



## **Policies and Procedures for Awarding Scholarships for Officials Working National Championship Meets**

### **Objective**

- Provide educational experiences for ISI officials at the national level
- Raise the level of officiating at Illinois championship meets patterning them on USA Swimming national meets.
- Enable ISI officials to have experience with FINA procedures and national championship procedures before they are adopted at a local level.

### **Eligibility**

- ISI officials must have been certified as a referee by ISI for at least 1 year and have met all ISI requirements for annual recertification.
- Individuals must have worked 8 sessions at senior or age group champs in the past year at judge level or higher.
- Individuals must agree to post-meet responsibilities including:
  - Work 8 sessions in the next year at age group or senior champs at the judge level or higher
  - Serve as a trainer for 1 clinic in the next year

### **Funding**

The officials committee is committed to providing funding for three (3) officials for each of the following competitions:

- World Cup @\$300
- US Open @\$500
- US Disability @\$500
- Nationals @\$500
- Olympic Trials @\$500 (Only Budgeted during Olympic Years)

*Note: If money is not requested for a meet, it may be rolled over in the same fiscal year for additional scholarships at future meets.*

### **Selection procedure**

- Applications will be made available through the ISI office
- Information will be made available on the ISI web site and at annual officiating clinics
- Application deadline is the same as the officiating application deadline to USA Swimming but at least 45 days prior to the first day of the meet.
- The Officials Committee will review all applications and make recommendations to the ISI Board of Directors at least 30 days prior to the meet
- ISI Board will award scholarships

### **Selection criteria**

- Individuals only may receive funding once a season (short and long course) unless insufficient individuals have applied for scholarships, at which point it will be at the Board's discretion.
- Individuals may not receive funding if other family members (official or athlete) are receiving funding from ISI for the same meet
- Minimum work requirements at funded meets
  - World Cup – all 4 sessions
  - US Open – at least 4 sessions but would receive only \$200 unless 6 sessions worked
  - Nationals – at least 6 sessions but would receive only \$300 unless 8 sessions worked
- Sessions are defined as preliminary or final sessions and do not include time trials