



## Pacific Swimming Official's Newsletter Spring 2019

### Notes from the Official's Committee

**Michael Davis, Pacific Swimming Officials Chair**

This is a quarterly newsletter that will highlight upcoming events, spotlight traveling officials, provide information regarding new rules, and notes from the Official's Committee.

### Upcoming Events:

April 20	10U Championships
May 3,4	CCS & NCS High School Championships
June 1-2	PLS Senior Open
June 6-9	International Meet at SCSC
June 22-23	PLS Senior Open

If you would like to apply to any of the above LSC Meets to be a Starter, Deck Referee, Chief Judge, Admin. Referee please go to the Pacific Swimming Website to check the Assignments for available positions. You can fill out an application on-line and send it to [mekidadad1@yahoo.com](mailto:mekidadad1@yahoo.com). You can also send any questions that you may have to me.

**Please note that the High School Championship Meets are assigned by the Zone Official's Chairs of that area.**

**Notes for Meet Referees (reminder):**

In speaking with various coaches, the Official's Committee has determined the following warm down times to be provided after the last event of the day. For any event that is 500 yards/400 meters or less the warm down will be 10 minutes. For events of 1000 yards/800 meters events the warm down will be 15 minutes. For the 1650 yard/1500 meter events the warm down will be 20 minutes. All Meet Referees are encouraged to notify the Meet Director/Lifeguard staff of the warm down times prior to the completion of the day's competition.

**Traveling Officials:**

Congratulations to Jeanette Soe and Gary Arita as they were accepted to the Officiating Team for the TYR Pro Series event in Des Moines Iowa, March 3-6. Also congratulations go to Leo Lin for being named the Head Starter for the Carlsbad Speedo Sectional Meet, Feb. 28 to March 3. Leo was joined by Marie who was also accepted to be a part of the Officiating Team as well as Paul Reidl and Julie Griffin. We also have Pacific Swimming Officials in leadership roles at Nationals and Junior Nationals. Jeanette Soe is the Head Starter at Juniors and MD is the Team Lead Chief Judge at Nationals in August!

**As a reminder, for those of you that would like to work at a National Meet, Junior National Meet, Pro Series, or Sectional Meets, the applications are on-line and you must apply. Please let me know if you have any questions in regards to the applications.**

**Please note that Nationals and Junior Nationals are both in our LSC at Stanford, July 31 to August 4 for Nationals and Aug. 6-10 for Juniors. They are looking for Officials with an N3 certification for the position that you apply for. Note that we have the Far Western Championship Meet as an Official's Qualifying Meet (OQM) at the beginning of April to obtain an evaluation!** We have two of our Pacific Swimming Officials in assigned positions for these two meets!

**Please remember that there is a stipend program in Pacific Swimming to help defray some of the costs of working a Meet outside of LSC. These meets include Sectional Meets, TYR Pro Series Events, Junior Nationals, Nationals and the US Open Meets. Please see the Official's page on the pacswim.org website for more information. (NOTE: there will be no stipends for the two meets at Stanford)**

As noted above, there are still openings for the upcoming LSC Meets for the remainder of this year's meets. Please fill out an application and send it to both your Zone Official's Chair and me.

### **How to become an Official:**

I am often asked what are the requirements to becoming an Official, and how to I get certified for other positions, i.e. Starter, Deck Referee, Chief Judge, etc. Hopefully the following information will help answer those questions:

First of all, please go to the [www.pacswim.org](http://www.pacswim.org) website. Go to the "Members" dropdown and then to "Officials". Review the **Benefits of Becoming an Official**.

Get started to becoming an Official by attending a Beginning Stroke and Turn Clinic in your Zone, or attend the LSC Official's Clinic in October. Each of the Zones holds various "mini clinics" throughout the year. Please reach out to your Zone Official's Chair for dates. Also, register with USA Swimming as a "non-Athlete Member". This must be done prior to receiving a certification from your Zone Chair. Once you have registered you will need to take the "on-line" Stroke and Turn Test. After registering, you will need to do a couple of things on-line. You will need to do the Athlete Protection Training as well as a Background Check. Go to the [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org) website, to the "For You" link and then to "Officials". You will find the links to the required items. After all of that, you will need to take the Concussion course on-line (State of California requirement). This link is found on the pacswim website.

Almost there! Now out to the pool! A beginning Official is advised to be a "Shadow" or "Trainee" Official (You do not need to be certified to be a shadow, but do need to be certified to be a Trainee). Go to the morning Official's meeting and inform the Meet Referee that you would like to shadow, or that you are a Trainee. They will direct you to the Chief Judge (organizes the Stroke and Turn Officials) who will pair you with an experienced Official. We recommend at least two to three Meets as a Trainee prior to being evaluated. The requirement is to be evaluated by two different Meet Referees at two different two-day Meets. With favorable evaluations, your Officiating career has begun! You are now certified as a Level One Stroke and Turn Official!

Again, thank you to all Pacific Swimming Officials for all of you work throughout the year! See you at a pool somewhere!

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