

East Zone Officials Report

September 2016

Thank you to Katie for managing the officials at the EZ Invitational in Norton, MA. Thank you to Patti Melber/Laura Ehrenreich for managing the officials at the EZ Invitational in Tonawanda, NY. Thank you to Jennifer Hatt for managing the officials the EZ Intermediate/Age Group Championship in Lodi, NJ. Your assistance in my absence is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Pete McGeoch and the Scoring Committee for everything you do to help support officials.

Reminders:

- ❖ Association Officials Chairs need to update the yearly attendance rosters for their association. We need to clean up our records, so we have an accurate judge database. A hard copy was mailed to each chair or given at Convention. Please update and return by October 5.
- ❖ Please review Appendix G on the officials' attendance/testing/retesting policies; there have been many changes in 2016 including the Association Level 1 tests are online.
- ❖ Form E is used for both officials and CCP. Please make sure to list the rating of the officials next to the name in the first column. It is important that unaffiliated officials submit this form by the entry deadline as well.

Progress/Promotions:

Congratulations to Amy McGeoch for becoming our newest Zone Judge!!!!

Congratulations to Patty Flanagan for becoming our newest Zone Officials Chair!!!!

Updates/News:

- ❖ Patty Flanagan will be collaborating with Katie Rice to schedule a judging clinic at Lake Placid Clinic or Silver Clinic, or both. Stay tuned for more information from Patty Flanagan.

Reflection:

- ❖ It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your administrator for the past four years. During my term, we gained 7 new Level 3F/3 judges for the athletes in our zone. We changed to a new judging system that requires many more judges on deck and we have been able to utilize that system at most of our zone championships. I have also enjoyed working with the board to make sure we advocate for our athletes in the East. I am looking forward to resuming my role as an official only, so I can focus on the next steps of my career. Please continue to always review your FINA manual, so we can provide our athletes with professional and well-prepared judges in a sport that is constantly evolving.

Thanks for supporting our athletes in this important role!

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Kohut, Lake Erie Association, (East Zone Officials Chair) ☺