



To: Eastern Massachusetts Swimming Officials
From: Rob Garon
Subject: 2008-2009 Registration and Mandatory Meetings

Any individual expecting to officiate interscholastic and/or intercollegiate swim meets during the 2008-2009 academic year **must** be a member of the Eastern Massachusetts Swimming Officials Association prior to the start of competition in September 2008.

This registration renewal /application will be the only opportunity to renew or join for the upcoming year, which includes both fall and winter high school seasons as well as college competition.

Individuals attempting to officiate without being recognized as a certified member of our professional officials association incur a serious liability circumstance involving proof of competence, and of course they would not be covered under our officials' liability insurance plan. (Included with receipt of your registration fee). Reminder for those who are involved, U.S. Swimming liability insurance does not cover recreational league, interscholastic, or intercollegiate events. Current enrollment in the Collegiate Swimming Officials Association does not include liability insurance.

*The Registration form must be filled out completely and returned with a check for **\$55.00** (per the MIAA Handbook) made out to "E.M.S.O.A." by **Friday July 18th, 2008**. It must be received by then. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All officials are **REQUIRED** to attend one mandatory Annual Meeting in the fall, prior to the start of swimming competition. These Annual Meetings in which we discuss new rules and current issues, present in-service programs, and up-date information, is a requirement to be certified for the upcoming school year. We will not certify an official to the MIAA or to Athletic Directors of School Districts for legal and insurance purposes who does not attend either of the two meetings. The meetings (for the past 36 years) have been scheduled on the Wednesday and Thursday after Labor Day, and planned in Medford and in Quincy to be geographically near enough, as well as easily accessible by car, for anyone in the Association to attend. You may be present at either meeting regardless of whether you live in Haverhill, Gardner or in Brewster.

All necessary rulebooks, informational materials, and paperwork required for the 2008/2009 competitive season will be provided at the following meetings (it is only necessary to attend one of these meetings):

DATE	PLACE	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday September 3, 2008	Lincoln-Hancock School	Quincy	7:00pm
Thursday September 4, 2008	Medford High School	Medford	7:00pm

LATE REGISTRATION

E.M.S.O.A. is attempting to minimize extra effort required to register officials on an individual basis after the requested renewal date. Following the convention now in effect by other officiating boards, there will be an additional charge of **\$20.00** to process registrations **received** after **Friday July 18th, 2008**.

*Due to increased distribution of the EMSOA membership list, we will no longer publish Social Security Numbers. In the event a paying agency has a question relative to Social Security Numbers, they can contact officials directly.

Please indicate your E-Mail address on the registration form you are returning.