To: Eastern Massachusetts Swimming Officials

From: Dave LeBlanc

Subject: 2019-2020 Registration and Mandatory Meeting

Any individual expecting to officiate interscholastic and/or intercollegiate swim meets during the 2019-2020 academic year **must** be a member of the Eastern Massachusetts Swimming Officials Association prior to the start of competition in September 2019.

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 **$77.00 (**per the MIAA Handbook) made out to “E.M.S.O.A.” by **Friday July 26th, 2019.** It must be received by then. **NO EXCEPTIONS. Late registrations will be assessed a 1 officiating fee processing charge.**

All officials are ***REQUIRED***to attend the mandatory Annual Meeting in the fall, prior to the start of swimming competition. This Annual Meeting, at 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 this meeting.** The meeting will be on the Wednesday after Labor Day (Sept 4th) at the **Weston Middle School** in Weston, MA ***(see directions below)*** and is easily accessible by car, for anyone in the Association to attend. The meeting will start at 5:00pm for all new officials and 6:00pm (distribution of materials) for everyone else. The main meeting will start at 6:30pm sharp.

All necessary rulebooks, informational materials, and paperwork required for the 2019/2020 competitive season will be provided at the meeting as part of your annual dues payment:

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| DATE | PLACE | LOCATION | TIME |
| Wednesday September 4th*,* 2019 | Weston Middle School | Weston | 6:30 PM |

**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. There will be an additional charge of 1 officiating fee **$77.00** to process registrations **RECEIVED** after **Friday July 26th, 2019**.

**Please indicate your E-Mail address on the registration form you are returning, it is the preferred method of contact by the Association, Assigners, & Ads.**

Driving Directions and Parking

**Weston Middle School, 456 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA**

***Driving Directions:***

**Weston Middle School** is located south of Rte 30 (South Ave., Weston) at 456 Wellesley Street. From Rte 30, the entrance is the third left (after Weston High School). Coming from Wellesley north toward Rte. 30, the entrance is the first right after the turnpike overpass.

The MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM and the POOL are at the rear of the main building and accessed by turning left after the softball field.

**From points North via Rte 128**: Take Exit 24, Rte. 30, and head West on Rte. 30 for approximately 2 miles. Take a left at stop light onto Wellesley Street.

**From points South via Rte 128**: Take exit 23-24-25 for I-90/MA-30 toward Mass Pike, and head West on Rte. 30 for approximately 2 miles. Take a left at stop light onto Wellesley Street.

**From Boston via Mass Pike:** Take the Weston interchange, Exit 15, and follow the signs for Weston, Rte. 30. At the top of the ramp, turn right. At first light, make left onto Rte. 30. At second stoplight, make left onto Wellesley Street.

**From points west via Mass Pike**: Take the Natick/Rte. 30 East interchange. Follow Rte. 30 East to the intersection of Rte. 30 and Wellesley Street (first stoplight in Weston). Turn right onto Wellesley St.

***Parking:***

The Middle School has a main Visitors parking area in the front of the school as well as two drop-off/pick-up loops. One loop is in the front of the building, all the way at the end of the road. The other is at the back of the building near the pool. Please use the lots in front of the building