. Get on CA-99 South. Follow CA-99 South to Elk Grove Blvd in Elk Grove. Take exit 286 from CA-99 South (approximately 3 minutes (3.3 miles). Take Laguna Springs Dr. and Lotz Parkway to Big Horn Blvd in Elk Grove, approximately, 11 minutes or 5.5 miles (approximately 4 minutes (1.5 miles).

Google Directions: Use the web site below to look at a map of the area around the Elk Grove Aquatic Center.

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/38.6105344,-121.3857792/Elk+Grove+Aquatics+Center+-+9701+Big+Horn+Boulevard,+Elk+Grove,+California+95757/@38.5062947,-121.5916505,11z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m9!4m8!1m1!4e1!1m5!1m1!1s0x809ac76cd573e9e5:0x4665f8558bdbbb18!2m2!1d-121.4026397!2d38.4049971>

Contact Information: Irene Nakaoka < iyfujishima@yahoo.com >

Meet Date: April 19, 2020 - only - **CANCELLED**

Type of Meet: AGO - SCY

Hosted by: California Gold Swim Club

Location: Tokay High School
111 W. Century Blvd.
Lodi, CA

Directions: Use the website below to look at a map of the area around Tokay High School
<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=1111%20W%20Century%20Blvd&city=Lodi&state=CA&zipcode=95240%2d6605&country=US&title=%3cb%3e1111%20W%20Century%20Blvd%3c%2fb%3e%3cbr%20%2f%3e%20Lodi%2c%20CA%2095240%2d6605%2c%20%20US&cid=lfmaplink2&name=>

Contact Information: Coach: John Griffin
(209) 368-8475
johnlodiaquatics@sbcglobal.net

Meet Director: Jane Woznick
209-327-6232

woz4@att.net

Meet Date: April 24-26, 2020 - **CANCELLED**

Type of Meet: LCM

Hosted by: Sierra Marlins Swim Team

Location: Folsom Aquatic Complex, 1200 Riley Street, Folsom , CA. 95630

Directions: Use the Mapquest website for the directions of the Folsom Aquatic Center.
<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Folsom&state=CA&address=1200+Riley+Street>

Contact Information: Meet Director
P.O. Box 1714
Folsom, CA 95763
Kathy Myers
<meetdirector@sierramarlins.net>
916-765-0217

Meet Date: April 24-25, 2020 - **PROBABLY CANCELLED**

Type of Meet: High School League Championships

Hosted by: Many Different High Schools

Location: Many Different High Schools and Locations.

Where: Find a High School League in your Area.

OFFICIALS: ASK YOUR QUESTIONS!!

- Changed April 1, 2020 -

Often Asked Questions by USA Swimming Officials

I have completed four training sessions for S/T so far and am planning to do two more during the upcoming JO's. Can I volunteer for S/T for SWAGR?

If you complete all of your LSC certification requirements at the upcoming JO meet, you will be able to work this meet since it is an Officials Qualifying Meet (OQM) and you will be a certified Official by then. At an OQM all the Officials are certified as LSC Officials, N2 Officials or in some cases, N3 Officials.

I just have a quick question, what are the chances, that SWAGR will be canceled?

That is up to the people in Clovis!! I will have a meet in Jenks, Oklahoma that same weekend and then two weeks later in Webster, New York. I just have to go along as if we were still having the meet.

I'm having trouble finding the tests, the training etc. online. I went to my dashboard, but the link that shows tests has nothing there. I must be doing something wrong. Can you please look into this for me?

If you follow what I have written in the attached document or which is printed in my monthly newsletter, you shouldn't have any trouble. If you do, please send me your questions.

I'm curious to know if Swimming Situation #4 (p. 35) is possibly misleading. The postulated situation doesn't mention whether a fixed mark on the wall/deck is available (and if so, whether the swimmer's head broke the surface by such fixed mark). The recommended resolution includes "the Official should use the most generous of the 15-meter markings (within reason) to ensure that all swimmers receive the benefit of the doubt." This seems to be incongruent with the 2019 modification of Rule 103.16.2, "the [15-meter] mark on the wall or deck will be considered the default marking for officiating purposes".

Regardless, is the 'most generous 15m lane marking' still a defensible position with this new modification to rule 103.16.2?

The technical reference for the situation you have mentioned, now has a newly reworded reference, going into effect on May 1, 2020. It now states for, "103.5.3 /M/ 15-Meter Markings: Fixed distinctive marks shall be placed on either the pool wall or deck surface adjacent to any outside lane at a distance of 15 meters from each end wall of the course. These marks should also be used to correctly align the distinctive floats on the lane dividers, but the fixed marks on the deck or walls take precedence for judging." So, I would say, to answer your question, since the lane markings are not aligned, which is the responsibility of someone (meet host? Meet Referee?) the swimmer should get the benefit of the doubt, because the distinctive floats are not aligned to the fixed marks on the deck or walls. What you have listed from the 2019 Rulebook will not be showing in the 2020 Rulebook.

