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THANK YOU!

Thank you for your time and efforts supporting the athletes, coaches, and clubs during the 2022-2023 season. It is difficult to believe that the PVS competition season has concluded.

The PVS Officials Corps has continued to rebound: 118 officials certified for the first time and 55 officials added one or more certifications this season. Welcome to our new officials, and an extra thank you to those who have mentored them along the way.

EASTERN ZONE LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

PVS athletes continue to compete, in addition to this weekend at Futures in Richmond, PVS athletes will compete at the Eastern Zone Championship meets next weekend. If you are available, please consider volunteering to officiate at these meets. If you meet the [eligibility criteria](#), PVS will assist with expenses.

Meet	Location	Officials Signup
August 2-5		
Eastern Zone LC Age Group Championships	Richmond, VA	Application to Officiate
August 3-6		
Eastern Zone LC Senior Zone Championships	Buffalo, NY	Application to Officiate

HELP WANTED NEEDED

Are you interested in getting more involved with PVS? There are a variety of committees in need of your talents. If you are interested or would like additional information, contact Cherlynn Venit (dpws@aol.com), PVS General Chair-elect.

PVS BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVE

After 4 years of service to PVS and its officials, Jorge Zamora's term on the PVS Board of Directors concludes August 31. Thank you to Jorge for being the voice of PVS Officials on the PVS Board of Directors! Barb Ship was the sole nominee to replace him. Barb's two-year term begins September 1, 2023.

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OFFICIALS TRACKING SYSTEM (OTS)

USA Swimming continues to improve the Officials Tracking System (OTS). It has come a long way since last October – Meet Referees can now add officials to meets in advance, officials can now see their certifications and meet history. Meet history prior to September 1, 2022, is still lacking some detail. National Certifications and LSC Certifications are available – the information is as of September 1, 2022.

National Certifications

Applications and updates to National Certifications will continue outside OTS for the immediate future. National Certifications are updated once a month on the National Certification & Evaluation page of the USA Swimming website. All National Certifications expiring 12/31/2022 and 6/30/2023 were extended to 12/31/2023. Requirements for recertification have not changed.

PVS Certifications

The [PVS Officials Roster](#) has the most current certification information for PVS Officials. If your certifications expire 12/31/2023, please plan to attend a PVS clinic in the Fall to recertify. Complete certification and recertification requirements are available on the [PVS website](#).

Meet History

It is a great time to review your OTS Meet History for the past season. Due to a (now fixed) bug in OTS, it is possible that meets and/or sessions that you officiated during the 2022-2023 season are missing. If you notice errors or omissions, please contact the Meet Referee.

RULES UPDATES

Recent changes at World Aquatics mean rule changes may come more often than in the past. USA Swimming has created a spot on the [USA Swimming website](#) where it will post rule changes after the rulebook has been printed.

FALL CLINIC SCHEDULE

The PVS Fall Officials Clinic schedule will be posted to the [PVS website](#) soon. 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.

2024 USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION – CHANGES COMING

USA Swimming recognizes that 2023 registration produced some challenges and it is working to make 2024 registration easier. Clubs will have the option to bulk renew their members; there will be a one-button renewal option for individuals. If your club opts to bulk renew their non-athletes, your club will renew your registration for 2024. Your current registration is valid through 12/31/2023, so there is no rush to register for 2024.