

2018
Information for Current/Prospective AIA Swim Officials
AIA High School Swim Season & Clinics Schedule.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) is grateful for your service as a high school swimming official. Officiating High School swimmers is as rewarding as it is enjoyable. The AIA recommends two officials (Ref/starters or S&T judges) at each dual meet, and requires four AIA certified swim officials at any AIA approved State Qualifying Meet. AIA Swimming Officials must be trained to assure quality and consistency across the state.

The AIA Swimming Season:

The 2018 Arizona High School swimming season soon will be upon us. Here are some important dates to remember:

- 8/6 Practice can start
- 8/11-25 Officials Clinics (see schedule below)
- 8/27 Meets may be held
- 10/27 Qualifying Invites must be completed
- 11/2-3 State Meets: Division I & II at Skyline; Division III at Phoenix Country Day School.

Highlights: From August 27th to October 27th Arizona high schools will conduct/attend dual and larger Invitational meets. AD's have been given their new 2018 swimming meet schedule. Each school may attend up to four Invitational meets in order to qualify their swimmers for November's State Championship meet. Again this year, there will be a separate Division III Championship meet in November (on same two days as the Division I & II meet) at a different location in Phoenix. Please check with your high school to confirm in which division they compete.

Officials Certification:

All AIA officials must be certified. First and second year officials are eligible for a Stroke & Turn Certification. Third year officials may obtain either a Stroke & Turn, or a Referee/Starter Certification. There are three steps you must complete by August 31 to become certified. (These instructions are also online at [AIAonline.org /officials](http://AIAonline.org/officials)).

1. Obtain a **Fingerprint Clearance Card**, required of all persons instructing Arizona High School Students, from DPS or Crimshield. Link found at aiaonline.org. or <https://mtc01.crimshield.com/csapp/registerCrimshieldClient.do?>
2. Complete your **AIA Registration Form** online at AIA.com/officials/forms, and pay your fee online *or* mail a hard copy to AIA. 7007 N. 18th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020, ATTN: Officials.
3. Attend the appropriate **Stroke & Turn or Referee/Starter Training Clinic** being held in August. Their dates and locations are listed below.
4. (Only first time officials must take the **Online Swimming Officials Test** this year. If you are a returning AIA official, you do NOT need to take the Officials test, since you have taken it within the past four years.)

That's all. After you attend your clinic, registered officials will receive your AIA Swimming Officials Certification Card at the clinic. You must wear it when officiating. Later, if requested, you will also receive a complementary AIA Sporting Event Pass, entitling you to FREE ADMISSION to any high school sporting event during the upcoming school year.

Officiating Swim Meets:

Select a high school to officiate their home swim meets.

To start: Select a favorite or nearby high school Then call the Athletic Director or Swimming Coach (who will be grateful for your help) to obtain their swim schedule, and their swimming official's contact name, e-mail and telephone #.

Get your gear together: The standard official's attire in Arizona is a sleeved white Polo-style shirt, navy shorts or pants, and predominantly white tennis shoes. Be sure to include a visor or hat for the sun. We also use two-way hand held radios (with ear pieces) to communicate on deck during the meet.

On meet day: Arrive at the pool at least 30 minutes before the meet starts. Introduce yourself to the lead meet official. They will show you around and help you with on-deck mentoring.

.Please schedule a Certification Clinic on your calendar now. There, you will be getting Rule Books, Meet Materials and more information. If you have questions, please contact me.

2018 Officials Clinics:

AIA requires that all AIA Swim Officials annually attend ONE of the training sessions, which will be held in August. Again this year we will offer two types of Clinics and certify two types of officials: a Stroke & Turn Clinic for Stroke & Turn Judges and new Swim Officials; and a Referee/Starter Clinic for officials, with two or more seasons, who wish to Referee or Start at invitationals and season-ending meets. *Any* Certified official may ref or start at dual meets; however, only Referee/Starter Certified officials may referee or start at Invitational and Championship meets.

Also, we are asking high school COACHES to attend one of these training clinics, so they will be able to advise their swimmers on the 2018 rule changes and stroke clarifications which will be enforced by officials during the competitive season.

2018 AIA Swimming Officials Clinic Schedule:

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Phoenix:

- S&T Officials: 9:00-11:00 am Phoenix Country Day School Aquatic Center
3901 E. Stanford, Paradise Valley 85253
- Referees/Starters: 11:00am-12noon Phoenix Country Day School Aquatic Center

Tucson:

- S&T : 9:00am – 11:00am, Oro Valley Library, 1305 W. Naranja Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737
- Referees/Starters: 11:00 - 12:00pm, Oro Valley Library, 1305 W. Naranja Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Mesa:

- S&T Officials: 9:00-11:00 am Kino Junior High Pool Hospitality room
848 N. Horne, Mesa, AZ 85203
- Referees/Starters: 11:00am-12noon Kino Junior High Pool Hospitality room
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**2018 AIA Swimming Officials Clinic
Schedule (Continued)**

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Cottonwood:

- S&T Officials: 8:00-10:00 am Mingus Union High School Library
1801 E. Fir Street, Cottonwood 86326
- Referees/Starters: 10:00am-11:00am Mingus Union High School Library

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Phoenix

- S&T Officials: 9:00-11:00 am. Phoenix Country Day School Aquatic Center
- Referees/Starters: 11:00am-12 noon. Phoenix Country Day School Aquatic Center

Tucson:

- S&T Officials: 9:00am-11:00am, Oro Valley Library, 1305 W. Naranja Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737
- Referees/Starters: 11:00am – 12Noon. Oro Valley Library, 1305 W. Naranja Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737

Saturday September 8, 2018 (late comers)

Phoenix

- S&T Officials: 9-11am Phoenix Country Day School Aquatic Center
- Referees/Starters: 11-12noon Phoenix Country Day School Aquatic Center