

# Streamline

## MARYLAND SWIMMING OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER



### A NOTE FROM THE OFFICIALS CHAIR:

Happy Summer everyone. Let's hope the crazy heat stays away and we continue to have low humidity days! I hope you are all enjoying some relaxing time with family and friends. As August is fast approaching, the 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 2-5<sup>th</sup>. Officials are very important to the success of these meets and we value your contribution on deck.

I receive many emails over the course of the year from parents looking to become an official. As your team comes together again in the Fall, please take the time to talk to other parents about officiating! Let them know of available clinics and then follow-up to make sure they attended; 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 and lastly, continue to encourage and mentor them.

Thanks you all again for a terrific 2017-2018 season. I am inspired by the level of commitment that each of you make to the sport and the time that you give back and continue to learn from you each and every meet.. I look forward to seeing you all either at the September Clinic or on deck soon.

*Greer Verheyen*, Maryland Swimming Officials Chair

**REMINDER:** Upcoming Referee Conference Calls are scheduled for the following dates: 7/10/18 8:30 PM

### YOU MAKE THE CALL:

When a swimmer swims the breaststroke, after each breaststroke kick, his feet travel downward as he recovers and draws the knees forward. Is this legal?



### CELEBRATIONS:

CONGRATULATIONS to...

<p><b><u>New Stroke and Turn</u></b>                  Raquel Dureza-Munses - Apr                  Valerie Fulton - May                  Janice Orsburn - May                  William (Tony) McAloon - May                  Tim Hooper - May                  Jeremy Gude - May                  Joel Yoffee - June                  Lucas Fink - June</p>	<p><b><u>New Stroke and Turn (Cont'd)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New Administrative Official</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New Starter</u></b>                  Bob Hansen - May                  TJ Maday - June</p>	<p><b><u>New Chief Judge</u></b>                  TJ Maday - June</p> <p><b><u>New Referee</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New Open Water Judge</u></b>  <b><u>New Open Water Referee</u></b></p>
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<p><b><u>New National Certifications</u></b>                  TJ Maday: ST-N2</p>	<p><b><u>New National Certifications (cont'd)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>New National Certifications (cont'd)</u></b></p>
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**RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Some of you might have received and read the newsletter published by USA Swimming published on November 17, 2017. Jim Holcomb, chair of the National Officials Committee, addressed what is called the “Scrivener’s Error.” The importance of this issue was so significant that the “Scrivener Error” was addressed again by Jim Holcomb in the USA Swimming newsletter published on April 4, 2018. In short, it is an error that is unintentional and can be corrected readily without objection. When a call is recommended by the chief judge to the deck referee and the DQ is accepted, any unintentional error(s) on the written DQ slip should simply be corrected to reflect the rule infraction committed by the swimmer. A mistake in filling out the DQ slip does not give grounds for the deck referee to overturn the disqualification. If the deck referee or the meet referee prefer that a certain infraction be written one way as opposed to the way the chief judge had prepared the slip, just rewrite the slip. At this stage, it is very important that officials don’t discuss any disagreements while on deck. In fact, DQ’s of any kind should not be discussed on deck. However, after the session or during the next briefing would be an excellent time to review and discuss your difference of opinion. And remember, the meet referee has the final say on any decisions.

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 Rules & Regs Chair  
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**OFFICIALS IN ACTION:**



**YOU MAKE THE CALL (ANSWER):**

Yes. This is a natural part of the swimmer’s recovery and is not a separate kick.



**UPCOMING meets:**

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<u>Meet</u>	<u>Meet Referee</u>	<u>Contact/ Link</u>
FSC 2018 SUMMER DEVELOPMENTAL MEET 2 JULY 28, 2018	Stan Lesniak (717) 387-1057	Stan Lesniak <a href="mailto:wdkrftr@comcast.net">wdkrftr@comcast.net</a>
BCSC 2018 UNITY MEET JULY 27, 2018 - JULY 29, 2018	Linda Sue Lottes <a href="mailto:lsmdswim@gmail.com">lsmdswim@gmail.com</a>	<a href="#">Volunteer to Officiate</a>
MDSI 2018 LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET AUGUST 02-05, 2018	Joe Cucchiaro <a href="mailto:joecucchiaro@yahoo.com">joecucchiaro@yahoo.com</a>	Guy Hankins <a href="mailto:guyhankins@comcast.net">guyhankins@comcast.net</a>  <a href="#">Volunteer to Officiate</a>



**TRAINING and CERTIFICATION:**

<p><b>Annual Clinic</b>  <b>September 8, 2018 7:30 AM</b>  <b>Location:</b>  <b>Jewish Community Center Owings Mills</b>          3506 Gwynnbrook Ave, Owings Mills, MD 21117</p>	<p><b>Clinics to be held:</b>  <b>Stroke and Turn: New and Returning: Separate Sessions</b>  <b>Chief Judge: New</b>  <b>Starter: New</b>  <b>Referee: New and Returning (Do we want separate sessions?)</b>  <b>Administrative Referee and Administrative Official: New and Returning (Do we want separate sessions?)</b></p>
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**Please submit Clinics for 1st Quarter by August 1, 2019.**



**Need some new OFFICIATING CLOTHES?**

**Look for the New Portal with Metro Swim Shop!!!!**

Please note the Official Standard Uniform. The Link is found under the Official Link on the Maryland Swimming Webpage.  
<http://mdswim.org/officials/>

**Standard Maryland Swimming Official Uniform:**

**Shirts:** White Polo Style short or long sleeves tucked into pants, shorts or skirts

**Pants:** Navy Blue (no jeans) Full length Pants or Golf length shorts, shorts, or skirts

**Outer Garments:** White/Navy Blue Sweaters, Sweat Shirts or Collared Jackets. No hoods. Protective Raingear is allowed for Outdoor events.

**Headwear:** For Outdoor venues Baseball Caps, Visors or other Sun protecting hats. Blue or white is preferred but not required and may be stylish straw hats. Hats and caps are not to be worn at indoor venues.

**Shoes:** Athletic or walking (closed toe and heel) shoes with rubber soles are the preferred footwear on deck for comfort and safety. White shall be the predominant color, but trims or brand logos of a contrasting color are acceptable. Footwear defined as sandals or flip flops are unacceptable.

**Prelim/Final Events:**

**Prelims:** Shorts may be worn

**Finals:** Long pants for both men and women



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