

Streamline

MARYLAND SWIMMING'S OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER



A NOTE FROM THE OFFICIALS CHAIR:

Happy Summer! Despite the hot, hot weather I hope you are all enjoying some relaxing time with family and friends. As we start to wind down our year, the 2017 LC championship meet is upon us and Maryland Swimming Officials are encouraged to sign up for the meet to be held at St Mary's August 3-6th. Officials are very important to the success of these meets and we value your contribution on deck.

This season, we collectively ran over 100 meets. This takes a large number of officials to make this happen and it all starts with recruiting. As your team is gearing up for next year, please take the time to talk to other parents about officiating and joining you at the best seat in the house! Remember, a key to effective volunteer recruitment is follow-up. Once you've set the hook you need to reel them in! Here are a few ideas:

- let them know of available clinics and then follow-up to make sure they attended and ask if they have any questions
- find out what meets they will be attending and help them get signed up
- attend the meets with them and introduce them to other officials
- continue to encourage and mentor them

I am, as always, inspired by the level of commitment that each of you make to the sport and the time that you give back (sometimes away from family). Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you either at the September Clinic or on the pool deck soon.

Greer Verheyen, Maryland Swimming Officials Chair

REMINDER: Upcoming Referee Conference Calls are scheduled for the following dates: 10/4/17, 01/03/18



YOU MAKE THE CALL:

During a 10&U Breaststroke 100 yd event a swimmer, after touching the wall with two hands simultaneously, stops and stands on the bottom of the pool at the wall. The swimmer realizes there is another 50 when the swimmer in one of the lanes next to him touches the wall and turns to do another 50 yds, The swimmer

touches the with one hand and then lifts his feet from the bottom of the pool, pushes off the wall with his feet. What is the call?



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CONGRATULATIONS to...

Many of you know Rich McMillen served Maryland Swimming faithfully since 2009 and stayed with Maryland Swimming, Inc (MDSI) when his children joined Potomac Valley Swimming. He decided earlier this year that he would join his family in PVS after the end of the Long Course season. He will be missed but still may show up at some MDSI Meets. He received exciting news July 17th.! Rich has been asked to succeed Tim Husson (who also serves at many of MDSI Meets) as the next Officials Chair for Potomac Valley.

<p><u>New Stroke and Turn</u> Ann Faust - CAA Li Gao - CAA Paula Davis - BCSC</p> <p><u>New Administrative Official</u> Jeremy Gude - EST Tammy Means - NAAC Keith King - CBAC</p>	<p><u>New Starter</u></p> <p><u>New Chief Judge</u> Stan Beall - CBAC</p>	<p><u>New Referee</u> Guy Hankins - EST</p> <p><u>New Open Water Referee</u> Bruce Mooney Jamie Cahn</p>
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RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Quite often, stroke and turn officials are asked to watch three or four lanes. The initial heat of each event typically does not have a full complement of swimmers. In some cases, the officials may only have one swimmer in their jurisdiction. When the official has been assigned to four lanes, their observation time of each **lane** should be 25%. More than once this past year, I have personally observed officials staring down one lane. Coaches have noticed this and have made comments to me about this practice. As officials, we are held to the standard of giving the benefit of the doubt to the swimmer. Our officiating should always be fair and consistent. While observing an open lane or two may feel a little awkward, hold yourself accountable and give the benefit of the doubt to every swimmer by judging each lane equitably.

Steve Lottes, Rules & Regs Chair, desertexp@juno.com



OFFICIALS IN ACTION:



Bob Johnson and Dipper Wettstein RAC Sandbox



YOU MAKE THE CALL (ANSWER):

No Call. Once a legal touch has been made, the swimmer may turn in any manner desired. Therefore, standing on the bottom after a legal touch has been made and prior to pushing off the wall should be considered part of the turn and no disqualification should be called.



UPCOMING MEETS:

[CLICK HERE FOR THE MEET PAGE OF MARYLAND SWIMMING](#)

<u>Meet</u>	<u>Meet Referee</u>	<u>Contact/ Link</u>
BCSC/JCC Unity Meet (LCM) 7/28/17-7/30/2017	Linda Sue Lottes lsmdswim@gmail.com	Official Session Availability
2017 MD LSC LC CHAMPIONSHIP MEET (LCM) 8/3/17 - 8/6/17	Greer Verheyen greer.verheyen@constellation.com	Application to Officiate
2017 Long Course Senior Zone Championship	Betsy Russell betsy@byrussell.com	Application to Officiate

2017 Long Course Age Group Championship	Bob Menck rmenckiii@gmail.com	Application to Officiate
2017 Eastern Zone Open Water Championships 8/26/2017	Bob Schailey, robertschailey@gmail.com	robertschailey@gmail.com



Training and Certification:

2017 is a CLINIC year! All officials will be required to attend the 2017 LSC Officials Clinic in September 2017 or another approved clinic prior to year end. Plan ahead!

Annual Clinic for All Certified Officials

September 9, 2017

Registration and Sign In 7:45 AM

Jewish Community Center

3506 Gwynnbrook Ave

Owings Mills, MD 21117

Register online for Annual Clinic: [Click Here](#)

Training videos online! Click [HERE](#)

Upcoming Clinics [HERE](#)

From the USA Swimming Officials Newsletter a great announcement:

National Certification at the N2 Level for Administrative Officials

By Bob Griffiths, National Officials Committee

It's finally in place!

Who is eligible? Any currently registered official with LSC certification as an Administrative Official or Administrative Referee who has worked at least 16 sessions since certification as an administrative official, or AR, as evidenced in USA Swimming Meets recorded in the OTS. All of the sessions must be at meets with some "check in" events and at least 8 sessions must be at meets with preliminary and final sessions. No certification in another LSC or National position is required to become an N2 AO.

Then what? Once eligible, the candidate may request evaluation over at least 3 sessions at an approved OQM (the candidate must work at least 4 sessions at the OQM – the fourth, or more, session can be in other positions).

Who by? The evaluator, who must be approved for the meet and must have N2 AO, N2 AR or N3 AR certification, uses the "the Professional Administrative Official" document as a guideline. Candidates should download and study this document before requesting an evaluation so that they understand what is expected of an N2 AO. See "more Information" below.

Then what? If the evaluation is successful, and recorded in the OTS by the evaluator, the candidate may then use the online application to apply for N2 AO certification. It is accessed by clicking on "Click here to APPLY FOR NATIONAL CERTIFICATION" at the bottom of the "National Certification and Evaluation" page

(www.usaswimming.org/nationalcertification). At least one "learning" activity must also be recorded in the candidate's history in OTS. If all is in order, certification will generally be processed within two weeks.

Who can't be an N2 AO? Anyone with current, or re-certifiable N2 or N3 AR, cannot apply for N2 AO. And, if an N2 AO certifies as an N2 AR the N2 AO certification will expire the day before the N2 AR certification becomes effective.

More information? More information on National Certification can be found in "N2 Evaluation and Certification Requirements" and "N2 and N3 Re-Certification Requirements" on the "National Certification and Evaluation" pages in the Officials Section of the USA Swimming Website.

The "Professional" Official documents for Administrative Officials, and Stroke and Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Starter, Administrative Referee and Deck Referee, can be found and downloaded from th



Need some new OFFICIATING CLOTHES?

The portal will open on September 9, 2017!



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.





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