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The Officials Committee hopes that the short course season has gone well for you!

This email covers the following topics:

- (1) Officials Roster Updates
- (2) Reminder to recertify - including what to do if you need an extension to meet the worked session/CEU requirement
- (3) Referee update regarding receipt of the Officials Roster
- (4) Referee Safety Checklist
- (5) Championship meet sign-up reminder

- (1) Officials Roster Updates

We have been working with the ISI office with the goal of having updates to the officials roster posted to the website in a more frequent manner. They have spent a good deal of time moving the officials information into the USA Swimming SWIMS database. With this change, we should be able to have the officials roster updated and posted on a monthly basis.

Information posted on the website includes the official's name, Club affiliation, email address, home phone, certification level, and registered through date. The 'as of' date is also included in the top line of the information. Two versions are posted - an Excel version which allows filtering for any column, and a pdf format for those who do not have Excel.

Please take a moment to review your information to ensure it is correct. If corrections are needed, please email them directly to the ISI office at ilswimoffice@sbcglobal.net. Please note that information is not published for officials who select 'Please DO NOT publish my contact information on the Illinois Swimming website' on the certification form.

- (2) Reminder to recertify.

As the calendar year comes to a close, please remember to recertify!

If you don't have your 10 sessions (4 for Administrative Judges) or CEUs (for Referees) done yet, and need additional time, you may request an extension of 46 days (to 2/15/08). However, you will still need to renew as a non-athlete member of USA Swimming to be on deck in 2008. If you will be needing the extension, please send in your non-athlete membership renewal now with your extension request to the ISI office.

- (3) Referee update regarding receipt of the Officials Roster

As communicated in October, meet referees will be receiving a packet of information, one piece of which is the officials roster. The officials roster will no longer be mailed to you, but an Excel

version of the roster will be emailed to all referees at the beginning of the month. This will be the same information that is posted to the website, it will simply be emailed to referees monthly.

(4) Referee Safety Checklist

USA Swimming has published a 'Referees Safety Checklist'. All officials are encouraged to review it, and meet referees are expected to use it as a resource for their meets. Please note the form has the information on it 4 times for publication as a laminated card. Here is a direct link to the form: <http://www.usaswimming.org/USASWeb/Rainbow/Documents/33972b9a-85bd-45f2-acb6-84408a583180/Safety%20Card-Referees%20on%20WEB.pdf> which is found on the USA Swimming website under Officials, Training Resources.

(5) Championship Meet Sign-up Reminder

It is not too early to sign up for the championship meets! Please consider working the meets and using the sign up forms now for meet planning. Meet dates are:

ISI Regional Championship Meets Feb 22-24, 2008

ISI Senior Championship Meet Feb 29 - Mar 2, 2008

Speedo Sectional Meet, Waukesha, WI Mar 6-9, 2008 (Hosted by Waukesha Express Swim Team)

ISI Age Group Championship Meet Mar 14-16, 2008

Applications to officiate are on the ISI website officials section in the lower left hand corner. Here is a link to the officials section: <http://www.ilswim.org/officials/index.htm>

Thanks for your continued support of swimming! Have a great day!

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