

# Whitesburg Officiating

**Why become an Official?** In order to conduct a Rocket City Swim League Swimming (RCSL-S) meet and have swimmers receive official credit for times, certified RCSL officials must conduct the meet. (Host team is responsible for providing officials.)

## ***Here are some other reasons:***

- ◆ You're at the meet anyway - why not officiate?
- ◆ Swimming is a family sport that is volunteer intensive.
- ◆ Officiate!!! It counts toward your volunteer requirements for our home meets.
- ◆ Best seat in the house!
- ◆ You become more educated/informed on the sport (and you **DON'T** have to be a former swimmer/current swimmer).
- ◆ **Camaraderie** plus you get to wear a cool "uniform" at City Meet which consists of white shoes, tan slacks/shorts, and a white shirt.
- ◆ When you become a RCSL certified official, you are qualified to officiate for the Rocket City Swim League City Meet and also High School swim meets. (If you have year round swimmers, you might consider becoming a USA-S official, in lieu of RCSL certification.)
- ◆ Opportunity to learn more from our coaches and also provide them feedback from a different perspective.

## **Primer for RCSL Officials**

The goal of RCSL is to adopt minimum standards for certification of officials is to set standards, that when applied, will accomplish the following:

- ★ Assure a clear and consistent knowledge of the rules of the member pools.
- ★ Assure fair and equitable conduct of all swim meet throughout the league and at City Meet.
- ★ Provide sufficient time in training to assure familiarity with all levels of competition.
- ★ Provide opportunity to work and advance through the certification process.
- ★ Maintain knowledge of the current rules.

The RCSL Rules of Competition are basis for officiating rules, and are based the USA-Swimming (USA-S) Rules.

There are two types of Officials required to conduct RCSL meets;

- Stroke and Turn Judges
  - officiate and judge the execution of the swim strokes by the swimmers.
- Starter/Referee Judges
  - administer the meet.

*ONE of the requirements to a member of the RCSL is to have a cadre of officials conduct meets.*

***This is why we need YOU!!!***

# Primer for RCSL Officials

**How much time does it take to become a RCSL official?** Not much.

- 1) Email me ([sehдах@hiwaay.net](mailto:sehдах@hiwaay.net)) for an account on [www.classmarker.com](http://www.classmarker.com) for online test access (3 minutes).
- 2) Download the current USA-S Handbook and RCSL Rules of Competition from RCSL web portal ([www.swimrcsl.org](http://www.swimrcsl.org)) and familiarize yourself with the content (60 minutes).
- 3) Take the Stroke and Turn Test on-line (open book) (20-60 Minutes). You don't have to take all in one session, but do need an 85% or better to pass. You can retake multiple times. (I did...)
- 4) View the DVD of 'Officiating Swimming' (The Pool Rep has copy or we may set up viewing sessions.)
- 5) Attend a Deck Training Session, time and place is TBD. (We will have one at Whitesburg during time trials.)
- 6) That's it! The more you officiate at meets, the easier it becomes.
- 7) If already a certified Stroke and Turn judge, you might consider taking test for Starter/Ref. Ask me for details.

## Current list of Whitesburg Officials (yellow indicates need to recert.)

### Whitesburg

Steve Henderson(USA-MR)Ref	RCSL	Aug-11	-/-/-
Dee Ann Henderson Ref	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-
Bridget Jedlovec S&T	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-
Susan Smith S&T	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-
Jim Daniel S&T	RCSL	Aug-11	-/-/-
Joanne Snead S&T	RCSL	Aug-11	-/-/-
Leslie Rice S&T	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-
Lisa Abbott S&T	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-
Rachael Martin S&T	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-
Don Martin S&T	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-
Spencer Cleveland S&T	RCSL	Aug-11	-/-/-
Jeff Abbott S&T	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-
Tom Richardson S&T	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-
Scott Bogardus Ref	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-
Eileen Bogardus Ref	RCSL	Aug-10	-/-/-

We can never have too many officials and would love for you to join the ranks of the certifiable. ;-)

Call me if you have further questions.

Steve Henderson

[sehдах@hiwaay.net/steve.henderson@boeing.com](mailto:sehдах@hiwaay.net/steve.henderson@boeing.com)

H 256-882-1180

C 256-734-1346