



OFFICIALS BULLETIN – OCTOBER 2017

Thank you to all officials across the country for your volunteerism over the 2016/17 swim season. As officials, we continue to strive toward providing all swimmers with the opportunity to achieve success in the pool. From the giving of time, to creating a great racing environment on deck, we continue to work together so all swimmers and coaches can excel.

MESSAGE FROM THE OCRC CHAIR – BILL HOGAN

This brief Officials Bulletin at the beginning of the swim year will update us all on the progress made by members of the OCRC in a number of critical areas relating to the education of Officials. Some of the work completed by members of the OCRC and Swimming Canada Technical Staff members include the finalization of all Officials clinics. So all 10 of our national clinics have now been updated and will coincide with the new rules and procedures that have come into play with the revision of the new Canadian Rulebook.

The National Certification Pathway has also been completed over the past few months and is in place now for all our provincial officials to adopt at the local level. There has also been an E-Learning launch this past spring, and it is still a work in progress after our soft launch. There is still work ongoing with hopefully completion in the coming year. And finally, the new Canadian Rulebook is nearing completion, and will be translated and sent on for publication early in the new year.

Kudos and recognition go out to those members of the OCRC and Staff members who worked long and hard over a number of months this past year to make such progress in these and other areas of vital concern for Officials.

NATIONAL OFFICIALS CLINICS

All Officials clinics have now been updated for a nationally consistent delivery. The clinics can be found [HERE](#), and are also available through each Provincial office for delivery.

NATIONAL CLINIC UPDATING PROCEDURE

A process and procedure has been finalized in order to ensure the National Officials clinics are updated yearly based on rule changes and feedback received from the Provincial offices. The procedure can be found [HERE](#).

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION PATHWAY

The update of the National Certification Pathway has been completed and can be found [HERE](#).



FINA RULE CHANGES & UPDATED CANADIAN RULEBOOK

Memorandums were provided by Bill Hogan, chair of the OCRC, on the FINA rule changes and upcoming Canadian rulebook changes. Those memos can be found [HERE](#).

The updated Canadian rulebook, including Para-swimming rules, is targeted to be completed and published by early 2018. The final updates are being completed now, following which translation will take place.

NATIONAL OFFICIALS SYMPOSIUM

The National Officials Symposium will take place in Toronto, November 4-5, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Airport hotel. Agenda items to include: updated Canadian rulebook; rule interpretations; national competition improvement plan update/review; updated certification pathway and clinics; and a panel discussion with officials attending international competitions. Registration information can be found [HERE](#).

E-LEARNING LAUNCH

After a soft launch of the Introduction to Swimming e-learning clinic in the Spring of 2017, an updated version has just been finalized capturing the content feedback provided. Swimming Canada is working with our service provider to also ensure any technical glitches are corrected and hope to have the Introduction to Swimming and Safety Marshal e-learning clinics launched in October 2017.

COMPETITION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2017/18 season will be the second year into Swimming Canada's Competition Improvement Plan for National Event delivery. A review of the National events took place following the end of the 2017 season and included feedback received from coaches, through a survey completed by the CSCTA, and meet summary reports completed by the National Meet Directors and National Meet Referees. An overview of changes to the 2017/18 national meets and preliminary meet information can be found [HERE](#).

PARA-SWIMMING TRAINING:

As more and more meets have para-swimming integrated events, at the club, provincial and national level, ensuring we have trained para-officials becomes very important. Swimming Canada will look to provide in-person educational opportunities for para-swimming at our national meets throughout the year. All level 5 officials are encouraged to take the IPC Introduction to Para Sport, found [HERE](#) and the World Para Swimming Technical Officials on-line para-swimming clinic, found [HERE](#). There is a cost of €53.50 for the WPS Technical Officials on-line clinic.



NATIONAL MEET SCHEDULE & DOMESTIC OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	NATIONAL MEET DIRECTOR	NATIONAL MEET REFEREE
Canadian Swimming Championships	April 5-8, 2018	Montreal	Lyne Laprade	Rob Filion
Eastern Championships	April 12-15, 2018	Windsor	Paul Corkum	Dave Shewfelt
Western Championships	April 12-15, 2018	Victoria	Larry Chrobot	Jim Fleury
Canadian Swimming Trials	July 18-22, 2018	Edmonton	Cynthia Pincott	Louise Leblanc
Canadian Junior Championships	July 25-30, 2018	Winnipeg	Nicole Parent	Daryle Martin

The Canadian Swimming Championships, Eastern Canadian Championships, Western Canadian Championships and Canadian Swimming Trials will include integrated para-swimming events.

CANADIAN RECORD APPLICATIONS

A new application form has been created to allow for online applications. The online form and the instructions can be found on the Swimming Canada website [HERE](#). Applications can still be made using the PDF form and mailed in or emailed to natloffice@swimming.ca.

LEVEL V OFFICIALS

Congratulations to these new Level V officials (since April 2017):

- Sarah Marshall (QC)
- Jean-François Martin (QC)
- Chris Alexiuk (MB)
- Susan Wog (MB)
- Paul Sostar (ON)
- Michelle Neilson (MB)
- Kim Padington (BC)
- Craig Dwyer (ON)