

Greetings! We hope you are enjoying the Olympic Time Trials! It is time for another ISI Officials Update!

This email covers the following topics:

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(1) ISI Officials Committee Changes

Dave Olack will be moving to North Carolina later this year, and as such, will be stepping down as the ISI Officials Chair. Rome Yount was appointed by Jane Grosser, General Chair and confirmed by the ISI Board of Directors to replace him, with both serving as co-chairs for the remainder of the long course season. Concurrent with the re-election of the ISI General Chair, the term of the current officials committee is also up. We would like to thank all members of the officials committee for their hard work and contributions over the past 2 years. Their efforts have helped us to continue progress on officials training, to establish the current set of ISI Officials' policies and procedures, to support staffing of championship meets, and to enhance the communications to officials. Please join us in thanking our outgoing members:

- Carla Murray swim2soccermom@sbcglobal.net
- Fred Pigott fpigott@ameritech.net
- Jim Williams jameswilli@gmail.com
- Jim Wing cincowings@yahoo.com

Drop them a line - I'm sure they'd love to hear from you!

The following officials have been asked and agreed to serve on the committee. Please join us in welcoming:

- Jim Audet (returning)
- Eric Peterson (returning)
- Cyndi Alexander
- Steve Mitchell
- Bonnie Quinn
- Bob Van Oost
- John Schulte

Once Rome was selected as Dave's replacement, he and Dave met and identified potential candidates for the committee. Candidates considered for the committee have demonstrated a strong commitment to Illinois Swimming and excellence as officials. After the candidates were identified, they were reviewed with Bob Welch, who is responsible for the Officials Committee as Vice-Chair for Program Operations, and then with Jane Grosser, the ISI General Chair.

(2) Age Group and Senior Champs Officials Signup

There is always a need for officials at our championship meets. If you're going to be at either/both LC champs meet, please bring your navy and whites and join us! Whether it is just to pop in during the officials briefing to say hi (and grab a cup of coffee) or you found that circumstances at the last moment have brought you to the champs meet, dress up and join us! We'll find a place on deck for you - and it doesn't matter if you've been a trained official for 1 month or 1 decade! Not only is the championship meet deck a great place to hone your skill as an official and support our swimmers, it is also a great place to revitalize existing friendships and

to forge new ones. After all ... you never know when you'll be asking someone to help you out at your next meet!

Of course, if you are planning to be at either/both champ meets, please let us know by filling out the application to officiate! This will help us plan the meet and help overall logistics.

And yes, we will have complimentary ISI Meet shirts this year for those working more than half of the sessions at either of the Long Course Championship Meets. The shirts will be embroidered with the new ISI logo.

Application to officiate Sr Champs:

<http://www.ilswim.org/officials/SR%20LC%20Champ%20App%2008.pdf>

Application to officiate Age Group Champs:

<http://www.ilswim.org/officials/AG%20LC%20Champ%20App%2008.pdf>

Both meets have been approved as National Qualifying meets. For Senior Champs, Dan McAllen, North Texas Swimming and current USA Swimming Officials Committee member will be our evaluator.

(3) Recertification Clinics - Save the Date!

As a reminder, this is a recertification year, and you may recertify by taking the on-line test for your certification level or attending a recertification clinic. Recertification clinics are currently planned for:

Sunday, September 21, Bloomington , IL

Saturday, October 4, New Trier High School

We are working on a 3rd clinic - more information including signup process will be shared in July

(4) Training Clinics

Recruit a new official for your team! Add a new certification! Current training clinics are noted below, with more to be scheduled.

- Saturday, October 25 at West Chicago High School

(5) Speedo Championship Meet in WI can use our help

The Speedo Championship Meet at Brown Deer Wisconsin is looking for assistance on deck.

The meet is on Thursday, July 17 through Sunday, July 20 at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center , 9250 North Green Bay Rd , Brown Deer, WI. The meet is a National Qualifying Meet.

More information is available at this website:

http://www.centralzones.org/meetinfo/meetinfo_2008_sec1_summer.pdf. Please consider helping out - send an email to Bill Rose (cbrose@omsoft.com) and let him know if you can help - whether it is 1 session or more.

Thank you for your continuing support and dedication to swimming in Illinois !

See you on deck!

Dave Olack

Rome Yount

ISI Officials Committee Co-Chairs