**ODSL NEWS FLASH**

It is finally Spring and we all know what that means — summer swim season is just around the corner! We are looking forward to an amazing season with plenty of fast swims and loads of fun!

The following are some important items to note so that everyone is ready to kickoff the season at our first dual meets on Saturday, June17.

1. **OFFICIALS**

The “Officials” tab on the ODSL website has been updated with current year information. Any questions, please contact Lynn.

**a. Stroke & Turn**

* On-line training for Stroke & Turn Officials is open and ongoing.
* “Live” training will be held on Sunday, May 21 at Landsowne.
* CSL and USA Swimming training links are live.
* **NEW THIS YEAR** -We are allowing VHSL credentials to count.  Any officials using VHSL credentials should review the differences in rules between USA Swimming and VHSL (fly, backstroke, IM) and follow the “alternate” certification requirements.

 **b. Starter and Referee**

Two mandatory training dates are being offered and those dates have been posted one the website. Please use the Signup Genius link to register so that we know who is coming. If you didn’t attend the mandatory training last year, you **MUST** do so this year.  The only exceptions will be for USA Swimming certified starters & referees.

**Mandatory Starter Training** (both sessions at Claude Moore)

 a) Saturday, May 20, 8:30-9:30am

 b) Wednesday, May 24, 6:30-7:30pm

**Mandatory Referee Training** (both sessions at Claude Moore)

1. Saturday, May 20, 9:30-11:00am
2. Wednesday, May 24, 7:30-9:00pm

**c. Officials Gear Store**

* This year we are offering an “Officials” store, which will have polo shirts, tanks, hats and visors for you to order/purchase.  The league will continue to supply new ODSL stroke and turn officials a white polo shirt.
* **PLEASE NOTE**: Gear must be ordered by May 22 with estimated delivery June 10.  Look for the new “Officials Gear” tab under the “Officials” tab on the ODSL website.

<https://teamoutfitters.tuosystems.com/stores/odslofficialsstore>

1. **COMPUTER OPERATOR TRAINING**

Computer operator training is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 19, 7:30-9:30pm at Ida Lee**. All teams should have at least one computer operator attend the training session. Any questions, please contact Mark.

1. **ODSL SCHOLARSHIP**

Please share this information with your senior athletes and their parents. Any questions, please contact Teresa.

Applications for the ODSL Scholarship for 2017 are available on Survey Monkey. All applications, proof of further education and recommendations must be received by 5:00pm on June 1, 2017.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N93CZND>

Scholarship application link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCL9PPV>

Recommendation link

**4.** **ODSL SPONSORSHIP**

If you know anyone interested in league sponsorship, please pass the following link to them for more information. Any questions, please contact Teresa.

<https://www.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=recodslva&_stabid_=38471>

1. **COACH LIST, BACKGROUND CHECKS and CREDENTIALS**

Please remember that all head coaches and anyone else aged 18 or over who coaches children, is in close proximity to children or has responsibility for children, **MUST** complete a background check. In addition, **BEFORE**a team can make an employment offer to a coach, a background check**MUST**be completed. The background check is valid for two yeas and costs $36.

If the coach is relying upon USA Swimming certification, please get a copy of the coach’s Deck Pass that confirms validity, etc., and send a copy of it to Teresa.

**If you haven’t done so already, please send a list of your coaches and their credentials to Teresa ASAP.**

A list of the coaches who have submitted credentials can be found at <https://www.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?_stabid_=163655&team=recodslva>.

      **6. ODSL REGISTRATIONS** - The ODSL website has been updated so please log into your accounts and make sure all of your spots are filled and the information is correct. Any questions, please contact Angie.

      **7.** **DISTRIBUTION OF RIBBONS, ETC.**

Ribbon distribution will be at Lynn’s house on **Sunday, April 30between 1pm and 4:00pm**.  The process will be similar to last season with each team sending a representative (with a box or a couple of bags) to “gather” their ribbons.  There will not be pre-packages for the teams.  Lynn will have a list for each team on what they should “gather,” so if you are a team that has communicated your ribbon inventory, that will be taken into account.  **START LINING UP YOUR VOLUNTEER NOW!**

**Lynn’s address:** **40723 Lenah Run Circle, Aldie, VA 20105**

**THIS IS A REMINDER: THE HOST TEAM PROVIDES RIBBONS FOR BOTH TEAMS AS WELL AS THE RIBBON LABLES.  PLEASE BE SURE TO COMMUNICATE THIS TO YOUR COMPUTER OPERATORS.**

**8.** **DQ SLIPS** - Please do not use formal DQ slips for time trials - they are very expensive. Instead, we ask you to make photocopies for your officials to use during time trials.

      **9.** **ALL-STAR CUT TIMES** - The Board plans to meet on June 25 after the third meet of the season to determine the All-Star cut times. The times will be posted on June 26.