



OFFICIALS BULLETIN – June 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE OCRC CHAIR – Suzanne Paulins

The 2018/19 swimming season is flying by and we are nearing the end of the season for some programs and will be heading into the summer championship season in the coming few months. You will find information on officiating at our summer national meets in the bulletin below. I encourage you to volunteer at one of the national meets if you can, it is a great opportunity to learn and grow and experience our sport at the national level.

As always, officials need to be professional, act with integrity and to the rules of the sport, keeping in mind that the benefit of the doubt always goes to the swimmer. We are not there to disqualify swimmers, we are there to support their development, judge according to the rules and provide a great competitive environment for our swimmers to succeed.

E-LEARNING CLINICS

The Chief Timer, Introduction to Swimming Officiating Clinic, and Safety Marshal Clinic continue to be available to be taken online. The clinics can be found [here](#).

The Clerk of Course clinic will be launched in the coming weeks through the Learning Management System and will be found through the link above.

UPCOMING SWIMMING CANADA NATIONAL EVENTS

Canadian Junior Championships, Calgary, Alberta – July 24-29, 2019. Officials interested in officiating at this event, should complete the following form and submit as soon as possible.

<https://form.jotform.com/SwimOntario/Juniors2019>

Canadian Swimming Championships, Winnipeg, Manitoba – August 8-11, 2019. Officials interested in officiating at this event can find the officials form [here](#).

As a reminder, the National Officials Progression resource, can be found [here](#). All levels of officials are encouraged to work and support every level of national meet as an opportunity to develop personally and to mentor other officials.

CANADIAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING TRIALS

Swimming Canada hosted a very successful inaugural Canadian Open Water Swimming Trials in the Cayman Islands on April 27, 2019. Swimming Canada partnered with the Cayman Island Swimming Association to host the 10km event and officials from both Canada and the Caymans participated. You can find more information on the event through the Swimming Canada website [here](#), there are also some great pictures from the event that can be found on Swimming Canada's Facebook page. Thank you to all those Canadian officials who officiated at the event!

OPEN WATER OFFICIALS CLINICS

The Level 1 Open Water Officials clinic is available on the Swimming Canada website [here](#), and is also available through your 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>

TIMING MALFUNCTIONS

Officials may have seen recent reporting/news regarding timing malfunctions at high-profile international events, most recently during the British Swimming Championships in Glasgow. These malfunctions are easily avoided and can be caught by meet managers, electronics operators and starters. Most commonly these errors are caused by misconfiguration of the Normally Open (N.O.)/Normally Closed (N.C) setting between the starting unit and the timing console.

Almost every timing system has a configurable setting on the starting and timing console. The starting system and timing console must match in order to get accurate results. As an example see the Daktronics start below. The user manuals for Quantum, Daktronics and Colorado are an important resource and a proper understanding of the system is needed by meet managers, electronics operators, and starters.

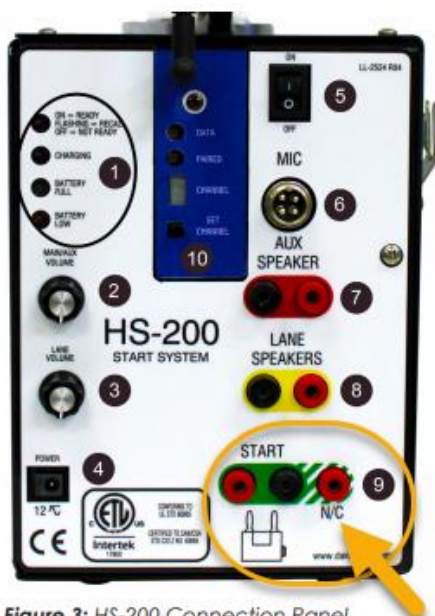


Figure 3: HS-200 Connection Panel

The equipment check, which may also include a watch check, prior to the session can serve multi-purposes and should catch this starter/console mismatch error. This could be observed through a delay in the clock starting or a polarization error message on the electronics console. Starters should also ensure they know how to read the battery indicator on the starting equipment and notice which port a cable is plugged into. In cases where the equipment is owned by the facility, or when contracted equipment providers are on site, officials may be asked not to adjust any of the equipment themselves but bring any equipment issues to the attention of the appropriate contact and/or meet management.



PARA-SWIMMING OFFICIATING

WPS International Assignments

James Hood and Kim Grootveld have been assigned as international Classifiers at the World Series in Lignano, Italy in May 2019.

2018 Canadian Para-Swimming Point Calculator

The 2018 Canadian Para-Swimming Point Calculator is now available on the Swimming Canada website, found [here](#), as well as loaded into Hy-Tek (version 7Fc) and in Splash. This point calculator is only for Paralympics events, which are:

50 Free	S1 to S14	50 Breast	SB1 to SB3
100 Free	S1 to S14	100 Breast	SB4 to SB14
200 Free	S1 to S5 and S14	50 Butterfly	S2 to S7
400 Free	S6 to S13	100 Butterfly	S8 to S14
50 Back	S1 to S5	150IM	SM1 to SM4
100 Back	S1, S2 and S6 to S14	200 IM	SM5 to SM14

Swimming Canada encourages provincial programming to include the Paralympic events, with the integration of para-swimmers in non-Paralympic events, where the swimmers compete for time and not for points.

New para swimmers' report available when entries are submitted

There is a new para swimmers' report available for Meet Manager's, where the para-swimmer's classification as well as their codes of exception are available when entries are submitted via the Swimming Canada Meet List on-line entries system. In order to access this report, you need to select view entries for the associate meet and then click on the para classification report to view the list of all para swimmers registered to your meet with their respective sport classes (classification) as well as their codes of exception.



2019 WPS World Championship – new site announced

The 2019 World Para Swimming Championships will take place in London, Great Britain from September 9 to 15, 2019. This decision follows the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) decision earlier this year to strip Malaysia of the right to host the event as the Malaysian government failed to provide the IPC with the necessary guarantees that Israeli Para swimmers could participate, free from discrimination and safely in the Championships. The change in location resulted in the cancellation of the Swimming Canada Can-Am meet in Vancouver. Para-swimmers will have the opportunity to compete at the fully integrated Canadian Swimming Championships in Winnipeg in early August.



LEVEL V OFFICIALS

Congratulations to the following new Level 5 Officials, certified since February 2019:

Marie-Andrée Plourde (QC)

INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENTS

Congratulations to the following swimming and open water officials who were selected to attend major international events this summer, as representatives of Swimming Canada.

FINA World Championships	Gwangju, South Korea	Cynthia Pincott
FINA World Junior Championships	Budapest, Hungary	Rob Fillion
PAN-AM Games	Lima, Peru	Julie Guay
PAN-AM Games (Open Water)	Lima, Peru	Guy Fagnan
UANA Junior Open Water Championships	Pleasant Prairie, WI, USA	Francois Desmarais
FINA World Masters Championships	Gwangju, South Korea	Greg King

CONGRATULATIONS

Special congratulations to Bill Hogan on his induction into the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame. Bill is very deserving of this award, you can read more about his induction [here](#).

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

Any questions regarding information found in this bulletin may be directed to questions@swimming.ca