

Streamline

MARYLAND SWIMMING OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER



A NOTE FROM THE OFFICIALS CHAIR:

Welcome Back! As the 2018-2019 season gets underway it was great to see so many new faces at the fall clinic and to catch up with old friends. A couple of key reminders

1. Please check your OTS if you are in the "red". It could mean several things - APT or Background check is expired or it could mean you are deficient on Clinic or recertification test requirements (both must be done every two years) or the # of Sessions worked in the prior year is less than 8. You can find all of this info in OTS.
2. Please remember at all MD meets this year officials are required to wear wristbands as part of the new process to ensure everyone who is one deck is certified to be there. There will be a check-in table at each swimming meet where you will need to show your Deck Pass - please help ensure you are following the process set forth from MD Swimming.
3. 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 and adopted by the House of Delegates - [2018 Adopted Legislation 9/29/18](#)

I look forward to seeing everyone on deck this season. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any suggestions or comments.

Greer Verheyen, Maryland Swimming Officials Chair

REMINDER: Upcoming Referee Conference Calls are scheduled for the following dates: 1/9/19, 3/6/19, 7/10/19

YOU MAKE THE CALL:

The fourth swimmer on the freestyle relay team in lane 3 chooses to use an in-water start. She enters the water and places both feet on the wall. Both feet lose contact with the wall prior to the touch of the third swimmer, but she returns to her original starting position after the swimmer has touched, and starts her leg of the race. Should the relay team be disqualified?



CELEBRATIONS:

CONGRATULATIONS to...

<u>New Stroke and Turn</u> Diane Askounes - October Adam Burstein - October Brian Foster - August Xibing Li - August Tom Matysek - October Brian Montgomery - August Coleen Schrepfer - July Xi Yang - August	<u>New Administrative Official</u> Laura Daugherty - September <u>New Starter</u> Stan Beall - October Roscoe Possidente - August Lloyd Smith - October	<u>New Chief Judge</u> Sandra Wittholz - October <u>New Referee</u> K.C. Amsler - August Scott Breza - September Alan Cook - July Betsy Cowperwaithe - August <u>New Open Water Judge</u> <u>New Open Water Referee</u> Kevin Avery - September Alan Cook - September
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RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Officiating Myths & Urban Legends:

- Your shoes must be totally white. **No, but predominantly white is preferred.**
- Deck referees cannot hold a clipboard. **Not hardly.**
- Always go up to the edge of the pool and stand with a left/right foot forward. **The goal is not to fall into the pool.**
- The starter must hold the microphone with one hand. **No; if it takes both hands to hold the microphone securely, do it.**
- Pencil vs. pen for DQ's. **As long as it is clear and legible, it works.**
- CJ signing the S&T's name on a DQ slip vs. the S&T signing the slip. **S&T should review the slip to verify it reflects the call and "sign" it. (Or better yet, print your name).**
- When using backstroke ledges, one toe (or more) must be in contact the pad. **This one is true.**
- A remote strobe for a deaf swimmer must be placed between the deck referee and the swimmer. **No; it's placed where the swimmer can see the strobe without turning their head.**

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OFFICIALS IN ACTION:



YOU MAKE THE CALL (ANSWER):

Recommended Resolution: No. The rule states, "In relay races involving in-the-water starts, the team of a swimmer who has lost touch with the end of the course before his/her preceding teammate touches the wall shall be disqualified unless the swimmer in default returns to the original starting point at the wall."

Applicable Rule: 101.7.4G



UPCOMING meets:

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

TRAINING and CERTIFICATION:

USA Swimming Mentor Workshop January 17, 2019, @ **6:30 PM** Location TBD.

<p>Stroke and Turn Clinic</p>	<p>Chief Judge/Starter Clinics</p> <p>Starter Clinic</p>	<p>Deck Referee Clinic None Scheduled</p> <p>Administrative Referee Clinic None Scheduled</p> <p>Administrative Official Clinic None Scheduled</p>
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Please submit Clinics for 2nd Quarter by January 5, 2019



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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, 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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