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Greetings to all! This is a quick 'rush to press' to ensure you are aware of swimsuit rule changes effective 10/1/2009. Attached is a document which is also available on the USA-Swimming website (<http://www.usaswimming.org/USASWeb/Rainbow/Documents/a972702d-31da-40b3-81de-dc81018033d6/Letter%20to%20members%20re%20swimsuits.pdf>) detailing the changes. In short, the FINA changes effective 1/1/2010 have been made effective 10/1/2009 for USA-Swimming. An excerpt from Bruce Stratton's letter:

The new swimsuit requirements are very specific and technical in nature, but the most obvious restrictions/rules are as follows:

1. Swimsuits for men may not extend above the navel or below the knee and for women may not cover the neck or extend past the shoulders or below the knee;
2. Material used for swimsuits can be only textile fabric which is defined as materials consisting of natural and/or synthetic, individual and non-consolidated yarns used to constitute a fabric by weaving, knitting, and/or braiding; and
3. No zippers or other fastening devices are allowed except for a waist tie on a brief or jammer.

Recertification forms: The ISI office hopes to have the officials recertification forms in the mail this week. You will receive a pre-printed form with content based upon information available the end of August. This includes your meet sessions information (based upon information available in OTS (Officials Tracking System)). As was communicated in July regarding certification:

- a. **Official Certification Term** – effective September 1, 2009 ISI is moving to a certification period that corresponds to the swim seasons as opposed to the calendar year. This change should simplify the process for all and help the workload in the ISI office. The requirements to recertify in September 2009 are as follows:
 - i. 6 as the # of sessions to recertify using 2009 meets (2 for Admin Judges). *Note this has been changed from 7/3 sessions as was communicated in July.*
 - ii. 10 as the # of sessions to recertify using 9/1/2008 to 8/31/2009 (4 for Admin Judges).

If the pre-printed form does not reflect all of your worked sessions please go to OTS and add the sessions that are missing. Detailed instructions for using OTS are available on the USA-Swimming website:

<http://www.usaswimming.org/USASWeb/Rainbow/Documents/3b606f44-a8f2-4aa3-8a85-5133f2e09a39/OTS%20Guidelines%20-%20Officials%202009%2006%2001.1.pdf>

Officials Credentials. The ISI office will no longer be mailing your officials credential (they will still mail you your USA-Swimming non-athlete membership card). Instead, we are asking that you print it off from the USA-Swimming website by going to ‘Volunteers’, ‘Officials’, ‘Officials Tracking’, ‘My Certification Card’ (you will need to be signed into the site to access your card).

Training. There are multiple training clinics available. The schedule as published on the ISI website follows:

Date	Details	Close Date	Clinics Offered
9/20/09	North Aquatics Club Lincoln-Way North High School 19900 S. Harlem Ave. Frankfort, IL	9/9	All levels
9/26	Byron Tiger Sharks Byron High School 696 Colfax Byron, IL 61010	9/16	All levels
9/27/09	Bloomington-Normal YMCA WAVES Bloomington YMCA 602 S. Main St. Bloomington, IL 61701	9/17	Judge Only
10/3/09	Blue Devil Swim Club Warren Township High School 500 N. O'Plaine Road Gurnee, IL 60036	9/23	All levels
10/18/09	YWCA Flying Fish YWCA Evanston Northshore 1215 Church St. Evanston, IL 60202	10/7	All Levels
10/24/09	West Chicago Sharks West Chicago Community High School, 326 Joliet Street, West Chicago, IL 60185	10/14	All levels
11/1/09	Elmhurst Swim Club York High School 355 W. St. Charles Rd. Elmhurst, IL 60126	10/21	All levels

Please go to the ISI website for forms to register (<http://www.ilswim.org/officials/index.htm> under clinic information).

Reminder: Normal communication to officials is via email and the website. Please ensure your email address is properly reflected on your USA-Swimming account.

Thanks for all you do to support swimming! See you on deck!

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