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Greetings! The Summer Olympic Games have concluded and I hope that all of you enjoyed the swimming portion as much as I did. School is back in session and we are gearing up for another swim season. Please note that our primary vehicles of communication are e-mail and the Illinois Swimming website at www.ilswim.org. The Officials tab will lead you to information about upcoming clinics, registration, on-deck tools, contact information for fellow officials and much more. In the coming year I will attempt to bring the highlights to your attention via a monthly e-mail but between communications, refer to the website updates.

(1) Officials Renewal Process - As we look forward to 2009, this is an "odd" year in which each of us needs to recertify as part of the renewal process. The attached document provides the details for recertification. In addition, all officials will receive the information in the mail. The process is:

- (a) Complete the USA Swimming 2009 Non-Athlete Registration application including the annual fee <http://www.ilswim.org/forms/2009%20Application%20-%20Non-athlete.pdf>
- (b) Complete the Illinois Swimming Officials Annual Registration Application
- (c) Provide documentation of your session recertification requirements
- (d) Do either: (1) Take the relevant on-line test with a score of 80% or more; or (2) attend a recertification clinic
- (e) The ISI office will process your 2009 membership and send your officials credentials approximately 3 weeks after receipt

(2) Recertification Clinics - Due to its past popularity, we are again offering Recertification Clinics that you can attend in lieu of the testing. Those clinics are:

- o Sunday, September 21 hosted by Bloomington-Normal Swim Club at State Farm Training Facility located at 2309 Ea. Oakland Avenue in Bloomington
- o Saturday, October 4 hosted by New Trier Swim Club at New Trier West High School Campus located at 7 Happ Road in Northfield

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Check-in for the recertification clinics will begin at 8:30 AM with the sessions starting promptly at 9:00 AM. Clinics are 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. There is no fee but you must pre-register as facility security requires a list of attendees prior to the clinic. Cut-off for sign-up is 1 week prior to the clinic.

(3) Training Clinics – for new judges and advancement opportunities. All levels will be offered at each clinic. All training clinics begin at 8:30 AM.

- o Sunday, September 21 hosted by the Maverick Swim Club at Naperville Central High School located at 4440 W. Aurora Avenue in Naperville.
- o Saturday, October 25 hosted by West Chicago Sharks at West Chicago High School located at 326 Joliet Street in West Chicago.
- o 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.

It is not too early to start thinking about hosting a Spring 2009 Clinic! The sooner we secure dates and locations, the earlier we can get the word out, and the more new officials we can add to our ranks. Applications to host a clinic can be found on the website.

More to come soon! See you on deck!

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