

Streamline

Maryland Swimming Officials Newsletter



International Team Trials



FINA World Cup

A Note from the Officials Chair: Doug Karr

Hello MD Swimming Officials!

Welcome to Streamline version 2.0. Many thanks to Tom Matysek and Tom DeBoissiere and their mentor Linda Sue Lottes for all their hard work.

Many thanks to the officials committee for their continued leadership. And a special thank you to all our officials for your tireless dedication to our beloved sport! Well done.

Together our goal is to provide a safe, competitive, and fair environment for all levels of swimmers through impartial observation and application of the rules. To include all persons interested in MDSI Officiating.

A couple of key updates:

Exciting New Logo - Jamie Cahn and MD Swimming Board have been working with USA Swimming to create a new Logo that will honor the blue crab and the MD flag. They are also negotiating a new vendor contract for apparel. It is my hope that shortly after the holidays we will distribute our service awards, new name badges (based on tenure) and have new uniform options for our officials.

2023 Rule Books - The 2023 USA Swimming Rulebook will be available sometime in January 2023. To help expedite the process, please complete this order form no later than Friday, December 16.

Recruitment and Retention - This remains our number one priority. We have two new Ombudsmen who are responsible for maintaining quality and keeping our pipeline full. Its a tough task they have undertaken. They will be looking for help as they begin working with team liaisons from a regional

perspective. Congratulations to Michael Cleary (Wet Side Ombudsman) and Bob Johnson (Dry Side Ombudsman) for their new roles and feel free to reach out to them directly if you would like to help!

National Meets and Travel - Non athlete reimbursement must be pre-approved. Please use the 2-part forms located on the MD Swimming website.

Upcoming OQMs: The Retriever Classic, Senior States & 14 and Under SC Championships are three chances to enhance your national deck certifications. Please check the meet notices for which positions are available.

Congratulations: We have once again had a very successful year as an LSC at the National and International level. I would like to recognize two of our many MD Swimming Ambassadors:

Peter Lagow:

PanAm Age Group Championships- ITO Referee -Trinidad and Tobago

FINA World Junior Champs - ITO Lima Peru

FINA World Cup - TO Referee Indianapolis IN

Jamie Cahn:

Junior Pan Pacific Championships - Admin Referee Hawaii

FINA World Cup -TO Referee Indianapolis IN

2023 World Championships Team Trials - Meet Referee

From the Maryland LSC Administrative Director: Susan McDonald

2023 Registration

- 46 New Officials & 99 Returning Officials
- Those that have not registered for the 2023 season should do so as soon as possible - reach out to your club for the registration link or to the Office if you are registering as Unattached
- Concussion Protocol Certificates (one time requirement) should be emailed to the Office to update to the member's record

USA Swimming Mobile App

- Download the USA Swimming Mobile App to your phone to check the status of your member requirements and to show proof of good standing to access the pool deck at meets

- Deck Pass no longer works!

2023 Registration Reimbursement

- [INDIVIDUAL REQUEST FOR OFFICIALS REGISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT](#)
- [CLUB REQUEST FOR OFFICIALS REGISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT](#)

Certification and administration: Tom DeBoissiere

The Official's Committee has decided to take USA Swimming up on its blanket recertification process during this time of transition.

This means that everybody's LSC certifications will be valid through 12/31/2023 instead of expiring on 12/31/2022. Tests and sessions have been put aside for this period.

The main reason for this is the status of OTS. It is still unworkable for LSCs to certify people individually with anything close to the required speed given the certification date, and would tie officials up scrambling to confirm requirements rather than working meets and officiating swimmers.

For the time being, new positions will still be managed by the list on the MSI website. Please keep using the apprentice spreadsheets to track sessions until further notice.

PLEASE NOTE -

This recertification extension DOES NOT release you from your APT, BGC, and CP obligations. These must be current to be on deck.

As OTS gains more functionality, we will review the situation, with a possible eye towards recertification later in the year. No decisions have been made yet.

Feel free to give a yell if questions.

Training: Michael Cleary

Starter Clinic 1/21/23

Once a month AO clinic scheduled- see web for details

Upcoming Starter and CJ clinic at BAAC facility: date and time TBD- will be posted

You make the call:

In a novice meet, a swimmer starts in the water. At the starter's buzzer, the swimmer pushes off on his back.

Is this legal in the following situations and what official makes what call?

1. 50-yard Backstroke?
2. 50-yard Breaststroke?
3. 50-yard Butterfly?
4. 50-yard Freestyle?

Rather than this occurring in a USAS meet, this occurs in a USMS Masters meet. Are the officials calls the same?

Answer next newsletter.

**Celebrations:****CONGRATULATIONS to... (From 10/7/2022 until 12/19/2022)**

<u>New Stroke and Turn</u> Timothy Carroll Devin Slesicki Jessica Campbell James West Jenifer West Eric Gonzalez Kurt Keller Jeff Young Jaimie Conley Anna Tomlinson Jean Phillipe Dumont Jesse Epperley Amanda Walker Yi Li Ann Louise Hardesty	<u>New Starter</u> Yoshim Johnson Jamie Stover <u>New Chief Judge</u> Yoshim Johnson	<u>New Administrative Official</u> Brenda Workmeister Michael Obara Kurt Keller Melissa Fisher <u>New Referee</u> Tom Schmidt Bryan Saxton
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Officials in Action:





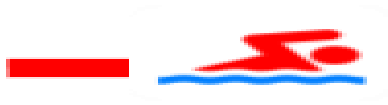


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Upcoming meets:

[Click here for the Meet page of Maryland Swimming](#)



Need some new officiating clothes?

Get your order: Portal is now [Open](#)

Please note the Official Standard Uniform. The Link is found under the Official Link on the Maryland Swimming Webpage.

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, Bermuda shorts/skorts or skirts which should be 1 inch and no more than 3 inches above the knee.

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

Headwear: For Outdoor venues Baseball Caps, Visonor or other Sun protection 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 is unacceptable.

Prelim/Final Events:

Prelims: Shorts/Skirts may be worn

Finals: Long pants for both men and women

Unacceptable Length as described by MDSI uniform standard:**Acceptable Length** as described by MDSI uniform standard



Officials Committee:

Doug Karr, Officials Chair

Jamie Cahn, Rules and Regulations Chair

Tom Matysek, Newsletter

Dave Ose, OTS Administrator -Meet Entry

Sophia Carliss – Athlete Representative

Greer Verheyen – Past Chair

Tom DeBoissiere, Credentialing & Administrative Chair

Michael Cleary, Wet Side Ombudsman & Training

Bob Johnson, Dry Side Ombudsman & YMCA Liaison

Jerilyn Dietch – Member at Large

Cheryl Linscott – Coaches Representative

