

OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER



INTERPRETATIONS

Backstroke Finishes and Interpretation

There have been different interpretations regarding swimmers being submerged at the finish of the backstroke race. SW 6.3 states "Some part of the swimmer must break the surface of the water throughout the race." The race is completed once the swimmer touches the wall therefore some part of the swimmer must be on the surface of the water at the touch.

OFFICIALS BULLETIN

For Swimming Canada's June Officials Bulletin Please go here:
[June 2019](#)

SWIM ALBERTA NEWS

PD Day (Formerly Referee Retreat)

Formally known as the Referee Retreat, the Referee Professional Development Day will be held this year in conjunction with the **Swim Alberta AGM and Conference in Canmore, AB at the Coast Hotel**. The Referee PD Day will take place **Sunday, September 29th 9am-3pm**. **More information is to come in the following weeks so please watch your emails.**

Change of Swim Alberta Staff

Lindsay English has left Swim Alberta and as of May 2019 Megan Narsing has taken over her duties regarding Officials and Clinics. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your Officials credentials, clinics, courses or general inquiries please contact her at megan@swimalberta.ca

CALL FOR OFFICIALS

Canadian Junior Championships

The 2019 Canadian Junior Championships will be held in Calgary, Alberta, July 24-28. We are looking for officials to fill Junior and Senior level positions around the pool deck.

Officiating at this meet is a great opportunity to gain experience at a national-level meet as well and to connect and reconnect with other officials from across Canada.

We are especially looking for officials during the Open Water and weekday Preliminary Sessions. Thank you in advance for volunteering and your support.

Please go to:

<https://www.swimming.ca/en/events-results/events/2019-canadian-junior-championships/>

Canadian Swimming Championships

The 2019 RBC Canadian Swimming Championships will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 8-11 August. We are looking for officials to fill intermediate and senior level positions around the pool deck.

This meet provides a great opportunity for those who would like to gain experience at a national-level meet as well as an opportunity to meet and reconnect with other officials from across Canada.

Why not plan your summer getaway around this meet? Your support by volunteering would be greatly appreciated!!

Please go to:

<https://www.swimming.ca/en/events-results/events/2019-canadian-swimming-championships/>

CLINICS

Open Water Officials Clinic

The Level 1 Open Water Officials clinic is available on the Swimming Canada Website here, and is also available through your Alberta (or Provincial Section). This clinic should be given in-person by an experienced Open Water official.

The Level 2 and 3 Open Water Clinics are currently undergoing revisions. As soon as they are complete and have been translated, they will be added to the website and will be available through the Provincial Sections. If you have any questions on the Open Water clinics, who can deliver them, or require any assistance, please email questions@swimming.ca for help.

An in-person Level 1 Open Water Clinic will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Junior Championships in Calgary, Alberta, on Saturday, July 27, 2019 between heats and finals. If you are interested in participating in this clinic, please complete the following:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4742031>

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

MEETS

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.

Placement of Officials for Swim Alberta Designated Competitions

The [Placement of Officials Document](#) has been updated on the Officials Resources Page. Swim Alberta will put out a call directly to referees and to the Club Official Administrators for starters to confirm interest and availability.

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.

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

Patti Clarkson

Rob Farmer

Lockie Lister

Don Smith

JOKE OF THE SEASON

Q: How do people swimming in the ocean say HI to each other?

A: They wave!