

SUMMER 2007
JEFFERSON COUNTY SWIM COUNCIL

Dear Swimming Friend,

Summer swimming is a wonderful sport, and it would not be possible without the dedication and work of interested adults. As you become an official, you become more knowledgeable about the sport, and thus promote more safe, fair and fun experiences for the swimmers. You also guarantee yourself a terrific view of the competition!

We are making a major attempt to streamline the process of becoming a summer official. If you are USS or YMCA certified, you don't need to do anything else. If you would like to start from scratch you need to come to one of the JCSC sponsored clinics. It is NOT necessary to take the USS Swimming test! We had two clinics last year, and one so far this year, and there are about 95 summer parents who have certified for summer swimming! Another clinic could be offered if there is enough need. If you are USS Stroke and Turn certified, we highly recommend that you come to the JCSC Starter and Referee clinic so that you can Start and Ref in the summer.

Please understand that becoming a JCSC official is not the same thing as becoming a USS official. The process of becoming USS certified is much more rigorous. We hope that some of you will enjoy officiating and eventually become USS certified! There will probably be a USS Clinic offered at the BSL/CTA meet in Tuscaloosa July 6 and 7

You can order or download the USA Swimming 2007 rules from the USA Swimming Website. You should have them already if you came to the clinic. It is necessary to read these rules. The stroke and turn rules and the pool depth rules apply to all JCSC competition and teams. You can also order DQ slips from this site. The address is usaswimming.org. Then go to Volunteers, then Officials.

On the JCSC web site, Coach Raphael has graciously included some of the information which we gave out at the clinics. If you came to the clinic, you now have a JCSC Officials card, and you should wear this, or your USS card, at each meet. Your certification is good for two years, and I am already thinking about what we will do at next year's clinics!

You will have many questions as you go through the summer. I will be glad to assist in any way possible, (although that does not include running your meets for you!) My email is lreeves@mindspring.com and my cell phone, (please call evenings, weekends, or Tuesdays only) is 541-3543.

Happy Swimming,

Linda Reeves

