

2009 USA National Convention Official's Reports

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Dan McAllen was the winner of the **Maxwell Award** presented during the convention.

This award is given every two months under the sponsorship of Swimming World magazine and Maxwell Medals to honor an LSC official for his or her outstanding contributions to local swimming.

Official Modification Meeting Feb. 2009

D.Q. Slip changes

Evaluators program established changes to certification

3 years instead of 2 years for certification

N3 evaluators increased

Officials Modification Meeting May 2009

Hands on training for Official tracking

N3 evaluators program

Zone breakout sessions to communicate with zone personnel

Officials Modification Meeting Oct. 2009

Officials training USA Oct. 8,9,10th in San Antonio, Texas with 8-9 Federations coming for training

Paul Jones

Online testing and where it is going

80 new questions rewritten so far

63 new questions added on to the system for base data

New testing instructions

1 new test stroke and turn retesting

Bob Griffiths

Approving meets to earn certification requirements

Test history for Officials can now be brought up on USA websight showing sessions and positions worked at each meet

Reinstate your N2 or N3 by retaking the test

Laps in the certification can be separated to what is needed to reinstate your certification

Masters meets can be put into the system now

Dan McAllen

New Evaluators list procedure to add more people to list in USA websight

Update the list every quarter

N3 final evaluators must have been a N3 initiator

Have added about 20-25 more people to list

Lucy Duncan

Communication

Swimming articles

Update the websight on USA
Newsletters on websight through her
Swimming world articles and Maxwell every other month

John Kenny

Open Water
Clinic in Long Beach, California end of June 2010
Open water will be in Olympics in 2012
Work together to make open water succeed

Joel Black

YMCA and USA Swimming have partnership now
All Official training for both on USA websight

Jeannine Dennis

Women in Officiating
Why aren't there more women in Officiating

Pat Lunsford

OKI - Our Kids Initiative- Started 9 years ago
Joining of all swimming groups
Rules sounding Board

High School Swimming - Suit ruling – Effective Oct 1, 2009

Swimwear shall include only a swimsuit, cap and goggles. Armbands or leg bands shall not be regarded as parts of the swimsuit and are not allowed.

In swimming competitions, the competitor must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. All swimsuits shall be made from textile materials. For men, the swimsuit shall not extend above the naval nor below the knees, and for women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the knee.

Safety Education Committee

Swim Clubs and Facility safety personnel must work together at the meet venues
Know where first aide supplies are located before the commencing of competition and how will be administering if an accident happens
% of the more serious injuries are reported. Need to have all accidents reported even the small band aid and insignificant so it doesn't look as if swimming only has major claims for its sport.

It will be recommended that all coaches working with 12 and unders Age Groups have their CPR training as well

Safety training test is on the USA websight

Most accidents reported are in the water at 38%

28% of the accidents are on deck

Most accidents reported are by the Referees in their reports at meets

You have up to 1 year after the accident to report it to USA Swimming. Report as soon as possible so that is clear in your head about what happened.