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YMCA SWIM OFFICIALS TRAINING COURSES

Swim Officials Level I

Course Description

This four-hour classroom course is designed to train participants as swim officials for the YMCA of the USA's Competitive Swimming Program in the areas of Stroke and Turn Judge, Relay Take-off Judge, Place Judge and Timer. The course focuses on the specific duties and responsibilities of the above officials prior to, during and after a swim meet. The course also reviews the facilities requirements for a meet, swimmer eligibility, and the roles of Chief Judge, Starter and Referee. Successful completion of a written examination is required to pass the course.

Prerequisites

Candidates for initial certification must be at least 18 years of age and associated with a local YMCA.

Course participants intending to use this program to recertify as YMCA Level I officials must provide documentation that they have served as an official at a minimum of 12 meet sessions over the prior three-year certification period.

Swim Officials Level II

Course Description

This four-hour classroom course is designed to certify or recertify participants as swim officials for the YMCA of the USA's Competitive Swimming Program in the areas of Referee, Starter and Chief Judge. The course focuses on the specific duties and responsibilities of the above officials prior to, during and after a swim meet. The course also reviews the facilities and staffing requirements for a meet, rules for swimming various strokes, matters relating to eligibility and other key roles of the official. Successful completion of a written examination is required to pass the course.

Prerequisites

Course participants desiring initial certification must be at least 21 years of age, be associated with a recognized YMCA swim team and have been a fully certified YMCA Level I or USA-S official for at least one year. In addition, they must provide a copy of their YMCA Level I Certification or USA-S Official's card and documentation that they have served a minimum of 8 sessions as a fully certified YMCA and/or USA-S Swim Official.

Course participants intending to use this program to recertify as YMCA Level II officials must provide documentation that they have served as an official at a minimum of 12 meet sessions over the prior three-year certification period.

Swim Official Level II Recertification

Course Description

This two-hour seminar style course is designed to recertify experienced YMCA Level II officials, primarily in the areas of Referee, Starter and Chief Judge. The course, which is designed to be conducted as a seminar with open discussion between the trainers and participants, focuses on current changes to the rules and regulations, meet management issues and other current topics of interest. Following the formal presentation, the participants must complete an online, open book, take-home test and attain a score of 80% or higher.

Prerequisites

Although this seminar may be open for all officials to attend, course participants intending to use this course to recertify as YMCA Level II officials must have previously completed two full Level II classes. This course cannot be used for prospective new Level II officials or as a certification course for Level I recertification.

Course participants intending to use this program to recertify as YMCA Level II officials must provide documentation that they have served as an official at a minimum of 12 meet sessions over the prior three-year certification period.

Administrative Official

Course Description

This four-hour classroom course is designed to certify administrative (dry deck) swim officials for the YMCA of the USA's Competitive Swimming Program. The course focuses on the specific duties and responsibilities of the Administrative Swim Official prior to, during and after a meet. The course also briefly reviews for the participants the facilities and staffing requirements for a meet, including matters relating to eligibility to participate in and entry into the meet. Successful completion of a written examination is required to pass the course.

Prerequisites

Candidates for initial certification must be at least 21 years of age and associated with a recognized YMCA swim team.

Course participants intending to use this program to recertify as YMCA Administrative Officials must provide documentation that they have served as an Administrative Official at a minimum of 12 meet sessions over the prior three-year certification period.

Swim Officials Trainer

Course Description

This seven-hour classroom and practice teaching course prepares participants to teach the YMCA of the USA's Swim Officials Level I, Level II and Administrative

Officials courses. As part of the program, participants will normally teach segments of an actual Level I or Level II class under the guidance of the Faculty teaching such courses.

Candidates successfully completing the program will continue to maintain their certification as long as they teach at least two classes every three years.

Prerequisites

Candidates for this program must meet the following requirements:

- Certified as a YMCA Level II Swim Official for at least five years
- Attended at least two YMCA Level II Swim Officials Clinics and passed all related tests.
- Officiated a minimum of 15 meet sessions as a certified YMCA Swim Official over the prior three year period, with at least eight of those sessions as a Referee or Starter.
- Officiated at the local YMCA State/District/Zone/Regional Championship Meet for at least two years, encompassing at least eight meet sessions.
- Provide a brief biography of their swim officiating experience, as it relates to the above two criteria.
- Complete the two on-line required classes, Introduction to the YMCA Training Program and Adult Learning Concepts.
- Complete the required classroom Facilitation Skills Training course. (Note, this class is frequently given in conjunction with the Trainer class.)
- Provide two recommendations, ideally one being from a coach.

Candidates must submit a Trainer Application with the YMCA of the USA at least thirty days before the scheduled class to provide time for the application to be reviewed and approved.