



The British Columbia Swim Officials Association Policy Manual

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1. **Maintaining Master Official currency.** In order to be considered current as a Master Official, the official must work a minimum of 4 sessions over 2 meets and participate in at least 1 clinic each year. Master Officials who do not comply as Active Level V Officials may apply for reinstatement to their provincial chair of officials, who may require certain senior level clinics, is re-done. (Particularly the Stroke & Turn and Referee clinics) (SNC Rule Book)
2. **Cross Training and Certification of Summer Officials.** Jan 98 the British Columbia Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA) has for many years provided us with many fine, experienced officials. Our two organizations do however differ in many ways and this also applies to officiating and to the rules we have to enforce. On many occasion the question was asked, what are the rules pertaining to certifying summer officials into the winter program. The BCSSA certifies their officials similar to SNC and have a similar ranking. Over the years an unofficial practice was developed but until recently it was not formally documented. The directors of the BCSOA have authorized the following rules as it pertains to the certification of the BCSSA Officials: For Level I through III, those positions the individual presently is certified in will be recognized by SNC providing the individual completes the relevant SNC questionnaire and they are corrected to 100%. i.e. A BCSSA Level II official; certified Level I, Chief Timekeeper and Stroke and Turn will be given the corresponding SNC status providing those applicable questionnaires have been completed. A BCSSA Level IV official, (they have no Level V) will be granted SNC Level IV providing all the questionnaires have been completed and a satisfactory deck evaluation carried out. The progression to SNC Level V would then be conducted normally, as we do now. (1998 AGM Mins)
3. **Selection of the Uniglobe Official of the Year.** Award for Officiating Excellence is awarded annually to a British Columbia Swimming Official who has made a

significant contribution to the sport of swimming. The nominee should: Exemplify the true spirit of the sport of swimming; demonstrate fair play, integrity, respect for others and a commitment to swimming. The pre-requisites for each nominee are that he/she be active for the preceding 5 years and currently be a Master Official. In order to qualify, the nominee must be a resident of BC for the preceding 5 years. An individual may only receive this award once. (1998 AGM Mins Clarified 2001 AGM)

4. **Funding of BC SOA members** – The POD will distribute a list of dates of eligible meets immediately after the Swim BC AGM. Applications will be received by the POD a minimum of 60 days before the meet. The criteria for funding is a Level 4 or 5 official available to work all sessions and the announcements of officials funded will be made by the POD. Preferences will be given to someone who hasn't been previously funded. (2001 AGM Mins)

5. **Official of the year (Ken Filippelli Award)** - Award for Officiating Excellence is awarded annually to a National Swimming Official who has made a significant contribution to the sport of swimming. The nominee should: Exemplify the true spirit of the sport of swimming; demonstrate fair play, integrity, respect for others and a commitment to swimming. The pre-requisites for each nominee are that he/she be a Master Official who has been active for the immediate preceding five-year period. It was decided at the 1998 AGM to use the same criteria for the Ken Filippelli award as for the Uniglobe Official of the year. The winner of Uniglobe Official of the Year shall be put forward for the Ken Filippelli award. The winner must be a resident of BC for the last 5 years.

7. Individuals giving **Officials Clinics** must be very experienced in the clinic they are teaching – at least 4 meets in that position that year. Any clinician teaching Stroke & Turn, Starter, Clerk of Course or Referee must be a BC SOA member to ensure familiarity with current rules and interpretation. The ROD must approve who gives the Referee's clinic. (2002 AGM mins)