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New Officials Info and Requirements

CASO (Colorado Association of Swimming Officials)

General Facts & Info

- Dual meets are afternoons following the school day – typically 4:00pm, 4:30pm, or 5:00pm start time.
- Swim/Dive invitationals, league meet, and other prelims/finals format competitions are commonly scheduled Friday evening/Saturday all-day.
- 3 officials on-deck at dual meets. 5 officials on-deck at invitational, league, prelims/finals meets.
- All officials are responsible understanding the rules for and management of both swimming and diving competition.
- Girl's season in Colorado runs December – February, boy's season from March – May.
- Officials must register annually with CASO / CHSAA.

Education and Requirements

- It is strongly encouraged that all officials complete the NFHS swimming and diving course available online: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/officiating-swimming-and-diving>.
- For additional diving-specific education it is strongly recommended that all new officials complete the NFHS judging springboard diving course available at NFHS learn: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/judging-springboard-diving-introduction>.
- All new officials must pass the current year's CASO test for new officials. This is a closed book 50-question exam. Officials may take the test up to 3 times. Passing is 80%.
- Following successful completion of the test, new officials will "intern" 2-3 dual meets to gain practical experience with high school swimming and diving.

Key Documents

- NFHS Swimming & Diving rule book for the current season.
- CASO Handbook for the current season – mailed copy to all registered officials [also available online at: <https://chsaanow.com/sports/2021/7/25/swimming-officials.aspx>].

Uniform

- Black & white striped shirt.
- Black pants, capri style pants, or shorts (minimum of mid-thigh length).
- White or black socks, or no socks.
- Predominately white or black tennis, deck, croc, close back or heel strapped sandal style footwear.
- Standard name tag.

New Officials

- Individuals interested in becoming a high school swimming and diving official may do so at any time during the year.