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Junior Pan Pacs

2007 Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships. Location: Maui, Hawaii : January 11-15, 2007. Several of our officials were lucky enough to leave the snow and ice for beautiful Hawaii. The officials' picture shows the officials from many different countries. [Click here](#) for the picture and to read Frank Ching's report.

Maxwell Award

The most recent recipients of the Maxwell Excellence Award are Bruce Derrick of Niagara Swimming in September 2006, the Ohio Zone Team from Ohio Swimming in November 2006, Ken Breiding of Pacific Northwest in January 2007 and Steven Goldman of Florida Gold Coast in March 2007. To read more about this Award, [click here](#). Congratulations to each and every one for their many years of service to their LSCs.

Open Water Swimming

With the inclusion of Open Water Swimming in the next Olympics at Beijing, USA Swimming is beefing up its program. Of interest is a FINA Open Water Officiating Clinic to be held in Fort Meyer, Florida on May 18 at the Open Water Championships. For an application to work the USA Swimming Open Water Championships which will be held May 17-21, [click here](#).

Swimposiums

Here are the USA Swimming funded Swimposiums that are scheduled for the spring that have Officials tracks:

April – All on April 28: *Arizona Swimming*, in Phoenix, AZ, official's presenters are Dan McAllen and Gloria Schuldt; *Inland Empire Swimming*, in Moses Lake, WA, official's presenter is Mike Saltzstein; *Minnesota Swimming*, in Minneapolis, MN, official's presenter is Jim Sheehan and in addition John Lorimer is doing a segment on meet manager; *South Carolina Swimming*, in Charleston, SC official's presenter is Jeannine Dennis.

May – *South Dakota Swimming*, May 5 in Pierre, SD, official's presenter is Frank Ching; *Maryland Swimming*, May 12 in Baltimore, MD, official's presenters are John Wilson and Jeannine Dennis.

June - *Alaska Swimming*, June 9 in Anchorage, AK, official's presenters are Dan McAllen, Joel Black, Bruce Stratton and Pat Lunsford.

For further information, [click here](#) for a list of links to Local Swimming Committee (LSC's) web pages.

On-Line Testing

All online tests shall continue to be taken with the 2006 rulebook until May 15th when the new technical rules take effect. You can access the 2006 Mini-Rulebook (technical rules only) on the website by clicking on "Volunteers" at the top, then on the left "Officials." Under Officials you will see the link for the "[Rules and Regulations](#)" page. The entire rulebook is also available on the website. If you have already started any of the tests, please finish as soon as possible. The testing site will be inactive for two weeks, starting on May 1, while the tests are updated to comply with the 2007 rulebook.

Water Depth Rule Change

The USA Swimming Board of Directors in conjunction with the Rules and Regulations Committee, as well as others, has issued a change to the minimum water depth for teaching racing starts. [Click here](#) to see the specifics.