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MEMO FOR ALL IOWA SWIMMING OFFICIALS

SUBJECT: Swim Official Professionalism

FROM: ISI Officials Committee

Swim officials are on deck to ensure that safe, fair, and equitable competitive conditions exist at every swim meet for every swimmer. We accomplish this with a good understanding of the rules of swimming and by performing our duties in a professional manner. Swimmers, coaches, and parents count on this. Our young athletes deserve no less.

A professional swim official stays focused on the job of impartially observing the competition and does not show support for any particular swimmer or swim team. Any cheering or any other outward signs of partisan support while officiating is not appropriate. Focused, impartial observation is imperative not only for ensuring safe, fair, and equitable conditions. It is also crucial to building and maintaining the confidence of the athletes, coaches, and parents.

We thank you for volunteering your time and talents; and we appreciate your outstanding service to the sport of swimming.

Contact Bryan Lawler (blawler@universalclimate.com or 319-354-9005) if you have any questions about this memo or any aspect of officiating.

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