



## On The Same Page

The E-Newsletter of the USA Swimming Officials Community

### **FINA World Championships**

Montreal is the site of the 2005 FINA World Swimming Championships. The Open Water events began last Sunday (July 17) and the pool competition got underway this past Sunday (July 24). Television coverage is on the Fox College Sports Network. To see the full schedule of events and results, [click here](#):

### **LSC Best Practices - Meet Equipment Set-up/Testing**

We received several submissions for this topic and have posted them to the LSC Best Practices page in the Training Resources section of our web site.

To see the best practices, [click here](#). If you have any best practices for this category, please send them to us at [onthesamepage@optonline.net](mailto:onthesamepage@optonline.net).

For this newsletter's best practice, we are interested in the various instructions and instruction documents given to timers to help them learn and do their jobs at meets. We've seen several different ones and would like to get electronic copies of what is used in LSC's around the country. We are also interested in anything that has been helpful in recruiting timers for meets. Please send your responses to [onthesamepage@optonline.net](mailto:onthesamepage@optonline.net).

### **Proposed USA Swimming Rule Changes Have Been Posted**

The proposed changes to the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations have been posted to the web site. The proposed changes are extensive (89 pages in four documents) and can be viewed and downloaded by [clicking here](#). To view each document separately, [click here](#):

### **Maxwell Award**

The newest recipient of the Maxwell Award is Larry Johnson of Montana Swimming. To read more about Larry and to see more about the award and its history, [click here](#).

### **USA Officials at FINA World Championships In Montreal this month**

Three of the officials at the FINA World Championships represented USA Swimming. George Bare of Lake Erie Swimming officiated at the Open Water competition. In the pool, we were represented by two officials. John Wilson of Georgia Swimming is one of the two starters and Don Hart from Inland Empire is a judge.

Congratulations to all for a job well done representing the USA at the most important international swimming competition outside the Olympics.

### **FINA Rule Changes**

The FINA Technical Congress, which regularly meets every four years, did just that on July 21st to consider rules changes. A summary of the rules changes can be found on the [FINA site](#) but until the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee reviews the changes and issues an update to our [rulebook](#), they are not in effect for USA Swimming competition.

### **Sectionals**

This summer's slate of sectional meets is almost complete. You can see the results and other information about each of the meets by [clicking here](#).

NOTE: If you have fellow officials who are not receiving the emailed newsletters, ask them if they use AOL. AOL's policy does not allow the sending of mass newsletters such as USA Swimming's, therefore we can't include them on our mailing list. If we try to send more than the allowable number (which is very few) of AOL emails at a time, AOL blacklists our organization for a time and we can't reply or send to anyone with an AOL address.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments for the publishers of this newsletter or for the USA Swimming [Officials Committee](#), we can be contacted via e-mail at [onthesamepage@optonline.net](mailto:onthesamepage@optonline.net).