



## **OFFICIALS BULLETIN – February 2018**

### MESSAGE FROM THE OCRC CHAIR – Suzanne Paulins

I am pleased to introduce you to the OCRC committee, effective January 1, 2018:

Vice-chair – Bill Hogan – Newfoundland

FINA delegate – Louise Leblanc – Quebec

UANA delegates (Open Water) – Nicole Normandin – Quebec; David De Vlieger – Alberta

Para-swimming appointee – Jocelyne McLean - Quebec

BC appointee – Sheila Nelson

AB appointee – Rob Farmer

MB/SK appointee – Jim Fleury

ON appointee – Paul Corkum

QC appointee – Cynthia Pincott

NB/NS/NFLD/PEI appointee – Maggie Middleton

The first official OCRC meeting was held on February 1, 2018 and several sub-working/advisory groups have been established to continue moving officiating forward across Canada, both locally and nationally.

### FINA & CANADIAN RULEBOOK

The updated Canadian Rulebook has been delayed while Swimming Canada continues to work on finalizing the changes and reviewing impact with the PSOs, specific to the Facility Rules. A working group, consisting of PSOs, technical experts and staff, has been formed to review the existing facility rules and develop recommendations for facility rules and guidelines to be effective September 1, 2018, with the intent to share those rules and guidelines in the coming months. At this time, competitions within Canada are to be run using the SW FINA rules issued as of September 21, 2017, in combination with the CSW rules found in the 2013 Edition of the Swimming Canada Rules and those CGR and CSW rules shared through the Swimming Canada Rule Memorandums 1 & 2, in September 2017. All documents can be found [here](#).

### E-LEARNING CLINICS

We are excited to announce the launch of the first two Official's clinics online. The Introduction to Swimming Clinic and Safety Marshal Clinic are now available to be taken online. The clinics can be found [HERE](#). Any questions may be directed to [education@swimming.ca](mailto:education@swimming.ca) for support or assistance.



## PARA-SWIMMING OFFICIATING CLINICS

Para-swimming officiating clinics will be offered at the Canadian Swimming Championships in Montreal, Eastern Canadian Swimming Championships in Windsor and at the Western Canadian Swimming Championships in Victoria. Registration for all clinics can be found [HERE](#).

## FINA OPEN WATER SCHOOL

Canada will play host to a FINA Open Water Officials School, April 28-29, 2018 in Montreal, Quebec. Officials were asked to submit their declaration of interest in December to attend this event. Congratulations to the following officials who will be attending in April: Nicole Normandin, Carole Thomas, Guy Fagnan, Daniel Leduc, Lyse Tremblay, Wendy McCutcheon, Mary Jane Smith, Bill Morrison, Louise Leblanc, Francois Desmarais, Charlie Carrier, Sylvie Potvin, and Benoit Tasse.

## LEVEL V OFFICIALS

Congratulations to the following new Level 5 Officials:

- Andrew Henneberry, NS
- Michael Zuraw, ON
- Stephanie Ketchin, AB
- Rob Farmer, AB