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2023 USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION

Have you renewed your USA Swimming registration for 2023? You must renew your registration before officiating in 2023. If you haven't registered yet, please reach out to your club for their registration link; you will need to use the club-specific link to register for 2023. If you officiated 10 or more sessions at PVS-sanctioned meets in 2022 you will receive a link to request reimbursement for your 2023 USA Swimming registration fee after you renew your registration.

NOTE: Beginning with the 2024 USA Swimming membership year, you will become eligible for reimbursement of your USA Swimming membership fees AFTER you officiate 10 sessions in the corresponding calendar year.

PVS CERTIFICATIONS EXTENDED

Due to the challenges created by COVID and the loss of the USA Swimming Officials Tracking System (OTS), the PVS Officials Committee voted to extend all certifications expiring 12/31/2022 to 12/31/2023. Recertification for most positions includes attendance at a PVS clinic, completion of recertification tests, a minimum number of sessions annually in the position, and submission of the [PVS Officials Recertification Request](#) form. Complete recertification requirements are available on the [PVS website](#).

NATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS EXTENDED

The USA Swimming National Officials Committee has extended national certifications that expired 12/31/2022 or will expire 6/30/2023 to 12/31/2023. Requirements for national certification advancement or recertification have not changed. A complete roster of National Certifications is available on the [National Certification web page](#).

National certification advancements and recertifications are not yet available.

PVS SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

PVS hosts three Short Course Championship Meets in March at the University of Maryland and they all need your help! Please consider volunteering to officiate.

The PVS SC Senior Championships, March 2-5, and the PVS SC 14&Under Championships, March 9-12, are anticipated to be Official's Qualifying Meets (OQM) under USA Swimming's National Certification program. An OQM provides officials the opportunity to receive mentoring from an experienced official and be evaluated to receive National certification. There are two levels of National certification – N2 and N3 – for the following positions: Stroke & Turn Judge, Chief Judge, Starter, Deck Referee, Administrative Official, and Administrative Referee. If you are considering officiating at a Sectional, Zone, Futures, Pro Series, or National meet, this is an excellent opportunity to learn what the expectations are at those meets and to receive the mentoring and evaluation to achieve National Certification. Complete details of the National Certification program are available on the [USA Swimming website](#).

If you are available to officiate at any – or all – of these meets, please complete the Officials Signup.

Meet	Meet Referee	Officials Signup
March 2-5		
PVS SC Senior Championships	Jorge Zamora	Application to Officiate
PVS SC Junior Championships	Steven Lutz	Officials Signup
March 9-12		
PVS SC 14&Under Championships	Erika Livingston	Application to Officiate

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EASTERN ZONE SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

In addition to the PVS Spring Championship meets this month, the Eastern Zone hosts three championship meets in March. It is anticipated that each will be an OQM. If you are available, please consider volunteering to officiate at these meets.

	Meet	Location	Officials Signup
March 23-26			
	Eastern Zone SC Sectionals (South)	Christiansburg, VA	Application to Officiate
	Eastern Zone Sectionals – Spring Long Course	Buffalo, NY	Application to Officiate
March 29-April 1			
	Eastern Zone SC Age Group Championships	Webster, NY	Application to Officiate

CLINIC SCHEDULE

The PVS Spring Officials Clinic schedule has been posted to the [PVS website](#). If you need to recertify in 2023 or have been considering certifying in additional positions, please add the necessary clinic to your calendar. Pre-registration is required.

HELP WANTED

Are you interested in getting more involved with PVS? The Technical Committee is looking for new members. The technical committee reviews PVS meet announcements to ensure compliance with USA Swimming Rules and PVS Policies & Procedures. They also assist clubs in troubleshooting session timelines for 12&Under sessions that exceed four hours. Contact Tom Ugast (operations@pvswim.org), PVS Operations Vice Chair, if you are interested.

After four years of representing officials on the PVS Board of Directors, Jorge Zamora's term has come to an end. The Officials Representative to the PVS Board of Directors is elected by certified PVS Officials to a two-year term, beginning September 1, 2023, with a maximum of two terms. If you are interested in being a candidate for the Officials Representative to the PVS Board of Directors, please contact Kelly Rowell (officialschair@pvswim.org), PVS Officials Committee Chair, by April 11, 2023. The election will be held virtually the last week of April.

OFFICIALS VIRTUAL SUGGESTION BOX

The PVS Officials Committee wants your feedback! Do you have suggestions to improve our certification process? Ideas on how to recruit additional officials? Something that should be brought to the committee's attention? Submit your feedback using the [PVS Officials Virtual Suggestion Box](#). Contact information is optional, but we can only reply to you if you provide your name and email address.