



OFFICIALS BULLETIN – December 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE OCRC CHAIR – Suzanne Paulins

The OCRC held in-person meetings in Toronto at the end of October, with additional meetings on Saturday and Sunday that included the Provincial Officials chairs from across the country, along with members of the various working groups participating as well. It was a very productive set of meetings, with information shared on tools and resources created over the last year, and prioritizing of next steps for the working groups. The feedback received from the Provincial Officials chairs and participants of the meetings have been built into the tools and resources. This bulletin will include links to all tools and resources created. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the OCRC, the Provincial Officials chairs and the working group members for their active participation in the meetings and look forward to continuing to advance officiating across Canada.

SWIMMING CANADA FACILITY RULES AND GUIDELINES

As part of the Swimming Canada Facility Rules and Guidelines, a standard language for inclusion in all meet packages was created. Meet Managers and Competition Coordinators/Meet Referees must ensure this language is included in every meet package.

Wording for Meet Packages

The following language must be included in all Meet Packages for meets sanctioned across Canada (when competitions are double ended, more than one of the below may be included to distinguish between ends):

*Starts will be conducted from Starting Platforms (blocks) as per FINA FR 2.3 and SW 4.1;
and/or*

*Starts will be conducted from the Deck or Bulkhead as per Canadian Facility Rule CFR 2.3.1 and CSW 4.1.1;
and/or*

In-water starts will be conducted as per Canadian Facility Rule CFR 2.3.1 and CSW 4.1.2.

E-LEARNING CLINICS

The Introduction to Swimming Officiating Clinic and Safety Marshal Clinic continue to be available to be taken online. The clinics can be found [here](#). We expect to have two additional clinics, Chief Timer and Clerk of Course available as e-learning clinics within the next couple of months, followed by additional clinics by April.

INTRODUCTION TO OPEN WATER SWIMMING OFFICIATING CLINIC

The new Introduction to Open Water Swimming Officiating – Level I Clinic is now available online [here](#).



2019 NATIONAL MEETS

The following assignments for National Meet Director, National Meet Referee, Para-swimming Technical Advisor/Meet Referee have been finalized for the 2019 Swimming Canada National meets. The Swimming Canada Event staff look forward to successful competitions over the coming season.

Event	Location/Dates	National Meet Director	National Meet Referee	Para-swimming TA/Meet Referee
2019 Swimming Trials	Toronto, ON April 3-7	Nicole Parent	Louise Leblanc	Jeff Holmes
2019 Eastern Canadians	Quebec City, QC April 11-14	Lyne Laprade	Rob Filion	Charles Montpetit
2019 Western Canadians	Edmonton, AB April 11-14	Norma Lachance	Jim Fleury	Sheila Gunther
2019 Canadian Open Water Trials	Grand Caymans April 27	Cynthia Pincott	Nicole Normandin	n/a
2019 Can AMs	Vancouver, BC July 12-14	Lyne Laprade	Jocelyne McLean	n/a
2019 Canadian Juniors	Calgary, AB July 24-29	TBD	Daryle Martin	n/a
2019 Canadian Championships	Winnipeg, MB August 8-11	Paul Corkum	Joan Butler	Glennis Mossey

PARA-SWIMMING OFFICIATING

Para-swimming official's clinics will be offered again in April in advance of the 2019 Canadian Swimming Trials in Toronto, the 2019 Eastern Canadian Championships in Quebec City and the 2019 Western Canadian Championships in Edmonton. Registration information will be shared in the February officials bulletin.

A Canadian Para-Swimming Points Charts has been created and is now available on the Swimming Canada website. We are currently working with our partners at Active Network to have the points charts built into Hy-tek Meet Manager, but until that time the points charts are available on the Swimming Canada website [here](#). The points charts are built only for those para-swimming sport class specific events offered internationally. All other events are still available to be swum and are encouraged at any integrated competition, however multi-sport class points charts should only be used for the specific events included.

Para-swimming International Assignments:

James Hood, WPS Classifier at Barraquilla in Columbia, October 18 to 21, 2018

Jocelyne Mc Lean, WPS Educator at Jeonju in Korea, October 22 and 23, 2018

James Hood, WPS Classifier at Szczecin in Poland, November 16 to 18, 2018

CANADIAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING TRIALS

Swimming Canada will be hosting the Canadian Open Water Swimming Trials in the Cayman Islands, April 27, 2019. Details are currently being finalized and a technical package should be available in the coming month.



OFFICIALS SYMPOSIUM

National Officials Progression: The National Officials Progression has been finalized. This document provides an outline of how senior positions assignments - including Referee, Starter, Chief Judge Electronics and Stroke Judges – are selected for National Events. The National Officials Progression can be found [here](#). Next steps for the working group will be a review and updating of the National Meet Referee and National Meet Director roles and responsibilities.

Level 4/5 National Evaluation Tools: Level 4/5 National Evaluation Tools have been finalized for recommended use by all provinces in the evaluation of Level 4 and 5 Officials. These tools will provide a consistent approach in the evaluation of all Level 4 and 5 officials across the country. The new tools can be found [here](#). Next steps for the working group will be the development of a rubric for the application of the evaluation tools.

SAFE SPORT

Swimming Canada has been working over the last year developing a Safe Sport program. In September 2018, Swimming Canada along with all the PSOs, signed on to the Coaching Association of Canada's Responsible Coaching Movement. Details surrounding the Safe Sport initiative can be found [here](#).

LEVEL V OFFICIALS

Congratulations to the following new Level 5 Official, certified since October 2018:

Dawna McIver (BC)
Phil Freiburger (BC)
Rob Epp (BC)

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