

Championship Thanks

Thanks to all the officials who participated in our LSC Championships meets, including the Area Championships, FLAGs, Senior Champs and the All-Star meet. More than 130 officials volunteered their time at the meets, and some officials worked at least three of the meets! Your contribution of time and effort is greatly appreciated by the entire swimming community.

Summer Championship Meets

Long course season is well underway and before we know it the championship meets will be here again. This summer's championship meet schedule and assigned officials are listed below. Please don't hesitate to let the meet referees and chief judges know if you are planning to volunteer at one (or all!!) of the championship meets.

<u>SZS Sectionals*#</u>	<u>July 7-10</u>	<u>O'Connell Center, Gainesville</u>
Meet Referee	Matt Wilson	mpwilson1205@gmail.com
<u>FLAGs#</u>	<u>July 14-17</u>	<u>YMCA Aquatic Center, Orlando</u>
Meet Referee	Bob Griffiths	griffiths.bob@verizon.net
Admin Referee	Mike Clow	mikeclow@comcast.net
Chief Judge	Braam Pretorius	apretorius@cfl.rr.com
<u>Sr. Champs#</u>	<u>July 21-24</u>	<u>Indian River State College, Ft. Pierce</u>
Meet Referee	Bart Smith	bls9714@yahoo.com
Admin Referee	Robert Thompson	robertnayr@comcast.net
Chief Judge	Judi Wojcik	cjwojick@gmail.com
<u>So. Zone Sr. Champs#</u>	<u>Aug. 2-6</u>	<u>YMCA Aquatic Center, Orlando</u>
Meet Referee	Robert Thompson	robertnayr@comcast.net

*Application to officiate at Sectionals can be found on the Officials Page of the Florida Swimming website. A completed application is required for those officials who are seeking to be assigned as an admin referee, deck referee, starter or chief judge. The meet referee will notify those selected for the above positions after the application deadline.

#All the championship meets listed above will have both N2 and some N3 evaluation opportunities. Applications for evaluation will be posted on the Officials Page of the Florida Swimming website once the meet announcements have been approved.

New Rules and Rule Book as of MAY 1, 2011

The new 2011 USA Swimming Rule Book featuring Florida's Ryan Lochte on the front cover goes into effect on May 1, 2011. While that change takes place during the middle of a busy swim-meet-weekend, none of the new rules are so extreme that it warrants changing meet operations from Saturday to Sunday. **Please note Section 102 "Conduct and Officiating of All Swimming Competition" has been re-numbered.** On the inside front cover of the rule book is a list of the major rule changes for this year, including the impact of judging order of finish on timing results; there must be three timers for each lane when only watches are used as the primary timing system; and the order and arrangement of events and heats cannot be changed or altered from the stated order in the meet announcement, with the exception of combining heats.

New Online Tests

The USA Swimming testing site is currently off-line to load the new tests that will match the 2011 rule book. If you are in the middle of taking a test using the 2010 USAS Rule Book, please continue using that rule book to complete your test, otherwise your answers won't match the test answers. If you printed a copy of your 2010 test to answer the questions while offline, make sure that you go back to [your saved test](#) to answer the questions. On occasion there have been issues with saved tests being removed during the upload of the new tests. If that happens to you, please be aware that you will have to start a new test once the testing site is online and that will require use of the 2011 rule book.

The Florida Swimming officiating packets for all positions are currently being updated to reflect the rule changes and the need for backgrounds checks as a component of the registration process. Current stroke & turn apprentices will not be certified until their passing background check, registration form and fee are processed by Florida Swimming, Inc.

Congratulations to Florida's New Officials!

APPRENTICES

Meet Referee

Tony Uselis	Tom Tiedt	Pam Wilson
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Stroke & Turn

Jim Rockaway	John Jansen	Karen Davidson	Susan Nesper	David Nesper
Jan De Nijs	Becca Greene	Ian Hampson	Darren Hunt	John Jansen
Enrique Parra	David Van Buskirk			

Starter

Sam Borgert	Joni Cornell	Dave Cornell	Charlie Latorre	Mike Brewer
Jen Bowser				

Deck Referee

Tim Jacobson	Kathy Leistikow	Tom Tiedt
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CERTIFIED

Stroke & Turn

Aracelis Guzman	Jim Kimbrough	Kelly Witbeck	Mark Cianciolo	Mike Fonteno
Ken Henson	Sean Brennan	Melissa Bruns	Rick Chu	Rick Clark
Kitzi Friedman	Darrel Green	Kevin McCollum	Fred Simons	Scott Tyle
John King				

Starter

Manual Barragan	Carolyn Ledford	LeeAnn Turner
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Deck Referee

Dave Maddy

Meet Referee

Jim Hirschberger