

Streamline

MARYLAND SWIMMING'S OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER



A NOTE FROM THE OFFICIALS CHAIR:



Welcome Back! We are underway for the 2016-2017 season and glad to see a bunch of new faces at the fall clinic. A couple key reminders about administrative changes this year.

Deck Pass- This is a USA swimming app that you will need to download and link to your USA swimming account. There will no longer be registration cards printed for officials so this will be our primary proof of registration. Changes to Deck Pass are coming in January! At that time USAS is linking your OTS (Officials Tracking System) record to your registration record. This means that your LSC certifications, Sessions, Testing, and Activities will all be at your fingertips!

USA Swimming website upgrade- At the same time the new Deck Pass functionality is rolled out, USAS will also be launching a new and improved website.

Convention update- Please review the materials discussed at the USAS (United States Aquatic Sports Convention) [Convention link](#) as well as the new Rules and Regulations legislation that was passed. [2016 Legislation adopted by the House of Delegates](#)

Peter LaGow, Maryland Swimming Officials Chair

REMINDER: Upcoming Referee Conference Calls are scheduled for the following dates: 10/19/16



celebrations:

CONGRATULATIONS to...

New Stroke and Turn

- Cathy VanNetta (CAA)
- Dan Gudat (FAST)
- Tom Schmidt (CAC)
- Roger Shanks (SPRC)
- Chris Kuhn (CAC)
- Jen Aliftiras (FSC)
- Diane Terpening (MAC)
- Doug Wilson (LBA)
- John Balazs (CAC)

New Starter

- Guy Hankins (EST)
- Jaremy Morgan (CBAC)

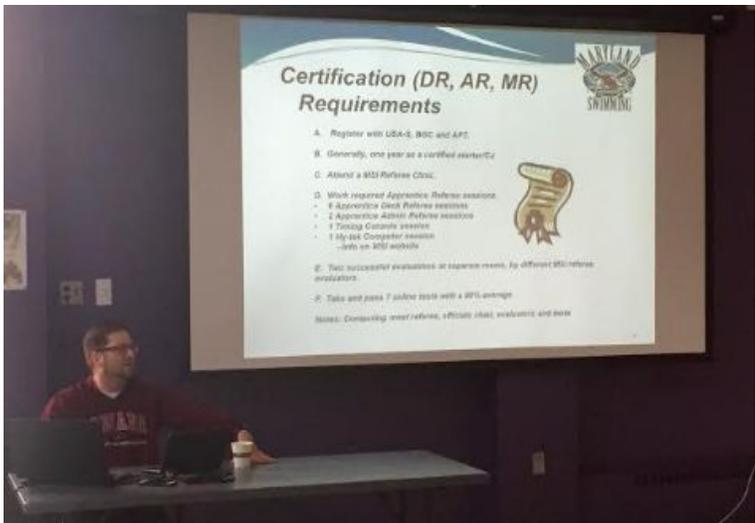
New AO

- Tiffany Turney (FAST)



MSI OFFICIALS CLINIC 2016:

Thank you to those of you attended the annual clinic. It's always great see see everyone in different colors (not white over blue!) and off the deck! Thank you to JCC for the awesome location to host the clinic!



Certification (DR, AR, MR) Requirements

- A. Register with USA-S, BOC and APT
 - B. Generally, one year as a certified starter/TA
 - C. Attend a MSI Referee Clinic
 - D. Which requires Appropriate Referee sessions
 - 8 Appropriate Club Referee sessions
 - 2 Appropriate Adult Referee sessions
 - 1 Training Course session
 - 1 MySA Computer session
 - info on MSI website
 - E. Two successful evaluations in separate events, by different MSI referee evaluators
 - F. Take and pass 7 online tests with a 80% average
- Notes: Consistency over refrees, officials that evaluate and pass



OFFICIALS IN ACTION:



OPEN WATER SWIM!

Send all photographs to Betsy Coe @ 01ANDERCOE@GMAIL.COM or Linda Sue Lottes @ LSMDSWIM@GMAIL.COM



RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Consider this situation: During a 200 yard individual medley, the chief judge notices the official at the start end with a raised hand. "Possible disqualification at the start end, lanes 1,2,or 3." The chief judge asks the official which lane; "Lane 3." The official reports to the chief judge that they observed the swimmer leave the wall after the finish of the breaststroke portion and begin the freestyle portion on their back up to the backstroke flags. The chief judge asks the official for the rule violation. The official states that the swimmer was swimming the IM out-of-order. While this is mainly correct, we have recently been instructed to say that the swimmer was swimming the backstroke portion more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the distance on the back. The chief judge

notifies the deck referee of the possible disqualification, states the rule violation and describes what was reported by the official. The chief judge recommends acceptance of the call. The deck referee accepts the call and instructs the chief judge to write the slip and notify the swimmer.

The chief judge notifies the swimmer and informs the swimmer that they swam the event out-of-order when they left the wall going into the freestyle portion and therefore they disqualified themselves. However, when the chief judge writes the DQ slip, they indicate in the other section that the swimmer swam more than 1/4 of the distance on their back. The official was given the DQ slip for their printed name. The official signs the slip and gives it back to the CJ. The violation occurred during heat 4, but the CJ wrote the event followed by heat 3, lane 3. The correct swimmer's name was written on the slip. The slip was given to the deck referee. The slip was signed and given to the AO. The AO gives a copy of the DQ slip to the coach.

