

OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER



REFEREE PD DAY

The Referee PD Day was held in Canmore Sunday, September 28 2019 as part of the last day of the Swim Alberta Conference. Thank you very much to everyone who attended and to the Alberta Officials & Competitions Committee (AOCC) for their presentation on aligning best practices for Referee's.

During the Aligning Best Practices session Referee's discussed the direction Alberta Officials would take to ensure that Officiating whether it be in a small town or the big city it is the same across the board.

To see what was discussed and the practices that will be seen moving forward for the 2019-2020 swim year you can view the notes on our webpage under resources [here](#).

SWIM ALBERTA NEWS

Safe Sport

Swim Alberta has taken the pledge to create a safe sporting environment both in and out of the pool for everyone involved. If you see something, say something.

To learn more about Safe Sport and watch the video please visit our webpage here: <https://swimalberta.ca/safesport/>

Swim Alberta Briefing Guidelines UPDATED

The Swim Alberta Briefing Guidelines have been updated, specifically information regarding the Backstroke Ledges. Please review the updated notes on our website under resources [here](#).

SWIMMING CANADA

Swimming Canada Officials Bulletin

The October Officials Bulletin is now available. You can view it [here](#). A few highlights from the bulletin are listed below.

Open Water Officials Clinic

The Swimming Canada Level I Open Water Clinic is now available. You can find the link inside the Officials Bulletin. They are currently working on updating the Level 2 & 3 Open Water Clinics and will have them posted when completed. For officials interested in participating in FINA Open Water Schools, which is a requirement for the future, FINA Open Water nomination, details can be found on the FINA website.

Officiating and Non-Swimming Canada Approved or Sanctioned Events

As volunteers and officials, you may be asked to assist at events that are not with Swimming Canada affiliated clubs and/ or may not be Swimming Canada sanctioned competitions or approved events, this may include high school swim meets, masters' meets (offered through other organizations) and Special Olympic events. As a volunteer it is important to understand the meet you are working at and who the governing body is for the event.

The Swimming Canada Certificate of Insurance* is only valid for Swimming Canada events and approved activities. If you have any questions on whether an event is a Swimming Canada or Swim Alberta event please contact the Swim Alberta office at 780-415-1780.

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CLINICS

Para Clinic

Para Clinics are hosted by request through Swim Alberta. If you are interested in this clinic please contact megan@swimalberta.ca to be put on the waitlist.

Note from Swimming Canada: Swimming Canada is currently working with World Para Swimming (WPS) to have the Swimming in-person Para Officials clinic approved as a WPS Level 2 Clinic. If successful, all those who have taken the in-person clinic since January 1 2018*, would be given credit. In order to be considered a Level 2 Official, the IPC Introduction to Para Sport, found in the Swimming Canada Officials October Bulletin, and the WPS Technical Officials on-line para-swimming clinic also need to be completed. More details will be provided from Swimming Canada as they become available.

*The January 1 2018 date only applies to international level officials and does not impact officiating at domestic level competitions.

Hosting Clinics

All clinic's hosted by a club or individual must be reported to Swim Alberta in advance. Please fill out the [Online Clinic Information Form](#) on our website and follow the Officials Clinic Reporting Guide found on our website to make sure your clinic is properly registered. If you have any questions about hosting a clinic or what to do after, please contact megan@swimalberta.ca

Looking to Instruct a Clinic?

Swim Alberta is currently looking for officials who would like to instruct a couple of clinics in Calgary (dates are flexible):

- Clerk of Course
- Meet Manager
- Recorder-Scorer

If anyone is either interested in being evaluated or just instructing please contact megan@swimalberta.ca

MEETS

Swim Alberta Provincial Level Meets

Swim Alberta will put out a call for Referee's and Starters prior to the meets. If you are interested in officiating in any other capacity at these meets please visit the Swimming Canada website below and contact the Meet Manager or Officials Chair.

<https://www.swimming.ca/en/events-results/live-upcoming-meets/where>.

How to Register for a National Meet

If you've wanted to officiate at a National Swim Meet either in Alberta or elsewhere all meets can be found on the Swimming Canada Website under Events. After selecting the National Meet, you are interested in there will be a link to an Officials Form which you may then use to apply for the meet. For guidelines on Officiating at National Meets there are two documents of interest on the Swimming Canada Website under Resources – Officiating – Tools and Resources – Selection of Senior Officials for Swimming Canada National Competitions and National Meets – Officials Progression.

Deck Log

The Swimming Canada National Database now has a deck log section for you to keep track of your deck experience. Officials are able to do this themselves on their accounts. It's a great way to know what you have done and where.

JOKE OF THE SEASON

Q: Why should you never swim on a full stomach?

A: Because it's easier to swim in water!

ALBERTA OFFICIALS AND COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Thank you to all our committee members for their continued hard work and volunteering their time for Swimming in Alberta!

Jennifer Flowers - Chair

Doug Bird

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