



ISI Officials Newsletter – January 2019

Open Water Meets

From Michael Repko

Iowa is adding Open Water competitions to our sanctioned events. The LSC has been working on plans, venues, events, and requirements for conducting Open Water competitions in Iowa. Many of the Iowa LSC athletes have already competed in Open Water events. Once the LSC work is complete, Iowa athletes will have the opportunity to compete at the LSC, Zone, and National levels.

Open Water Swimming is typically defined as any competition that takes place in rivers, lakes, oceans, or other non-pool bodies of water. However, some Open Water events are held in the pool environment. Open Water competitions are distance events, with the most common races ranging from 1 to 10 kilometers. Open Water competition is to swimming what the marathon is to track and field: an endurance event where athletes

compete outside, dealing with environmental and other challenges during the race. The Open Water 10K Swim is an officially recognized Olympic event, which was contested for the first time at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

As an LSC official, Open Water presents some new certifications to obtain, along with unique challenges and skills to learn. Safety is paramount in Open Water events and officiating at an Open Water competition is very different than at a pool competition. Rules for Open Water Swimming are found in Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rule book.

Over the next few months, the LSC will be providing guidance, requirements, and training to officials who would like to become certified Open Water officials.

Championship Meet Season

Championship Meet season will be here before you know it! The Silver Championships are first, on February 8-10 at both Linn-Mar (East) and West Des Moines (West). The Age Group SC Championships follow on February 14-17, and finally the Senior SC Championships are on February 21-24, these last two both at the Wellmark YMCA in Des Moines. All these meets will need a considerable number of officials to run smoothly. Please consider signing up for a few sessions at one or more of them, even if you don't have a swimmer attending. The Age Group and Senior

Championships will be Officials Qualifying Meets (OQM), with national evaluators available to give N2 and N3 evaluations. Signup links will be posted on the ISI Officials website.

Qualifying swimmers from Iowa will also be heading to Speedo Sectionals, held this year on March 14-17 in Rochester, MN. This is a great opportunity to gain officiating experience at a higher level meet. The officials' signup for this meet is now available on the Central Zone website.

Reminders!

Your officiating credentials must be up to date before you can work a meet in 2019. This includes:

- For everyone – renewal of USA Swimming non-athlete membership
- For about half of us – renewal of LSC certification
- As needed – renewal of APT and background check

Attendance at all Officials sessions of the 2018 Swimposium can be used in lieu of the online test for 2018 recertification.

Backstroke Ledges

At pools with backstroke ledges (currently both U of Iowa CRWC and Wellmark YMCA), start end turn

judges may be asked to follow a different protocol than normal before the start of each heat. Instead of "wrapping for toes", you step forward to the edge of the pool to assist the starter in observing that the swimmers' feet are correctly placed before the race starts. Swimmers using the ledges must have at least 1 toe from each foot in contact with the wall.

Meet Signups and New Officials Clinics

Meet Referees, don't forget to provide Curtis Witt with a signup link for your meet to be posted to the website!

Signup links to officiate meets and for new officials' clinics are being regularly added to the ISI Officials website:

<https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?tabid=0&team=iaso>.

Check links to Meet Sign-Ups and Events/Clinics, respectively, both on the home page.

A stroke and turn clinic is also planned for January 26th in Decorah. Contact Robert Fry at robertfry@cfu.net for details.

New ISI Officials

ISI welcomed these new officials to our team in 2018!

Jen Adams (BLST) ST
Alison Anderson (ACAC) ST
Kayla Cary (DSMY) AO
Craig Clark (BSSC) ST
Wendi DeHaai (DMSF) ST
Kristin Gustafson (DSMY) AO
Matt Hansen (IFLY) AO
Sarah Hansen (IFLY) ST, CJ, SR
Brad Holtan (RSC) AO
Tim Kilcoin (PSC) ST
Kristi Klinkhammer (RCA) ST
Scott Koch (DASH) AO
Sue Koppmann (BSSC) AO
Damian Krysan (IFLY) ST, CJ, SR
Sarah Lacey (DMSF) ST
Anastasiya Landry (DMSF) ST

Andrea Matheson (CIA) AO
Amy Mundisev (PSC) ST
Lelahni Plasier (DSMY) ST
Brett Reimer (DSMY) ST
Amy Renze (CAST) ST
Britt Rhodes (NST) ST
Jeff Richards (DSMY) ST
Mitch Roose (BSSC) ST, SR
Laura Shinkunas (ICE) AO
Gareth Smith (ICE) ST
Kari Smith (ACAC) ST
Chad Spore (BSSC) ST
Liz Srp (RCA) ST
Erin Sundrup (CAST) ST
Jill Thomas (CAST) ST

Advancing Officials

ISI recognizes these officials for adding new certifications in 2018:

Kerry Barnes (UN) MR
Chrissy Beagle (CAST) DR
Dennis Behrens (LMST) SR
Prapa Black (UN) DR
Janna Carter (LMST) SR
Art Dinkin (DSMY) CJ, SR, DR, AR
DJ Duehr (DASH) SR
Frank Feilmeyer (ACAC) MR
Jennifer Flatte' (ICE) CJ, SR, DR, AR
Kimberly Gleason (RSC) ST
Jeff Horner (CIA) AO
Michelle Kathan (PSC) AO

Andrea Kelley (LMST) DR, AR
Nicole Kmett (DMSF) SR
Peter Koenig (BLST) SR
Dave Mason (BLST) SR
Barb O'Connor (ACAC) SR
Beth Perkins-Scheidt (BSSC) SR
Michael Repko (EISF) CJ, DR, OJ
Susan Repko (EISF) OJ
Erik Rolfstad (DMET) SR
Jodi Stone (PSC) AO
John Van Meter (DSMY) MR



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<http://www.splashmulti.com>