

**Swim Officials' Training Opportunities**  
**2012 Long Course Swimming Championships**  
**July 21-27, 2012**

As part of the 2012 Long Course Swimming Championships, various Swim Officials' training programs will be available for attendees immediately prior to the swimming competition. The schedule of course offerings is as follows:

Course Offering	Saturday – July 21	Sunday – July 22	Monday – July 23
Facilitation Skills*	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM *	10:00AM – 6:00 PM	
Facilitation Skills			7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Swim Officials' Trainer **		6:00PM – 8:00 PM	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Swim Officials' Level I			9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Swim Officials' Level II			9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

\*Relates only to persons wishing to become Facilitation Skills Trainers; for all other attendees the class runs only on Sunday.

\*\* Includes teaching a portion of the Level I or Level II course on Monday.

**Facilitation Skills**

The Facilitation Skills course is required to be completed by all trainers by December 31, 2012 in order to maintain their certification. New trainer candidates should try to attend the Facilitation Skills course on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> if at all possible.

We will be providing training to become a Facilitation Skills trainer for a limited number of people. Those candidates will have a session on Saturday night to prepare for the training on Sunday, during which they will lead the discussion of certain topics in the course materials. Trainers desiring to take advantage of this training should contact Ed Miller ([caefmilleriii@msn.com](mailto:caefmilleriii@msn.com)) to be registered and approved.

There will be no charge for this course if it is taken in Atlanta; when it is offered locally, there will be a \$25 charge for registration, materials, etc.

**Swim Officials' Trainer**

Officials wishing to become a Swim Officials' Trainer **must file an application** with Event Registrations at Y-USA **by no later than July 6<sup>th</sup>** including a brief biography of their swim officiating experiences as they address the criteria below. They must also complete the on-line courses entitled "Orientation to the YMCA Training Systems" and "Adult Learning Concepts". These courses can be found on the YMCA Exchange at [www.ymcaexchange.org](http://www.ymcaexchange.org).

In order to apply for consideration as a Swim Officials' Trainer, the potential candidate must meet all of the following criteria:

Complete the National Trainer Application and send it to Y-USA Events Registration at least two weeks prior to the Trainer Clinic (**July 6<sup>th</sup> for this offering**), along with a summary of recent swim officiating experience in response to Points 5 and 6 below.

Complete the prerequisite YMCA on-line Courses (Introduction to the YMCA Training Systems and Adult Learning Concepts). The Facilitation Skills course is not yet required of Swim Officials' Trainers, but will be by no later than December 31, 2102. **Where possible, candidates should register for the Facilitation Skills course offering on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Complete the Record of Meet Experience and bring it to the Clinic

You must be certified as a YMCA Level II Official for more than three years and have attended at least two Level II certification clinics.

You must have worked as a YMCA Certified Official at a minimum of fifteen meet sessions over the past three years, with at least eight of those sessions being as a Referee or Starter

You must have worked at your local YMCA State/District/Zone/Regional/ Championship Meet as a deck official for at least two years and encompassing at least six meet sessions

You must be recommended by your local YMCA CEO, Aquatic Director or Full-time YMCA Employee Coach and a National Officials' Committee Member

You must be approved by the YMCA of the USA Sports and Recreation Specialist and the National Officials' Committee Chair (Events Registration will forward the Applications for these approvals)

Consideration will be given to experienced USA-S officials for their USA-S experiences.

Approved candidates will be expected to attend the session on Sunday night and teach a portion of the Level I or Level II program on Monday.

There will be a charge of \$30 for this course; checks should be made payable to the YMCA of the USA.

In addition to filing the application with Y-USA, potential trainer candidates should contact Ed Miller directly ([caefmilleriii@msn.com](mailto:caefmilleriii@msn.com)) for further updates and instructions.

### **Swim Officials Level I**

This program certifies successful candidates to serve as stroke & turn, relay take-off and place judges at YMCA swim meets. The only prerequisites are that the candidate be at least 21 years of age and be associated with a YMCA swimming program.

This program will also serve to recertify existing Level I officials. To recertify, you must bring your Record of Meet Experience to the class evidencing that you have worked at least 12 meet sessions during the prior three-year certification period.

Pre-registration is required. To obtain a registration form and register for the class, contact Eddie Hughes ([cehughes@aceenergyinc.com](mailto:cehughes@aceenergyinc.com)). The registration form must be signed by the candidate's YMCA CEO, Aquatic Director **or** Full-time Swim Coach.

There will be a charge of \$30 for this course; checks should be made payable to the YMCA of the USA.

## **Swim Officials Level II**

This program certifies successful candidates and recertifies existing Level II officials to serve as referees, starters and chief judges at YMCA swim meets. The prerequisites for this course are as follows:

At least 21 years of age.

Associated with a recognized YMCA Swim Team.

For new Level II officials, have been certified for at least one year as a YMCA Level I official and worked at least eight sessions on deck as a certified Level I official.

For recertification, have worked at least twelve sessions on deck as a certified Level II official over the previous three-year certification period.

Consideration will be given to experienced USA-S officials for their USA-S experiences; they may go directly into the Level II program if they have been fully certified by USA-S for at least a year and have worked at least eight sessions on deck as a certified USA-S official (apprentice sessions do not count towards the eight session requirement).

To recertify, you must bring your Record of Meet Experience to the class evidencing that you have worked at least 12 meet sessions during the prior three-year certification period.

Pre-registration is required. To obtain a registration form and register for the class, contact Eddie Hughes ([cehughes@aceenergyinc.com](mailto:cehughes@aceenergyinc.com)). The registration form must be signed by the candidate's YMCA CEO, Aquatic Director **or** Full-time Swim Coach.

There will be a charge of \$30 for this course; checks should be made payable to the YMCA of the USA.