



OFFICIALS BULLETIN – June 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE OCRC CHAIR – Suzanne Paulins

The last 6 months have been very busy for the OCRC. Several working committees have been established to create tools and resources to support the development of officials across the country. A few of the items the working groups have been tasked with include: developing a framework to provide clarity on how senior official positions are assigned at national events; developing a consistent approach to evaluations at national meets for referees and starters; establishing a framework for international assignments and nominations; and the development of a national evaluation tool for Level 4 and 5 evaluations. The working groups have included OCRC members, but in some cases have also included officials identified by their provincial swimming office (PSO) to participate. The goal will be to share all new tools and frameworks at the OCRC in-person meetings with the Provincial Officials Chairs, in October 2018.

FINA & CANADIAN RULEBOOKS

The FINA and Canadian Rulebooks are now in and orders have been filled and sent to the PSOs for distribution.

The Swimming Canada Rulebook 2018-2021, is the rulebook in effect for all competitions in Canada. It is available in hardcopy and also online [here](#).

SWIMMING CANADA FACILITY RULES AND GUIDELINES

As communicated in late April 2018, Swimming Canada has finalized the new Swimming Canada Facility Rules and Guidelines. These facility rules come in to effect as of September 1, 2018, until that time, the Facility Rules found in the 2013 Swimming Canada Rulebook are in effect. The new Facility Rules and Guidelines can be found [here](#).

E-LEARNING CLINICS

The Introduction to Swimming Officiating Clinic and Safety Marshal Clinic continue to be available to be taken online. The clinics can be found [here](#). Additional clinics will become available over the 2018/19 season.

CLINIC UPDATING PROCEDURE

Thank you to all those who, through their PSOs, provided suggested updates and feedback to the official's clinics shared on the Swimming Canada website. Swimming Canada has reviewed all feedback and is in the process of updating the clinics for the beginning of the 2018/19 season.



BACKSTROKE LEDGES

As stated in rule SW 6.1 "... When using a backstroke ledge at the start, the toes of both feet must be in contact with the end wall or face of the touchpad...". In recent years at national meets, Inspectors of Turns have been asked to look at the toes of swimmers and indicate to the starter that their swimmer did not have toes of both feet in contact with the pad and a warning to swimmers to abide by this rule has been given. Beginning in the 2018/19 season, warnings will not be provided to swimmers when their toes are not in contact with the touchpad during all national meets. Ledges have been in use for several years now and so the warnings given at national events will no longer be provided.

LEVEL V OFFICIALS

Congratulations to the following new Level 5 Officials:

Katherine McQuaid, PEI	May Loo, ON
DJ Welton, PEI	Stephen Sachs, ON
Jocelyn Jay, ON	Susanna Chan, ON
Bud Seawright, ON	Gayle Pollock, ON
Derek Olsen, ON	Tym Barker, ON
Harry Shardlow, ON	

INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENTS

Congratulations to the following FINA and WPS officials who were selected to attend major international events, over the spring and summer, as representatives of Swimming Canada.

UANA Open Water Championships	Grand Caymans	Guy Fagnan
WPS World Series	Berlin, Germany	Jeff Holmes
WPS World Series	Sheffield, England	Glennis Mossey
Pan Pac Championships	Tokyo, Japan	Joan Butler
Pan Pac Championships	Tokyo, Japan	Peter Burke
Junior Pan Pac Championships	Suva, Fiji	Kelly Garagan
Para Pan Pac Championships	Cairn, Australia	Jocelyne McLean
14 th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)	Hangzhou, China	Suzanne Paulins

CONGRATULATIONS

Special congratulations to Bill Hogan on receiving the ACA (Aquatics Canada Aquatiques) 2017 Officials Award of Excellence. This is awarded to an individual who has made contributions to the aquatic sports in the role of an official or referee and is given based on the individual's demonstrated ability to assist in the development of officials /referees in the sport, including grass roots and high performance officials.

It is wonderful to see Bill's work recognized in this way. Congratulations Bill!