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Ontario Officials Bulletin:

Swim Ontario Red Polos

As addressed in the November 20, 2015 bulletin, Swim Ontario will be transitioning to the new modernized attire initiatives from Swimming Canada for officials in March, starting with SO Spring LC Championships March 3-6, 2016.

To help with the transition, Swim Ontario has acquired moisture wicking, red polos based on the Swimming Canada Polos. The polos are screened with the Swim Ontario emblem on the left chest (see mockup below) in both men's and women's cut. Clubs are not required to have these Swim Ontario polos or the Swimming Canada polos and may make arrangements through their distributors and sponsors for club based polos. The red used for both the Swimming Canada and Swim Ontario polos is called "classic red". Swim Ontario will have polos on site at Provincial meets (except Team Champs) and are now available for sale by using our Merchandise Order Form. The cost of the polos is $30 including HST. Merchandise orders will have shipping charges added.

Minimum Age for Officials

Meet Managers and Competition Coordinators are asking what the minimum age for officials to help at swim meets is. The minimum age for a timekeeper is 14 years old and for a stroke & turn judge is 16 years old.

Swimming Canada Official Registrations

Club Officials Administrators (COA) are asked to verify outstanding invoices as some are ready to be processed. Invoices are ready to be processed once all officials on the invoice have updated their contact information (green checkmark). Once processed these officials are now "Active" and fully registered members and covered under the Swimming Canada / Swim Ontario insurance banner.

To speed up the process for obtaining those green checkmarks, COAs are asked to contact their Club Registrar who can provide contact information on officials with registered swimmers. COAs can then login as the official and update the information. For more information on this process please contact Nicole at nicole@swimontario.com.

Officials Clinic Registration

Club Officials Chairs (COC) are reminded to register completed officials clinics given by the club using the following link.

http://goo.gl/forms/tPBOrx00DY

On the website: Go to Officials/Clinics/Clinic Registration and find the button below

One arm Butterfly with Para Swimmers

A para swimmer choosing to swim one arm butterfly during a butterfly race or individual medley race is allowed to do so. The para swimmer may choose to swim with non-functional arm either at their side or stretched forward. The non-functional arm CANNOT move during the entire race (or portion of butterfly in individual medley). Exception codes such as intent to touch do NOT apply as the non-functional arm is not to be used throughout the butterfly.

When a swimmer is swimming one arm butterfly the IPC rules to be applied are

Rule3.5.2.4 *Where a swimmer uses one arm for the arm stroke, the arm shall be brought forward over the water*

Rule 3.5.4.3 *At each turn and the finish of the race, where a swimmer uses one arm of the arm stroke the swimmer may touch with one hand/arm only*

Para-Swimming Domestic Clinic

Swimming Canada is offering a Para-Swimming Officials Clinic, prior to the Olympic and Para-swimming Trials in Toronto on Monday, April 4, 2016. As you are aware, we have more and more integrated meets where para swimmers participate with able-bodied swimmers and it is very important that para swimmers be judged adequately under IPC rules when they compete.

If you are able, we encourage you to attend the Swimming Canada Para-Swimming Officials Clinic – English session, which will be held:

When: Monday, April 4, 2016
Time: From 9:00 am to 15:00
Where: VIP Boardroom – room 3039 – 3rd floor
Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (TPASC)
875 Morningside Avenue, Toronto

Note: There will be a pause during the clinic at 10:45 in order for officials to attend the technical meeting which is scheduled at 11:00 am and we will resume the clinic at 12:45, after lunch.

For those of you who have already attended this course a while ago and have not worked with para swimmers since their training, we are recommending you to attend this course again in order to be aware of the most recent rules related to para swimming.

Registration is required and space is limited. Register your attendance by sending an e-mail to Jocelyne McLean: Jocelyne.mclean@videotron.qc.ca by March 14, 2016.

Starter Assessment Form

A Starter Assessment Form is now available HERE. It is to be used as a learning and development tool for Starters, guide for Mentors and formal evaluation for Level V certification.

International Officiating Opportunity: Ontario Tour Team

Swim Ontario and the SOOC have implemented a special project for Officials Development involving potential UANA and FINA Ontario officials as part of the Team Ontario tour team heading to the Arena Pro Series Swim in Orlando March 1-6 2016.

Swim Ontario will send one qualified official to provide them an opportunity to develop and broaden their international experience. Candidates would be fully funded with transportation, ground transportation, accommodations, and officials' meals at competition, plus other reasonable expenses as approved by Swim Ontario.

Candidates must be Level 5 certified and have SNC Designated Meet experience, preferably as a Referee and have a desire to attain UANA and/or FINA designation.

Tour Team details

Competition: Arena Pro Series Swim

Location: Orlando, Florida

Dates of Competition: March 3–5, 2016

Dates of Travel: March 1 – 6, 2016 as part of the team Ontario flights

Positions secured: 2 days as Stroke & Turn, 1 day as Referee

Application deadline: February 8, 2016

Selection deadline: February 12, 2016

Application Form

The Candidate must complete sections A & B. Section C is optional and can be used to give additional background information.

The completed form must be returned to the Provincial Officials Administrator at officials@swimontario.com

A selection committee will make recommendations to Swim Ontario. Final selection will be determined by Swim Ontario. Candidates will be contacted on Friday, February 12, 2016.