SWIMMING SITUATIONS

I have shared with you some of the situations that appear in the newly revised Stroke and Turn situations which can be found at:

<https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/officialsdocuments/officials-training-resources/situations-and-resolutions/stroke-and-turn-situations-and-resolutions-revised-3-20-2018.pdf>

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1. During a butterfly race, a swimmer realizes that his suit has come loose. After taking a stroke, he simultaneously reaches back with both arms, pulls his suit forward, and recovers his arms over the water. Should the swimmer be disqualified?

Recommended Resolution: No. The rule states, “Both arms must be brought forward simultaneously over the water and pulled back simultaneously under the water throughout the race.” The swimmer did not do anything to violate this rule.

Applicable Rule: 101.3.2

2. A swimmer in the 100-yard butterfly takes a simultaneous two-arm pull, kicks several times with her arms at her sides, simultaneously brings both arms forward over the water, keeps her arms stretched out in front of her for several kicks, and then does another simultaneous two-arm pull. She repeats this process throughout the swim. Should she be disqualified?

Recommended Resolution: She should not be disqualified. There is no rule requiring an arm stroke between leg kicks. The swimmer may kick as many times as desired between strokes as long as both legs kick simultaneously.

Applicable Rules: 101.3.2, 101.3.3

3. An age group swimmer comes off the 50-yard turn in the butterfly on his back, with his arms fully extended, and does two butterfly kicks, before rolling onto his breast and taking his first arm pull. Should he be disqualified?

Recommended Resolution: Yes. While a swimmer may do one or more leg kicks after the start and each turn in the butterfly, the swimmer's shoulders must be at or past the vertical toward the breast when the swimmer leaves the wall.

Applicable Rules: 101.3.2, 101.3.4

4. A swimmer likes to keep his feet separated while kicking to the surface of the water at the beginning of the butterfly. His legs still move simultaneously both upwards and downwards, and do not alternate. He was disqualified for not having his feet and legs together while he was doing the butterfly kick. Is this a valid disqualification?

Recommended Resolution: No. The rule states, “All up and down movements of the legs and feet must be simultaneous. The position of the legs or the feet need not be on the same level, but they shall not alternate in relation to each other.” There is nothing in the rules that prohibits the feet from being separated.

Applicable Rule: 101.3.3

5. A swimmer in the 100-yard butterfly enters the water at the start, with her shoulders at or past vertical toward the breast, and kicks on her side. She performs a kick with both legs moving simultaneously, without alternating movement, but moving from side to side. An Official calls a disqualification stating that the swimmer did not perform a kick with an up and down motion. Should the DQ be accepted?

Recommended Resolution: The DQ should not be accepted. The view of the kick as up and down is relative to the swimmer’s body.

Applicable Rule: 101.3.3

TAKING THE ON-LINE TESTS

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The examples this month are some of the questions from the Administrative Referee Certification test, which will now be answered with the 2019 Rulebook.

1. In which age group, is the 800 Mixed Gender Freestyle Relay a recognized event? **1562.1**
- A. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 Years.
 - B. 10 Years and Younger.
 - C. 11, 12 Years.

Hint: Please review reference 102.1.2 for the correct answer.

2. In a preliminaries and finals meet, in how many individual events per day may a swimmer compete? **1359.8**
- A. Not more than five (5) individual events per day.
 - B. Not more than two (2) individual events per day.
 - C. Not more than six (6) individual events per day.
 - D. Not more than three (3) individual events per day.

Hint: Please review reference 102.2.2 for the correct answer.

3. The Meet Announcement for a two-day, timed finals, age-group meet specifies that swimmers may compete in not more than four individual events per day. A swimmer enters four events on each day of the meet. Due to lightning and thunder on the first day of the meet, the third and fourth individual events for the swimmer are postponed until the next day. Which of the following statements about this situation is correct? **1360.9**
- A. On the second day of the meet the swimmer may swim in the two postponed events as well as the originally scheduled four events that the swimmer had entered.
 - B. On the second day of the meet the swimmer may swim in the two postponed events, but must scratch two of the originally scheduled events for day two so as not to exceed the individual event per day limit specified in the Meet Announcement.
 - C. On the second day of the meet the swimmer may not swim in the two postponed events so as not to exceed the individual event per day limit specified in the Meet Announcement.
 - D. On the second day of the meet the swimmer must scratch one of the postponed events and one of the originally scheduled events for day two so as not to exceed the individual event per day limit specified in the Meet Announcement.

Hint: Please review reference 102.2.4 for the correct answer.

