

**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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