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Another swim season is underway and just a few points to share as we move forward.

- 1) **IHSA Sectional/State Series** – A big thank you to the enthusiastic response to the IHSA Girls Sectional/State Series. With a short window of time in which to respond to IHSA with the names of observation officials, you came through and filled all the needed spots.
- 2) **Collegiate Swimming Officials Association (CSOA)** – Many USA Swimming Officials officiate at College Meets. Many Swimming Official Organizations are working toward eliminating the need for duplicate testing to obtain certification. As such, CSOA is now allowing Referees who are members of USA Swimming take only the re-certification test. CSOA is a 501-c 3 non-profit organization under IRA Rule so volunteer officials may be able to deduct their travel expenses when volunteering at a college meet whether as a Timer or Referee. John Brunelli, President of CSOA invites USA Swimming Officials to consider membership in CSOA. For additional information you can visit their website at www.csoaofficials.com or contact John at jpbunelli@aol.com.
- 3) **Meet Sessions in OTS** - Beginning with the Fall/Winter 2009-2010 season, the ISI office has set up all meets for which they receive a sanction request into OTS. This means, that in addition to the meets on the ISI schedule, they will also set up all dual meets, conference meets and conference championship meets. Meet Referees will be responsible for entering all worked session information into OTS just as they have in the past for the meets on the ISI schedule. This is retroactive to the beginning of the Short Course Season. If you have been a Meet Referee for a meet already this season for a meet other than those on the ISI schedule, please enter those sessions worked within the next two weeks. If you have already entered your own sessions

for those meets please return to OTS and delete those session within the next two weeks so the system does not reflect double entries when the Meet Referee enters the sessions for those meets. In other words, all sessions worked for the 2009-2010 season and moving forward are only to be entered by the Meet Referee.

- 4) **New Official Training Sessions** – The change in the Officials Certification from the calendar year to the swim season has been an adjustment for all and particularly for those newest to our ranks who are trying to differentiate between training sessions and session requirements for renewal. To ease the transition it has been determined that any official who trained in one of the Spring 2009 sessions and completed their training sessions will have also met their session requirements for 2009 and are eligible to renew for 2010. For those who trained in the Fall 2009 all training sessions will be applied to the 2010 required sessions. The intent was that any new official would meet the recertification requirements in the year they went from trainee to certified. This only applies to new officials (typically judges and many admins) and applies regardless of when they were trained – fall or spring.
- 5) **Officials' Clinics** – We had a successful Fall Training season with a number of training clinics held across the state and many new faces to add to the deck. It is not too early for you club to start thinking about hosting a clinic in the Spring 2010 and to talk it up among other parents on your club. I would also like to encourage those of you who are already officials to consider advancing to the next level.
- 6) **Trainers' Qualifications** – Now that most of the Officials' Training Clinics have been completed there will be a number of officials looking to complete their training sessions. Please refer to the ISI Training and Certification Standards for a summary of the requirements for each level and the level of expertise of the trainer at <http://www.ilswim.org/officials/Training%20and%20Certification%20Standards.pdf>.

That's about it for now. See you on deck.

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