4. A preliminaries and finals meet is scheduled with the Meet Announcement specifying that swimmers are limited to three individual events per day. The Meet Announcement also specifies that finals for each event will be swum one day subsequent to the preliminaries for that event. On the first day of the meet a swimmer qualifies for finals in each of the three individual events entered by the swimmer. The same swimmer has also entered an additional three individual events on the second day of the meet. Which of the following statements about this situation is correct? **1361.7**

- A. On the second day of the meet, the swimmer may only compete in the three final events and must be scratched from the three preliminary events.
- B. On the second day of the meet, the swimmer may swim in the three preliminaries entered by the swimmer and may also swim in three finals in which the swimmer qualified.
- C. On the second day of the meet, the swimmer may swim any combination of preliminaries and finals desired as long as the swimmer does not compete in more than three individual events.
- D. On the second day of the meet, the swimmer may swim any combination of preliminaries and finals desired as long as the swimmer does not complete in more than five individual events.

Hint: Please review reference 102.2.5 for the correct answer.

5. In a preliminaries and finals 100-yard Butterfly event that has 32 entries in an 8-lane pool, which answer below is correct for seeding in the preliminary session if the order of heats will be swum from slowest to fastest? **465.15**

- A. The top eight swimmers will be divided between the four heats and seeded in the two fastest lanes in each heat.
- B. The fastest eight swimmers will be in Heat 4.
- C. The swimmers with the 9th through 16th best times will swim in Heat 3.
- D. None of the above.

Hint: Please review reference 102.5.1C for the correct answer.

6. In a timed final event that has 16 swimmers using an 8-lane pool and with the lanes numbered from right to left as the swimmers stand facing the course, which is the correct seeding assignment for the three fastest entrants if the order of heats will be swum from slowest to fastest? **683.13**

- A. Fastest swimmer in Heat 2 Lane 4, second fastest swimmer in Heat 2 Lane 3, and third fastest swimmer in Heat 2 Lane 5.
- B. Fastest swimmer in Heat 2 Lane 4, second fastest swimmer in Heat 2 Lane 5, and third fastest swimmer in Heat 2 Lane 3.
- C. Fastest swimmer in Heat 2 Lane 4, second fastest swimmer in Heat 1 Lane 4, and third fastest swimmer in Heat 2 Lane 5.
- D. None of the above.

Hint: Please review reference 102.5.4A for the correct answer.

7. Who may cancel or postpone a meet or an event, if, after commencement, conditions preclude the possibility of safely and effectively conducting the meet or the event? **1724.2**

- A. The Meet Director.
- B. The Team Lead Chief Judge.
- C. The Meet Committee.
- D. The Meet Referee.

Hint: Please review reference 102.7.4B for the correct answer. [2019N]

8. The Administrative Official shall be responsible to the Referee for which of the following duties? **1453.8**

- A. The determination of the official results and the publication and posting of results and scores.
- B. The Stroke and Turn Judges' hospitality.
- C. The Lane Timers' watches.
- D. The quality of the lane lines.

Hint: Please review references 102.14.2D and 102.14.2E for the correct answer.

9. What is the role of the Marshal at swimming meets? **493.14**

- A. The Marshal shall have full authority to warn or order to cease and desist, and, with the concurrence of the Referee, to remove, or have removed from the swimming venue anyone behaving in an unsafe manner or using profane or abusive language.
- B. The Marshal shall wear identifying attire and enforce warm-up procedures and maintain order in the swimming venue.
- C. The Marshal shall have full authority, to warn or order to cease and desist, and, with the concurrence of the Referee, to remove, or have removed from the swimming venue anyone whose actions are disrupting the orderly conduct of the meet.
- D. All of the above.

Hint: Please review reference 102.19 for the correct answer.

10. When approved video replay footage is used to review stroke or turn infractions called on the deck, what may be the only action that the Official(s) reviewing the video can take? **1498.10**

- A. Overrule the call made on deck.
- B. Confirm the call made on deck.
- C. Advise the Referee that the review proved inconclusive.
- D. Any of the above.

Hint: Please review reference 102.22.15 for the correct answer.

1. The correct answer is “A” for the multiple-choice answer.
2. The correct answer is “D” for the multiple-choice answer.
3. The correct answer is “A” for the multiple-choice answer.
4. The correct answer is “B” for the multiple-choice answer.
5. The correct answer is “D” for the multiple-choice answer.
6. The correct answer is “B” for the multiple-choice answer.
7. The correct answer is “C” for the multiple-choice answer.
8. The correct answer is “A” for the multiple-choice answer.
9. The correct answer is “D” for the multiple-choice answer.
10. The correct answer is “D” for the multiple-choice answer.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask, just e-mail Bill Rose at: <cbrose@omsoft.com>