



TANTERRA TARPONS 2026 PARENT MEETING



AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Spirit Wear
3. Season Overview
 - a. Meets
 - b. Social Activities
 - c. Practice Times
4. Logistics
 - a. Jobs & Points
 - b. Declaring for Meets
 - c. Meet Details
 - d. Communicating with Coaches
5. Sponsors
6. Opportunities



TANTERRA SWIM AND DIVE TEAM GOALS

1. To promote competent coaching so that swimmers and divers can improve their skills and sportsmanship.
2. To help swimmers and divers develop the self-discipline and pride that is gained by belonging to a team.
3. To teach each child the importance of goal setting and goal achievement.
4. To encourage family participation and sharing in the fun and excitement of the meets and other activities.



MEET THE SWIM COACHES

Head Coaches



Ryan Burnsky



Kylie Sheapp

Preteam Head Coach



Claudia Parker

MEET THE DIVE COACHES

Head Coach



Lilly Calogero

Assistant Coach



Maddie Simpkins

Reps & Committee Chairs

- Swim Reps:** A Reps: Amy Floyd, & Seema Morse
B Reps: Melissa Frye & Lauren Wetzler
Pre-Team: Kevie Keeton & Lisa Dodd (Shadow: Genevieve DeWitt)
- Dive Reps:** David Biss & Jenny Wyne
- Automation:** Gray Williams & Kate Pomeroy - **SHADOW NEEDED**
- Head Official for Swim:** Matt Bachiochi
- Registration:** Kat Bachiochi (Shadow: Carolyn Schopp)
- Social Chairpersons:** Tony & Sheree Coleman - **SHADOW NEEDED**
- Spirit Wear Coordinators:** Kelsey Scall & Kasey Alexis
- Treasurer:** Jim Frye
- Webmaster:** Diana Litton - **SHADOW NEEDED**

TEAM SUITS, SPIRITWEAR, & CAPS

Spiritwear Coordinators

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TEAM SUITS

In 2026 we have a NEW VENDOR! We have a team store with [Swim Outlet](#).

We encourage swimmers and divers to **try on suits before ordering**. We will offer several dates to try on suits beginning May 18th. We will send out a signup link once we've received the try on kit.

~\$40



~\$25



~\$30



TEAM SUITS AND GEAR

Team members are encouraged, but are not required, to wear the team suit. Many team members elect to do so. If you own the team suit, you should wear it for all competitions.

Swimmers should bring swim caps, goggles, towels, and racing style suits to all practices, and have team suits, if owned, at all meets.

Water or sports drinks should be brought to practice as well. The team provides kickboards and other training equipment for use during practice. We suggest the use of sunblock throughout the season.

SPIRITWEAR

Our team store will be offering a variety of Tanterra Tarpon logo custom clothing and accessories. **10%** of proceeds from spiritwear benefit the swim and dive teams - **this is a fundraiser!** Orders will be delivered directly to your home. In person spiritwear sales will be limited.

Please consider using swimoutlet for any other swim needs as we will receive a 1% cashback on all not-personalized items.



SwimOutlet Team Store

TEAM CAPS

If a swimmer chooses to wear a cap, ONLY Tanterra swim caps can be worn at all swim meets. No other caps will be allowed. We have black Tanterra caps in inventory that will be offered for sale throughout the swim season. These caps do not have names on them.

We are also offering custom black name caps again this year! Our team store is already up and running!

<https://swimcapz.com/tanterra/shop/home>

Families may purchase name caps (2 for \$23.32) directly online until May 25, 2025. Custom name caps will not be available after that deadline. All orders will ship to the Spiritwear Coordinators in bulk when the ordering window closes and will be distributed at Tanterra Pool at or before Time Trials.



