

## Officials' Newsletter - August 2021

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### Greetings From the Chair

Well, we did it. Another swim year in the books. We came back in large numbers as volunteers helping athletes, at all levels, achieve their goals. A note of congratulations goes to Scott Powell, Anissa Kanzari, Phil Barnes, and Dana Covington — the four Futures Meet Referees who each had an average of 800 swimmers and negotiated challenges with grace and fair and equitable judgement. In addition, there were two Speedo Summer Championships where Jim Holcomb and I managed meets on opposite coasts. We appreciate all of the work that went into LSC, Zones and Sectional meets, and recognize it all came together within just a few months after pools were allowed to host meets.

I want you to think about the number 9 million — That is how many official times are uploaded in a typical year. If you want to make your head spin around a few times, calculate what this means for the splashes you might judge on a given weekend. If a weekend of officiating is over three days, nearly 74,000 times from around the country during an average year are put into Swims. Even with most of our 2021 swim year occurring between May and August with the opening of pools in any great number, the uploaded times were still nearly 5 million. It has been quite a year and we look forward to the one in front of us.

Kathleen Sandary

## Announcements

- **Annual Business Meeting - September 23-25**
  - Registration is open now through Monday, September 20 at the following link: [Annual Business Meeting Registration](#).
  - Check frequently as information is added/updated.
  - Committee Meetings are currently scheduled from September 11 through September 21. Registration for EACH can be found on the above link.
  - The Officials Committee Meeting is Saturday, September 11 at 9 a.m. MT. You MUST register in advance for this meeting. Link: [Officials Committee Meeting Registration](#).
- **NCAA test will be posted by the first of September** | [NCAA Test](#)
- **National Meets:**
  - 2021-22 National Events Calendar: To kick-off the next Olympic Quad, USA Swimming announced its targeted schedule of events for the 2021-2022 Season. Look for applications for the January TYR Pro Swim Series at Knoxville after Labor Day. More details can be found [here](#).



### A First-Hand Look at Officiating the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

Read about the experiences that three USA Swimming officials had while officiating at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

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## USA Swimming Safe Sport's Updated MAAPP Requirements

Remember: The deadline to fully implement USA Swimming's updated Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) is **September 1, 2021**. This is a requirement for all USA Swimming members, its member clubs, LSCs and Zones.

To help all of our members implement this updated policy, USA Swimming has a number of resources available. This includes an editable MAAPP 2.0 document, educational documents to help guide USA Swimming member clubs and hour-long, interactive webinars with time for participants to ask questions. There are also multiple webinar recordings available for you to watch.

Learn more by visiting the link below.

[MAAPP](#)

## **Congratulations to These Officials Who Served at Their First National Meet Recently**

*Note - We apologize for any omissions or errors.*

Greensboro Speedo Summer Championship  
Jay Boudreau - South Carolina Swimming  
Matt Butler - North Carolina Swimming  
Michael Cleary - Maryland Swimming  
Kate Johnson - Potomac Valley Swimming  
Scott McMillan - South Carolina Swimming  
Juan Pelaez - Florida Gold Coast Swimming  
Tammy Schmidt - North Carolina Swimming  
Irvine Speedo Summer Championship  
June Flores - California Swimming  
Sasha Ivanov - New England Swimming  
Nagsreedhar Kondury - California Swimming  
Ken Paquette - Sierra Nevada Swimming  
Amber Ponciano - Sierra Nevada Swimming  
T.R. Wheeler - Minnesota Swimming



## Officials Excellence Award

Bert Hewitt - Middle Atlantic

Bert Hewitt has been one of Middle Atlantic's most dedicated senior officials. He will be retiring this spring after serving as a national YMCA and LSC official for decades. Bert has served as a national YMCA trainer and has worked for years at YMCA Nationals. As a member of the Middle Atlantic Officials Committee, he took on the responsibility of OTS as well as being the LSC's national evaluations coordinator. He has been a mentor for hundreds of officials. Bert is that welcoming face that you can find on pool decks nearly every weekend. Without question, he is the person you can count on to be at every one of the Middle Atlantic championship meets, working every session in any capacity without ever having a bad word to say about anyone or anything. He is an extremely humble individual who will be truly missed. The LSC will find it immensely impossible to fill the void that will be left with his departure.

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