

USA Swimming
1999/2000 Officials Test

The USA Swimming Officials Committee is pleased that your volunteer participation in your Local Swimming Committee (LSC) has brought you to the point of being ready to take the appropriate test for certification as a USA Swimming official. Tests are provided in each of the following areas of certification:

Timer
Stroke and Turn Judge
Starter
Referee
Administrative
Clerk of Course
Timing Judge

Directions: Each test is in a multiple choice/true-false format and is composed of 5 to 50 questions. The questions are based on the *1999 USA Swimming Rules and Regulations* published by USA Swimming, Inc. (ISSN 0742-7808). Upon joining USA Swimming, Inc. as a non-athlete (official) member in your LSC you will receive by mail a copy of the *Rules and Regulations*. Study the technical rules carefully in answering the questions on each test.

There is a single best choice for each question. You will be required to cite the Glossary (if applicable) or all the appropriate articles and sub-paragraphs of the technical rules for each question. Review the technical rules thoroughly, since there may be more than one citation for each question. A sample question with the proper technical reference is given below:

ANSWER & TECHNICAL REFERENCE

- [1] From the beginning of the first arm stroke, the position of the body shall be kept:
- a. on the breast.
 - b. past vertical towards the breast.
 - c. in any position.

a. 101.1.2

Each LSC may determine how it wishes to use any or all of the sections in this test. The USA Swimming Officials Committee considers this test to be an educational tool that should be used to supplement or reinforce teaching points to be presented at officials clinics; consequently, it recommends this be administered as an "open book" exam. It also recommends against giving all sections of the test to brand new officials. Conversely, since they are responsible for everything that goes on at a meet, referees should take all sections of the test, not just the **Referee** section. Individuals who are certifying for a particular position other than referee should take the appropriate specialized section and any other sections - or specific questions from other sections - that would assist them in performing their job better (e.g., a clerk of course applicant might take the **Clerk of Course** section

plus questions 14-24 inclusive as well as 49 and 50 from the **Administrative** section). The matrix at the end of this sheet indicates a recommended application of these test sections.

There is provided a separate answer page on which you are to record your letter answers and technical references. Please retain the test booklet with your answers marked on it for your reference and return the completed answer page only, in accordance with your LSC's instructions, to your LSC's Officials Chairperson (or his designee) who will let you know the results. The Officials Committee extends to you the best of luck and hopes that your volunteer service to USA Swimming will be both enjoyable and rewarding.

Recommended Application of the Test

Certifying Position	Sections						
	Timer	S&T Judge	Starter	Ref	Administrative	CofC	TJ
Referee	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Starter	x	x	x		q #s 14-24 incl, 49 & 50	x	x
Timing Judge	x				q #s 24-26 incl.	x	x
S&T Judge	x	x					
Clerk of Course					q #s 14-24 incl, 49 & 50	x	
Timer	x						

x = entire section if new

q = question #s from that section in addition to those from the position's primary section of the test

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Administrative Abridged Questions 14-24, 49-50

[14] With the Referee's permission heats of a pre-seeded event may be consolidated.

- a. True. b. False.
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[15] In a 6-lane pool, eight swimmers in a timed final event must be seeded:

- a. two in the first heat and six in the second heat.
b. three in the first heat and five in the second heat.
c. four in each heat.
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[16] In events with more than one heat, a minimum of three swimmers shall be seeded into any preliminary heat, but due to scratches only one may actually swim.

- a. True. b. False.
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[17] The time achieved by a swimmer in a swim-off shall be the official time used in seeding that swimmer in finals.

- a. True. b. False.
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[18] When three preliminary heats and finals are scheduled, the swimmer with the fastest submitted time in the preliminaries shall be placed in the third heat, the next fastest in the second heat, next fastest in the first heat, fourth fastest in the third heat, etc.

- a. True. b. False.
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[19] When four or more preliminary heats and finals are scheduled, only the fastest three heats are seeded as described in Question 18, above. The remainder of the heats are seeded in the manner of timed finals.

- a. True. b. False.
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[20] For timed finals, lane assignments in a heat are made in descending order of qualifying times with the fastest swimmer in the center and the next fastest swimmer in the:

- a. lane to the left of the fastest swimmer.
b. lane to the right of the fastest swimmer.
c. left outside lane facing the course.
d. none of the above.
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[21] If two swimmers who qualify for finals have the same preliminary qualifying times, their lanes are assigned by:

- a. draw.
 - b. registration date.
 - c. age.
 - d. none of the above.
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[22] If all swimmers in a swim-off are disqualified, a lane or lanes must be left open during finals.

- a. True.
 - b. False.
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[23] The following shall be considered a violation of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

- a. Any sexual contact or advance directed towards an athlete by any person in a position of authority over that athlete.
 - b. The sale or distribution of illegal drugs or any substance listed on FINA's recognized list of banned substances.
 - c. Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any USA Swimming-related activity.
 - d. All of the above.
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[24] For a long course meet, the following are conforming times:

- a. 50 meter freestyle.
 - b. 50 yard freestyle.
 - c. 100 meter backstroke.
 - d. a & c above.
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[49] In a National Championship meet, prior to the scratch deadline and seeding of preliminary heats, a swimmer may scratch by:

- a. telling the Referee.
 - b. telling the Clerk of Course.
 - c. filling out and depositing a scratch card in the scratch box.
 - d. none of the above.
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[50] Time trials at the National Championships are open to swimmers participating in that nationals as well any USA Swimming duly registered LSC swimmer living in the local area.

- a. True.
 - b. False.
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Clerk of Course

Men's 400-meter Freestyle

A. Vendt, Erik	3:52.49	R. Justice, Sean	3:58.36
B. Younghouse, Jon	3:53.06	S. Siciliano, Tim	3:58.50
C. Taner, Ugur	3:55;58	T. Neligan, Brendan	3:58.58
D. Thompson, Chris	3:55.69	U. Potts, Andy	3:58.75
E. Lewis, Nat	3:55.72	V. Leonard, Mark	3:58.86
F. Warkentin, Mark	3:55.81	W. Donnelly, Eric	3:58.86
G. Malchow, Tom	3:56.02	X. Martin, Tim	3:59.58
H. Ramirez, Austin	3:56.47	Y. Neebe, Steven	3:59.95
I. Messner, Adam	3:56.68	Z. VanPool, Ron	4:00.10
J. Painter, Tyler	3:56.90	AA. Sawatzki, Matt	4:00.13
K. Keller, Klete	3:57.30	AB. Davison, James	4:00.24
L. Siringhaus, Denis	3:57.32	AC. deFabrique, Yann	4:00.42
M. Irvin, Reeve	3:57.39	AD. Malchak, Mike	4:00.94
N. Mull, Cameron	3:57.70	AE. Hart, Don	4:27.57(y)
O. Dolan, Tom	3:57.80	AF. Caisse, Kris	4:27.72(y)
P. Hartzel, David	3:57.94	AG. Lunsford, Pat	4:28.08(y)
Q. Hooper, Matt	3:58.04	AH. Godsman, Eric	4:28.10(y)

Technical References:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____