ORDER DEADLINES

Order	Item Category	Website
May 25	Custom Swim Caps	https://swimcapz.com/tanterra/shop/home
On-Going	Team Store	https://www.swimoutlet.com/collections/tanerratarpons?groupid=31954

PRETEAM EVALUATIONS

Preteam evaluations will take place on Sunday, June 7, at 10:30am
(Rain date – Monday, June 8 at 4:30pm)

We evaluate all new preteam swimmers on the following:

- Willingness to follow directions and easily separate from parent or guardian
- Be able to put their face in the water for a minimum of 5 seconds
- Complete 5 bobs (head all the way under water and back up, consecutively 5 times)
- Be able to swim (crawl/freestyle) for 5 yards without putting their feet on the ground

***If your child was on Preteam last summer, they DO NOT need to attend Preteam evaluations this summer.*

PRETEAM PRACTICES AND EVENTS

Monday, June 22 - Wednesday, July 15

Monday-Thursday 10:15-11:00 am

Fridays 10:30-11:00 am

*Option to join team Fun Day Fridays from 9:30-10
and Pep Rally + team snack from 10-10:30*

Preteam Parade: Wednesday, July 8th, at
5:30pm

Mini Meet Wednesday: July 15th, at 6:00pm.
Followed by awards.



Preteam Coaches and Coaches In Training

PreTeam Coach Requirements

- Minimum age 13 and must be an active member of the Tanterra swim team
- Attend at least 3 preteam practices per week, as well as the 2 preteam events (parade and mini meet)
- Must be strong swimmers who are **positive role models** in both work ethic and attitude
- Willing and able to assist the head preteam coach in all practices, including set up and clean up

Coach In Training (CIT) Requirements

- Minimum age 14 and must be an active member of the Tanterra swim team
- Attend at least 4 **8&U practices** a week
- Attend **all 5 B meets and B Relay Carnival**
- Must be strong swimmers who are **positive role models** in both work ethic and attitude
- Be responsible for getting to know the 8&U swimmers
- Assisting the coaches during practices
- Support the clerk of course at **all** B meets and the B relay carnival by locating and lining up the younger swimmers.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
6/6	Time Trials	Tanterra
6/10	B Meet (0B) vs. Tanterra (Intrasquad) **Max 3 events if swam in Time Trials**	Tanterra
6/13	A Meet (1A) vs. Woodley Gardens	Tanterra
6/17	B Meet (1B) vs. Hallowell	Hallowell
6/20	A (2A) Meet vs. Chevy Chase Recreation Association	Chevy Chase Recreation Association
6/24	B (2B) Meet vs. Manor Woods	Manor Woods
6/27	A Meet (3A) vs. Manor Woods	Manor Woods
7/1	B Meet (3B) vs. Stonegate	Stonegate
7/4 ** 8 am start time**	A Meet (4A) vs. Old Georgetown **Senior Meet**	Tanterra
7/5	A Relay Carnival	Tanterra
7/8	B Meet (4B) vs. Olney Mill **Senior Meet**	Tanterra
7/11	A Meet (5A) vs. Old Farm	Old Farm
7/12	B Relay Carnival	Hallowell
7/18	Divisionals	Manor Woods

DIVE MEETS



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
6/7	Bettinger Invitational for Rookie Divers	Regency Estates	10am
6/14	Glenwood	Tanterra	
6/21	North Chevy Chase	North Chevy Chase	
6/28	Old Georgetown	Tanterra	4:00
7/5	Rock Creek	Rock Creek	4:00
7/13	Merrimack Park **SENIOR MEET**	Tanterra	4:00
7/17	Robin Hood Invitational	Robin Hood Pool	3:30
7/19	Division I Championship Meet		8:00am
7/22	Dive All Stars (12u)	TBD	3:00
7/23	Dive All Stars (13-18)	TBD	3:00

Upgraded Concessions!

- Hot food items will be available at home A, B and dive meets! This will include breakfast sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers and sausages. Healthy options will also be available such as fruit, yogurt, bagels, etc.
- The Snack Shack will still provide pizza, donuts, ice cream, candy, etc.
- Proceeds will help support our team!



MEET THEMES AND CARAVAN

- The theme is the same all week beginning Saturday
- Swim week is Saturday - Wednesday
- 0B Meet's theme is TANTERRA - Red & Black (prizes for spirit)
- A Away Meets - meet at pool to caravan
- B Away Meets - drive individually

- Dive Meets - Meets are on Sunday
- Warmups always start at Tanterra, whether home or an away meet

- Drive individually





★ **TARPONS** **2026**



One Team. One Summer. No Brakes.

