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The 2008-09 Short Course season is underway. Here are just a few items to help you get ready. All attachments included with this communication will be available on the ISI website www.ilswim.org under the officials tab.

We have a few changes in the makeup of the officials committee.

- (1) Thanks to Dave Olack for the leadership, dedication, and guidance he has provided the officials committee as chair these past several years. As noted in an earlier email, he and Lisa are moving to North Carolina. We will certainly miss their contributions.
- (2) Many thanks to Jim Audet for his contributions as a member of the officials committee these past several years! Jim has resigned from the committee but plans to remain active as an official and as a member of the Hinsdale Swim Club. Please drop him a line thanking him for his hard work and dedication to Illinois Swimming (jimaudet@aol.com).
- (3) We welcome Cathy Harris to the officials committee, effective 9/17 by action of the ISI board of directors! Cathy will be working with Bob Van Oost in the area of retention and recruitment.

(1) **Recertification FAQ** – By now you should have received information, both by e-mail and by snail mail, about the recertification process for 2009. This year you will be required to take the recertification test as part of the recertification process. Some of you may have questions regarding whether or not you need to take the test to recertify this year. Please see the attached document (Recertification FAQ.doc) that may help you decide. Essentially, if you took the test any time this year, you do not need to take it again (typically this applies to officials who either became newly certified or certified at a different position).

(2) **Recertification Clinics** – An alternative to the recertification test is attendance at a Recertification Clinic. You still have time to register to attend the clinic that will be held Saturday, October 4. The

clinic will be hosted by New Trier Swim Club at New Trier West High School Campus located at 7 Happ Road in Northfield. Check-in for the clinic will begin at 8:30 AM with the session starting promptly at 9:00 AM. The clinic is expected to be completed by 12:00 PM. 3 CEUs will be given for referees who attend. To sign up, please send an email to the ISI office at ilswimoffice@sbcglobal.net indicating your planned attendance, your current certification level, and preferred contact number. There is no fee but you must pre-register 1 week prior to the clinic. Anyone who has signed up for the 10/4 clinic should have received a confirmation email from the ISI office – if not, please contact them immediately.

(3) **Minnesota Grand Prix** – The 2008-09 Grand Prix kicks off in November 2008 in Minneapolis, MN. The Grand Prix offers interested officials the opportunity to “walk-on” the national deck. It is also a great opportunity to be evaluated for advancement. Applications and requests for evaluation are attached.

(4) **Hytek** - Are you as comfortable as you would like to be running the computer at meets? Well here is your opportunity to learn more about Hytek and setting up meets. For a free tutorial go to http://hytekltd.com/swim/eLessons_for_Swimming.html.

(5) **Training Clinics** - Do you have new parents just jumping at the opportunity to join us on deck? Then share information about the officials training clinics that are still available for both new and advancing officials.

All levels will be offered at each clinic. All training clinics begin at 8:30 AM.

- Saturday, October 25 hosted by West Chicago Sharks at West Chicago High School located at 326 Joliet Street in West Chicago.
- Saturday, November 1 hosted by New Trier Swim Club at New Trier West High School Campus located at 7 Happ Road in Northfield.
- Sunday, November 2, 2008 hosted by Champaign County YMCA HEAT at Champaign County McKinley YMCA located at 510 W. Church Street in Champaign.

Register by completing the appropriate Registration Form found on the Illinois Swimming Website at www.ilswim.org and click on the Officials tab at the top of the home page. Send the completed form with the fee no later than one week prior to the selected clinic.

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