A short time later, the coach approaches the deck referee to ask why his swimmer was disqualified since the slip indicated that the possible disqualification occurred during heat 3, not during heat 4 where his swimmer was seated. The coach was also concerned because his swimmer was told they swam the event out-of-order which was not indicated on the DQ slip. Since the slip was written incorrectly and the swimmer was not told what was written on the DQ slip, the deck referee overturned the call. Is this the correct decision?

Let's look at the facts. The official properly observed the swim and described the infraction well. Even though what the swimmer was told and what was written on the DQ slip was not consistent, the swimmer clearly violated a rule. In many cases, there may be new CJ's and officials on deck who are learning the sport and how to call a consistent game. The correct swimmer's name was written on the DQ slip and was notified. The deck referee can also check the notes on their program and compare the notes taken by the chief judge and the stroke and turn official. If the notes match, you have more confirmation that it was the correct swimmer. The decision rests with the deck referee. The CJ should be asked to re-write the DQ slip with the correct heat number and re-submit it to the deck referee. The coach should be informed of the clerical error, but the call stands because it was observed well and the correct swimmer was identified.

In most cases, if the correct swimmer and infraction have been observed, a DQ should **NOT** be overturned due to a clerical error, a scratched out portion, or incorrect wording on the DQ slip. Use these moments to teach the officials and help them get the process done better the next time. Our officials, at all levels, deserve our respect and support, and want us to mentor them into a quality, professional official.

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YOU MAKE THE CALL:

The 8th heat of a 200-yard freestyle event is swum during preliminaries and lane 3 is empty. After the heat the swimmer from lane 3 approaches the referee and asks if he can swim the event in an upcoming heat. He indicates that he had reported to his lane but had been so focused on the upcoming race that he had blocked out the long whistle and simply failed to step up. Should the swimmer be allowed to swim the event? Would the answer be different if timers' actions kept the swimmer from swimming? What if the decision is to allow the swimmer to swim but there are no more empty lanes? Would the answer be the same if this occurred during finals?



UPCOMING meets:

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Meet

Columbus Day Classic
 Peak All Freestyle meet
 ASC All Freestyle Meet
 CBAC Fall Warm Up
 CAA Early Season Mini and Mid-Distance Meet
 NBAC Fall Festival
 Rock Rock and Roll Meet
 NBAC Fall Warm Up

MAC Vache' Fall Frenzy Meet

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[Link to officiate](#)

ACA Harvest Festival Meet

NAAC BB-A Buster Meet

NBAC Christmas Meet

NBAC Holiday Meet

LBA Blizzard Buster Meet

Retriever Classic

Cabin Fever Meet

Maryland Swimming Open Championships

Maryland Swimming 14 & under Championships

NAAC Chidester Memorial Meet

John C Clegg Memorial Meet

Eagles Speedo Summer Sizzlier

Meet Referee

Linda Sue Lottes

William Pritchard

Doug Karr

Adam Scott

Teresa Emig

Tim Waire

Tom Truitt

Betsy Coe

Terry Kirby

MSC Go the Distance Meet

GBSA Thanksgiving Meet

Jay Hughes

Joe Cucchiaro

Zuzana Chamrova

Betsy Coe

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YOU MAKE THE CALL (ANSWER):

Recommended Resolution: This is a situation where "level-appropriate decision-making" might be utilized. If this was an un-scored meet, the Referee might find an open lane for that swimmer to compete and get a time (particularly if this was a young or inexperienced athlete). If, however, there were some other factors (timers telling them it was the wrong heat, deck crowding, etc.), that prevented the swimmer from getting to the blocks on time, the Referee has the discretion to find any place for that swimmer to compete and place. If there were no empty lanes, running another heat or splitting a heat might be an option. If this occurred during Finals (and before the Finals were actually swum), the Referee has the discretion to replace an alternate that has already been called to the blocks and reported to the starting area, if there are extenuating circumstances. Applicable Rules 102.13.1



TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

NEW CLINIC AND RECERTIFICATION TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016 AND BEYOND. Officials will alternate a clinic requirement with a recertification exam at their highest certification level starting in this season. Those officials who had completed their recertification exams prior to Aug 1, 2016 are exempt from a clinic requirement during the 2016-2017 season. Recertification requirements will include previously approved session and meet attendance requirements and alternating clinic or recertification exams every other year. Please look to the recertifications matrix located on the mdswim website for specifics relating to your certification level.

NEW training videos online! Click [HERE](#)

Upcoming Clinics [HERE](#)



NEED SOME NEW OFFICIATING CLOTHES?



The portal is OPEN! Click [HERE](#) to order clothing! Orders due by October 15, 2016!
Love the LOGO!

Click [HERE](#) for baseball hats.



NEED A NEW NAME BADGE?

- 1) Go to <https://nametagcountry.com/>
- 2) Set up a new account
- 3) Select "Express Order" top right of the screen
- 4) Select "Design Search"
- 5) Enter "Maryland Swimming" in the search bar

The top two tags are the correct tags. The top is "Blue" the second is "Red". Select the tag you want. Next screen select "Begin order". After that select "next" for the next 3 screens without making any changes. Now enter your name as you want it to appear. First name line 1 & last name on line 2.



NATIONAL MEETS:



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