★ *Let's Hit the Road!* ★

WEEK 1

MARYLAND



WEEK 2

NEW YORK



WEEK 3

FLORIDA



WEEK 4

TEXAS



WEEK 5

HAWAII



DIVISIONALS

RED & BLACK



SOCIAL EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
5/26	First Practice! Popsicles or Hot Chocolate	Practice times
6/26	Pasta & Bingo Night Team Photo ** Pending Photographer Availability**	4:30-8:00pm
7/9	Family Fun Night with Ice Cream and Tie Dye Teen Night	7:00-9:00pm 10:00pm-1:00am
7/13	Team Trip to Guppy Gulch	TBD
7/20	Banquet at Tanterra	6:00-9:30pm

SWIM + DIVE TEAM PRACTICE

May 27 - June 18:

Mon-Fri Swim: 4:15-7:30pm Dive: 4:30-7:30pm

(see website for age group specific time)

June 19-July 15:

Mon-Thu 7:30-11:00 am (see website for age group specific time)

FRIDAYS: 9:00-10:30 **FOR ENTIRE TEAM** (preteam, swim & dive)

Afternoon Practices for those in camps:

Swim: Mon, Tue, & Thu 5-5:30 pm (8u-10) 5:30-6:00pm (11+)

Dive: Mon, Tue, & Thu 5-5:30 pm(11+) 5:30-6:00pm (8u-10)



SWIM & DIVE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

	PreTeam		8 & Under	9 - 10	11 - 12	13 & Over
Mon - Fri After School		Swim	5:15 - 6:00 pm	6:00 - 6:45 pm	6:45 - 7:30 pm	4:15 - 5:15 pm
May 26 - June 18		Dive	6:00 - 6:45 pm	5:15 - 6:00 pm	4:30 - 5:15 pm	6:45 - 7:30 pm
Mon - Thurs Mornings	10:15 - 11:00	Swim	10:15 - 11:00 am	9:30 - 10:15 am	8:45 - 9:30 am	7:30 - 8:45 am
June 22 - July 16		Dive	9:15 - 10:00 am	8:30 - 9:15 am	7:45 - 8:30 am	10:00 - 11:00 am
Friday Mornings FUN Day (begin June 19)	10:30 - 11:00 Optional come early for Swim Team Fun Day	Swim & Dive	9:00 - 10:00 10:00 - 10:30 Breakfast & Pep Rally			
Mon, Tues, & Thurs Afternoons		Swim	5:00 - 5:30		5:30 - 6:00	
		Dive	5:30 - 6:00		5:00 - 5:30	

FRIDAY FUNDAY PRACTICES

Optional Clinic 8:15-8:45:

- Starts
- Turns
- Speed work



Swim and Dive Team 9-10

- Friday Fun Day
- Competitions
- Team Building

Preteam 10:30-11 — option to join team Friday Fun Team competitions and team building



FRIDAY PEP RALLIES

- Every Friday 10:00-10:30 am (beginning June 19)
- Team snack
- Coaches review the week and highlight team achievements
- Tarpon of the Week
 - 2 swim team
 - 2 dive team
 - 2 pre-team
 - 1 spirit tarpon





Jobs and Points

POINTS

Swim only families, regardless of how many swimmers - 15 points

Dive only families, regardless of how many divers - 15 points

Swim and Dive families - 17 points

Pre-team only families (no siblings on swim or dive) - 2 points

Pre-Team & Dive families (with only pre-teamers and divers, no swimmers) - 15 points

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR JOBS

- We need up to 50 volunteers for a meet to function!
- Sign up often and early!
- Please be generous with your time :)

We understand that emergencies come up, however, if you need to drop a job within **48 hours** of a meet, please find a replacement and/or alert the appropriate rep so that we can fill the job!



Jobs will open in 2 waves

- May 25 @ 6:00am
 - All regular season swim and dive meet jobs
- June 15 @ 6:00am
 - All social jobs, additional end of season swim and dive jobs.

