

YMCA 2014 National Long Course Swimming Championships
Indiana University Natatorium
Indianapolis, Indiana
July 28 - August 1, 2014

We have five important announcements for all Swim Officials Trainers concerning the upcoming 2014 Long Course National Championship Meet:

Program for Trainers to Attend Nationals

As most of you already know, last year we instituted a program to fund the airfare and lodging costs for two trainers to attend each National Championship meet. The program is designed to allow trainers who have not been to a National Championship meet in several years and do not have a swimmer swimming in the meet to attend a National meet. With the move to Indianapolis for LC Nationals, hopefully we will attract trainers not readily able to attend meets on the east coast. If you are interested, please contact Joel Black (joelblack@mindspring.com) by May 31st, and he will add your name to the list. If you have already applied for an earlier meet, please let Joel know by May 31st if you are interested in attending the 2014 LC National meet. The two invitees will be notified in early June.

New Administrative Officials Class

As you know, we are developing a special course to train Administrative Officials so we don't have to use our Level II officials in that role, although they are qualified to do so and can be used when needed in order to comply with Rules 102.10.3&4. On Tuesday afternoon, immediately after preliminaries, we will have a meeting for all trainers in attendance at the meet to go over this material, which you will be expected to teach, to answer your questions and get your suggestions. Please let me know if you are coming (caefmilleriii@msn.com) and I will make sure you get a copy of the Trainer Guide before the meet

Swim Officials Trainer Class

Once again, we will offer the Swim Officials Trainer class in conjunction with this meet. The class will begin on Sunday, July 27th from 1:00 until 6:00 PM and continue on Monday, July 28th from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM, involving the actual teaching of portions of the Level I or II clinics being offered that day. If you know of anyone who wishes to become a trainer or anyone you believe would be a good trainer, please encourage them to sign up for the class by contacting Bridgett Zietler at Y-USA (bridgett.zietler@ymca.net) or me and we will get the application process started. **Applications have to be filed with Y-USA by no later than July 11, 2014.**

Facilitation Skills Training:-

For those of you still needing to take Facilitation Skills training, we will offer the following options:

Facilitation Skills training as part of the Swim Officials Trainer Training program - We have integrated Facilitation Skills training into the Trainer program. It will be offered in two parts, beginning on Sunday afternoon, July 27th, from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM, and finishing on Monday morning, July 28th, from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM, with the actual practical training being done as part of the Level I and II programs being offered on Monday.

Facilitation Skills stand alone program - We will also offer Facilitation Skills training as a separate program on Tuesday, July 29th, from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM if the interest warrants it.

Please let me know (caefmilleriii@msn.com) if you wish to attend one of these programs.

Officiating at the Meet

As always, we will need a lot of help to run this meet smoothly and efficiently for all our swimmers, and we encourage everyone of you to attend the meet if you can. With the move to Indianapolis, we hope to see many of our friends from the Midwest and the Plains States at the meet once again. Information for registering to officiate at the meet will be up on the websites in early June.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Indianapolis.

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