



## **OFFICIALS BULLETIN – February 2019**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE OCRC CHAIR – Suzanne Paulins**

As we head in to February, March and April we will all be on deck working at many competitions at varying levels, from developmental to regional, provincial and university championship meets, to the national events in April. As officials, we have the unique privilege to be on the deck to assist in creating an optimal environment for our swimmers to excel. Swimmers and their coaches are working very hard day in and day out preparing for competition, and as officials we are there not only to judge the rules of swimming but, to also create an environment where our swimmers can succeed. The Competition Coordinator or Meet Referee will lead the officials team, assigning roles and communicating not only with the officials coming to work the meet but also with the coaches. The Meet Referee is instrumental in setting the tone of the meet. It isn't always easy, and there can be disagreements and bumps along the way, but if all officials stay true to the rules, always allowing for the benefit of the doubt to the swimmer, and maintain an effective partnership with our coaches at the competitions, we are sure to create an optimal environment for our swimmers, which at the end of the day, is why we are all here.

### **SWIMMING CANADA FACILITY RULES AND GUIDELINES**

As shared in the December 2018 bulletin a reminder that as part of the Swimming Canada Facility Rules and Guidelines, a standard language for inclusion in all meet packages was created. Meet Managers and Competition Coordinators/Meet Referees must ensure this language is included in every meet package.

#### **Wording for Meet Packages**

*The following language must be included in all Meet Packages for meets sanctioned across Canada (when competitions are double ended, more than one of the below may be included to distinguish between ends):*

*Starts will be conducted from Starting Platforms (blocks) as per FINA FR 2.3 and SW 4.1;*

*and/or*

*Starts will be conducted from the Deck or Bulkhead as per Canadian Facility Rule CFR 2.3.1 and CSW 4.1.1;*

*and/or*

*In-water starts will be conducted as per Canadian Facility Rule CFR 2.3.1 and CSW 4.1.2.*

### **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](#).

We are also excited to announce that the e-learning Chief Timer Clinic will be available online starting the week of February 11<sup>th</sup> through the same link as above.



## PARA-SWIMMING OFFICIATING

### WPS International Appointments:

- Sheila Guenther, Technical Delegate at the World Series in Indianapolis, USA - April 4 to 6, 2019
- Jocelyne Mc Lean, Jeff Holmes, Charles Montpetit, Sheila Guenther and Simon Merkosky, Technical Officials at the Para Pan American Games in Lima, Peru - August 23 to September 1, 2019
- Glennis Mossey, Technical Official at the WPS World Championship – date and location to be confirmed

### WPS Approval and WPS World and Regional Records

Please review the steps below to request WPS approval when para swimmers are participating at a competition. For most competitions, when para swimmers are integrated with able-bodied swimmers, it is usually not necessary to have a WPS approval.

1. Complete the [request form](#) for WPS approval at least 2 months prior the beginning of your meet, and send it to Amanda Zevnik at Swimming Canada; there is a fee of 80 Euros to request a WPS approval.
2. Para swimmers must be classified at the international level (if internationally classified swimmers are not participating in the meet – a WPS approval is not required).
3. Para swimmer(s) must be judged under WPS rules.
4. Para swimmer must have C or R with a review date sport class status in order for WPS record(s) to be ratified.
5. To ratify a World WPS record (only), anti doping testing is mandatory at the meet (it is not necessary for the para swimmer who broke the record to be tested for doping).
6. WPS record requests must be made within 15 days of the conclusion of the meet; if submitted late to WPS, records will not be ratified.
7. It is not necessary to have a WPS approval to have Canadian para swimming records ratified.

## PARA-SWIMMING OFFICIATING CLINICS

Para-swimming officiating clinics will be offered at the Canadian Swimming Trials in Toronto and at the Western Canadian Swimming Championships in Edmonton. Registration for all clinics can be found [here](#).

## CANADIAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING TRIALS

As noted in the December 2018 bulletin, the Canadian Open Water Swimming Trials will be held in the Cayman Islands on April 27, 2019. The National Meet Referee for this event is yet to be confirmed. Any official interested in attending the Open Water Trails in the Cayman Islands is encouraged to attend. If interested, please email Suzanne Paulins at [spaulins@swimming.ca](mailto:spaulins@swimming.ca). Please note there is no funding available from Swimming Canada to support travel to the national event. The meet package can be found [here](#).



## FINA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

The FINA World Masters Championships will be taking place in Gwangju, South Korea, August 5-18, 2019. This 7-day competition could see between 6,000 and 8,000 competitors, with sessions lasting upwards of 10 hours per day. There will be 30 National Technical Officials (NTOs) selected divided between all the Masters disciplines of Water Polo, Diving, Artistic Swimming, Open Water, and Pool swimming. FINA will make their selections based on need in each of the disciplines and as such there is no guarantee of any nominated swimming official being chosen. FINA will also ensure a fair distribution of officials between Federations with a Continental balance. There is no guarantee that any expenses would be covered for this event.

Any Swimming Canada Level 5 registered official interested in being nominated to attend this competition must complete the application and have it submitted to the Swimming Canada office by Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 4:00pm EST, in order to be considered for nomination.

If interested, please reach out to Suzanne Paulins at [spaulins@swimming.ca](mailto:spaulins@swimming.ca) for the application form prior to the application deadline for submission by Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 4:00pm EST.

## LEVEL V OFFICIALS

Congratulations to the following new Level 5 Officials, certified since December 2018:

Clarissa Salinas Moldawa (ON)

Patrick Collins (QC)

## INTERNATIONAL FINA NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to the following FINA Pool and Open Water officials who have been nominated to FINA for FINA List #20 (pool) and FINA List #13 (open water) for appointments from January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022.

### FINA List #20 (Pool)

Paul Corkum – Referee

Rob Fillion – Referee

Cynthia Pincott – Referee

Glenn Greig – Starter

Julie Guay – Starter

Louise Leblanc – Referee – FINA TSC

### FINA List #13 (Open Water)

Francois Desmarais

Guy Fagnan

Lyse Tremblay

Any questions regarding information found in this bulletin may be directed to [questions@swimming.ca](mailto:questions@swimming.ca)