Meets/Events **Subscribe**

[Upcoming Events](#) | [Past Events](#)

TUE
MAY
30

Hot Chocolate / Popsicles

Tanterra Pavillion
Start: 4:30 PM
End: 7:00 PM

Sign up to serve hot chocolate or popsicles depending on the weather.

JOB SIGNUP
OPEN

SAT
JUN
10

Time Trials

Tanterra Pool
Start: 8:00 AM
Warm-up: 7:45 AM
End: 11:00 AM (estimated)

First meet of the season - to get times for each swimmer in eligible events.

MEET ENTRY
OPEN

JOB SIGNUP
OPEN

Time Trials - June 10, 2023

Job Assignments

Not signed-up for any volunteer shifts

Sign up for Jobs

Time Trials - June 10, 2023

Job Opportunities

Check to sign up	Name	Start	End	Filled	Points
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meet Set Up - Meet Set Up ⓘ	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	(0/3)	1.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Announcer - Announcer ⓘ	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	(0/3)	3.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clerk of Course - Clerk of Course ⓘ	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	(0/2)	4.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clerk of Course - Assistant - Clerk of Course - Assistant ⓘ	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	(0/1)	3.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Assistant - Computer Assistant ⓘ	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	(0/1)	3.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Head Timer - Head Timer ⓘ	7:30 AM	11:30 PM	(0/1)	3.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Head Timer - Assistant - Head Timer - Assistant ⓘ	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	(0/1)	2.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Host/Hostess - Host/Hostess ⓘ	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	(0/1)	3.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ice Pick Up - Ice Pick Up ⓘ	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	(0/1)	2.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meet Photographer - Meet Photographer ⓘ	7:30 AM	10:30 AM	(0/1)	2.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Timer - Timer ⓘ	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	(0/12)	2.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Runner - Runner ⓘ	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	(0/1)	2.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meet Clean Up - Meet Clean Up ⓘ	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	(0/3)	1.0

Save Assignments [or Cancel](#)

PROBATION PERIOD

If a family does not earn 80% of their required volunteer points, the following year they will be on Probation. During a Probation year, they will be

required to give the team a check for \$300. If they do not earn 80% of their

required points during the Probation Season, the check will be cashed by the

team at the end of the season. If they do earn 80% of their required volunteer

points, the check will be returned to the family.

SWIM MEET DECLARATION

If an athlete is NOT available, mark that in the meet entry!

A MEETS

- Declare by Wednesday at midnight
 - Declare for all meets you'd be available to go to - only declared swimmers are visible for the coaches to choose from for to create the line-up for the meet
 - Coaches make the line-up based on the fastest times and available swimmers

B MEETS

- Declare by Monday at midnight
 - YOU must check which events you would like them to swim (anything they didn't swim Saturday)
 - If your swimmer is swimming 4 events within the swim meet, please indicate in the comments which one you would like exhibition
 - NO DECK ENTRIES!!!!

SWIM MEET EXPECTATIONS

- Swimmers must **stay in the Team Area** for the majority of the meet
- A Meets
 - Warm-ups about 8am - ends about 11am
- B Meets
 - Warm-ups about 5pm - ends between 9-10pm
- Meet Buddies
- Ribbons
 - A meets - handed out at lunch or put in folder
 - B meets - put in folder by the end of the night (home) or next day (away)
 - Personal Best ribbons in folders for every time you record your best time



Team Area

DIVE MEET DECLARATION

- Declare for Dive meets by Wednesday Evening
 - Declare as soon as possible for all meets
 - If not available for a meet, mark that entry
 - Make sure dive sheets are filled out on Friday
 - Make sure the coaches know if you cannot attend warm-up

DIVE MEET EXPECTATIONS

Warm-ups start around 2pm at home pool, If the meet is way, warm-ups then continue for the away team at 3:30. If at home we continue until 3:30. Meets start at 4pm. Once the meet starts, events go by age group: Girls are first, Boys are second

First half age groups: 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12

Halftime and Awards (Ribbons) for younger age groups

Second half age groups: 13-14, 15-18

Awards (Ribbons) for older kids

Children currently diving need to stay with the group until their group has completed. For example, while the 8-under boys are diving the 9-10 girls need to collect near the team area.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION



