

2012...It's Recertification Time Again!!

As noted in our Officials' Policies and Procedures, we must recertify in each even year. In order to be recertified for 2013, any official certified prior to May 2012 must: 1) Attend a recertification clinic. 2) Complete the certification – Stroke & Turn/Timer exam (**not** the recertification exam) with a score of 80% or better, and 3) if necessary, complete the Level 2 Background Check and/or Athlete Protection Training. Also, officials will need to have worked at least 6 sessions in each year.

Recertification clinics will take place at our LSC Summer Championship Series events on the following dates:

FLAG's (Gainesville, FL): Saturday, July 21, at the conclusion of the morning session

Senior Championships (Sarasota, FL): Saturday, July 28, at the conclusion of the morning session

Area Reps will be offering a **limited** number of recertification clinics in the fall to those who cannot attend either meet, but it is strongly encouraged to attend the sessions either in Gainesville or Sarasota! The sessions are always lively, and it is a great sharing of information! If anyone has a situation that they would like to share, please send it to me.

Championship Meets – Summer

Championship season is upon us again! In a few short weeks, the best swimmers in our LSC will be converging on Gainesville and Sarasota for FLAG's and Senior Championships. Senior Championships will offer N3 certification for those officials interested in pursuing that certification level. FLAGs will offer opportunity for N2 certifications, which is the beginning level for national certification. FLAGs will also have evaluation opportunities available for N3 Stroke & Turn. If you are interested in attaining your N2 or N3 certification at any of these meets, please visit the Officials Page on the Florida Swimming website, where you'll find the "Request for Evaluation" forms for each meet. Please send that completed form to the official indicated on the top of those forms. And, as is customary, if you will be volunteering at any of the championship meets, please email the meet referee and/or chief judge to let them know you're willing to help out. **Please also let them know how many meets and sessions you have worked at your highest level of certification.

<u>FLAG's</u>	<u>July 19-22, 2012</u>	<u>O'Connell Center, Gainesville, FL</u>
Meet Referee	Eva Gronke	kapuna42@aol.com
Admin Referee	Kristy Gavin	gavink@flaglerschools.com
Chief Judge	Sue Kelly	susanmkelly@earthlink.net

<u>FLAG's</u>	<u>July 26-29, 2012</u>	<u>Selby Aquatic Center, Sarasota</u>
Meet Referee	Bart Smith	bls9714@yahoo.com
Admin Referee	Mark McCaw	mm2886@comcast.net
Chief Judge	Allen Hillman	ahillmaniii@verizon.net

Please remember that officials newly certified at each certification level is not eligible to volunteer at any Florida Swimming Championship Series event such as FLAG's and Senior Championships in any newly achieved position until they have worked a minimum of 5 meets/15 sessions in that position.

The Southern Zone South Sectional Meet will be held July 12-15 in Fort Lauderdale at the Hall of Fame Pool. The Application to officiate is available on the Officials page of the Florida Swimming website. If you are interested in being considered for an assigned position, the application deadline is July 1, 2012. Please contact Jay Thomas at jayfthomas@comcast.net with any questions.

Also, kudos are in order for Bob Griffiths, Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Mark McCaw, and Robert Thompson as they represent Florida Swimming as officials at the 2012 Olympic Trials in Omaha June 25-July 2, and Mark McCaw as he serves as Meet Referee for the Junior Pan Pac Open Water Championships on August 27!

New & Advancing Officials!

Congratulations are in order for all of the following officials who have either joined us as Stroke & Turn officials or who have advanced into new certifications since the beginning of the year. Great job everyone, and welcome! We certainly appreciate all of the countless hours our officials put on the deck. We can't do it without you!!

Stroke & Turn Judge

Robyn Anthony	Jim Chemel	Denise Collins	Shannon Edelmann	Cat Eisen
Birgitta Glenn	Joe Glennon	Jen Jacobs	Randy Johnson	Shannon Lewis

Victor Perez
Tim Walch

Thomas Shindel
Theresa Walker

Kimberly Smith
Paul Wildman

Scott Stier
David Wright

Buddy Strickland
Richard Zicker

Starter

Rachel Bowman
John Heinbockel
David Nesper

Rick Chu
Susie Holmes
Keith Powell

Karen Davidson
John King
Terry Ann Tatro

Patti Ellingham
Ale Maruniak
Anthony Tatti

John Fox
John Morrison
Bob Walsh

Deck Referee

Matt Gapinski

Timothy Jacobson

Patty Wagner

Meet Referee

Sam Borgert

Pamela Wilson