A PEEK AT THE WEEK

TAN TERRA SWIM & DIVE TEAM

2026

SAT 5/23	SUN 5/24	MON 5/25	TUES 5/26	WED 5/27	THUR 5/28	FRI 5/29
POOL OPENS @ 12:00			1ST DAY OF PRACTICE			

HELPFUL LINKS



COMMUNICATING WITH COACHES

Swim: tanterracoach@gmail.com

Preteam: claudiaparker123@gmail.com

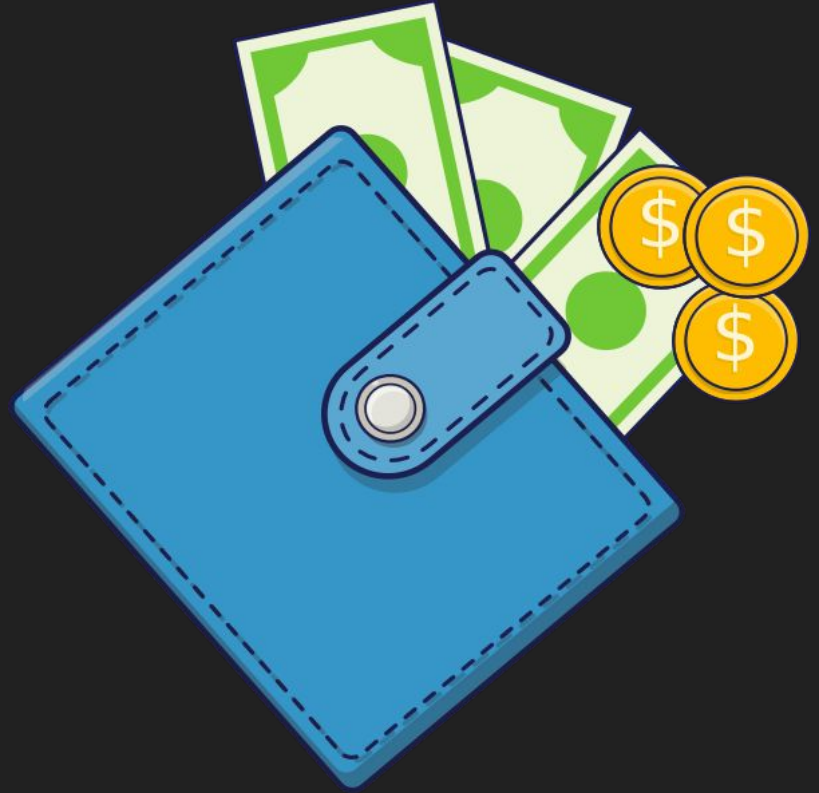
Dive: tadivecoach@gmail.com

REGISTRATION TIMELINE

REGISTRATION is OPEN!

*Early Bird Family Fee
ends on Sunday, May*

10! This fee will increase
by \$25 on Monday, May
11.



SPONSORS!

We are looking for sponsors for our team!

- 4 levels ranging from \$250-\$1,000
- Letters available on the website to send to local businesses
- There is an online form sponsors can fill out
 - Sponsor Letter to hand out to local businesses
- You get your family fee refunded!
- Form and payment must be in by May 28, 2026
- Contact Erica Terry
tanerratarpons1@gmail.com

Another way to support our team is to order the sponsor T-shirt when it is available! By wearing it around, more local businesses may want to sponsor our team!

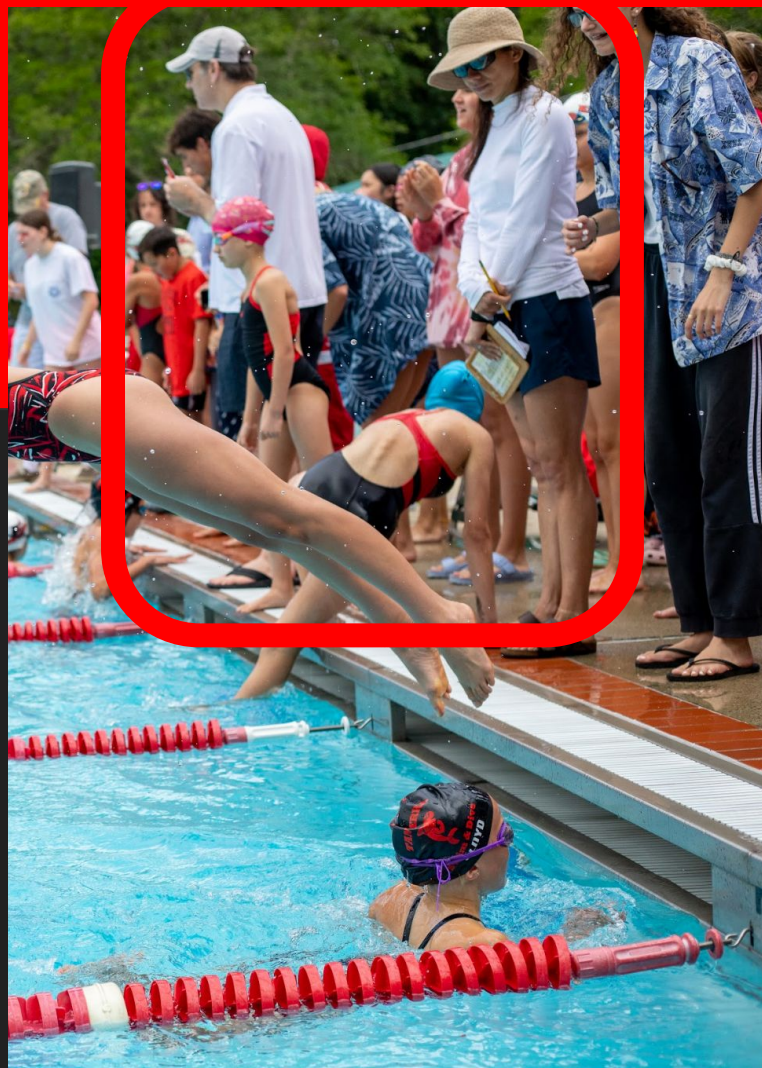
SPIRITWEAR SWAP DURING TIME TRIALS

- Did your kids grow out of some of their Tanterra spiritwear?
- Do you have at home a barely used red or black swimsuit or jammer?
- **Bring donations to Time Trials on June 6** and make another team member's day!
- We will set up under the pavillion.

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED FOR OFFICIALS!

- Take a training before the season starts
- Earn family points after successful completion of the course AND a shadow of a current official
- Be a stroke/dive expert!
- We cannot run meets without officials! We are VERY low because we've graduated several. Please consider!

Email [Matt Bachiochi](#) with any questions!



TRAINING TO BE A SWIM OFFICIAL

Officials work as a Stroke & Turn Judge, Starter, or Referee.

Montgomery County Swim League (MCSL) training covers all the basics of the position, the strokes, and as well as the philosophy of officiating. Swim officials clinics for first timers would be **Stroke & Turn Clinics**, which are available on

- May 31 8:00 am
- June 3 7:00 pm
- June 7 8:00 am

Please **email Matt Bachiochi** at mattbach@gmail.com, **pre-register** for one of the clinics, & **take the class!**

TRAINING TO BE A DIVE OFFICIAL

New Montgomery County Dive League (MCDL) official certification process this year!

Dive Judge:

Training to be a dive judge is a **two-step** process. Full instructions from MCDL here: <https://cms.mcdiving.org/wp-content/uploads/Becoming-an-MCDL-Official.pdf>

Step 1: Complete the NFHS training course. This course is an online self-paced session that instructs you on how to judge diving. You complete this training on your own, before attending in person training. This training must be completed before attending the in-person training session.

Step 2: Attend in-person training. The in-person training focuses on practical instruction for MCDL dive meets.

Dive Ref:

Training to be a referee requires attending a virtual or in-person MCDL training session. In order to be a referee you are required to have been certified as a judge for 1 year.

A friendly reminder, judges and referees must renew their certification every three years.

Contact David Biss at david.biss@gmail.com with any questions.

THANK YOU!

See you soon!

