

-----HAPPY NEW YEAR!-----

POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING

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OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER

-----NEW MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS FOR PVS!-----

POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING MISSION STATEMENT

PVS supports and promotes excellence for all through competition, education, innovation and leadership.

POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING VISION STATEMENT

PVS: Leadership and excellence in and out of the pool



From the Chairman
PVS Officials Committee Chair Tim Husson



Happy New Year! With a lot of meets coming up over the next three months, including six this weekend, I'm trying to make sure everyone is registered and certified for 2017. Please take a few minutes to check your status in the Officials Tracking System to make sure both your registration (including background screen and athlete protection training) and certifications are current. Please let me know if you still have any confusion or questions. If you still need a clinic to re-certify, there are upcoming clinics. Check out the schedule below or on the PVS website.

At a recent governance workshop, the PVS Board came up with new mission and vision statements. Check them out above. They define what PVS is all about.

Applications to Officiate the March championship meets should be available soon. Applications are already available for the late March Sectional and Zone Meets. You can find them at <http://www.pvswim.org/official/applications.html>

I hope to see you at a meet real soon!

Tim Husson
OfficialsChair@pvswim.org

“We ARRE Mentors Workshop” (Article #3)

By: Steed Edwards and Ellen Colket



Our 3rd article in our We ARRE Mentors Workshop follow-up series looks at the role of a National Evaluator. In order to address this topic, let's focus on the essential 4 W's

Who, What, When and Why.

Who are National Evaluators?

There are two types of National Evaluators:

The first group of evaluators are those who are qualified to evaluate candidates for certification and re-certification at the N2 level in all positions as well as at the N3 level for Stroke and Turn. These officials are very experienced with at least N2 Referee and N3 Stroke and Turn Judge certifications and experience at National Championship meets. They also possess a thorough understanding of the expectation for officials at National Championship meets. LSC Officials Chairs usually nominate officials as an evaluator in this category.



The second group are those who are qualified to perform “Initial” or “Final” evaluations for candidates for N3 Chief Judge, N3 Starter, N3 Deck Referee and N3 Administrative Referee. “Initial” Evaluators are N3 certified in the position being evaluated and usually have been assigned at least once in the position at a National Championship meet within the last few years. “Final” evaluations may only be performed by evaluators who have relevant National Championship Meet experience at several National Championship Meets. The USAS Officials Committee appoints these evaluators and will periodically review the list.

What is the role of a National Evaluator?

National Evaluators represent USA Swimming and are accountable for ensuring high quality officiating consistent with National Standards. The Evaluators mentor, educate and motivate with an eye on improving and retaining officials. During an evaluation, these individuals provide meaningful and encouraging feedback to an official looking to recertify or advance and are accountable for ensuring officials are ready to work on the Sectional/Zone (N2) or National Championship deck (N3). This includes the responsibility for being certain that the evaluated official knows the rules, the position protocols/procedures, effectively communicates and collaborates with team members and most importantly, is ready for advancement to the next level. National Evaluators are also accountable for the continuation of their own education and certifications through participation in forums, discussions, conventions, meetings, clinics as well as assignment at National or other high level meets.



When can I engage with a National Evaluator?

You can engage with a National Evaluator at any time whether you are being evaluated or simply to tap into their experience and knowledge. When you do submit a request for evaluation, are accepted to the meet and notified of your evaluator, we highly recommend you reach out and initiate introductions and a dialogue to be clear on expectations and position checklist/requirements. Those evaluators are pretty savvy and oftentimes are the first to make contact as their primary concern is to ensure *you* are set up for success.

Why should I obtain a National Certification?

More than eleven years ago, while about to step on deck to officiate a meet, a colleague came to me saying, "you ought to get evaluated - this is an OQM". I must have looked like a deer in the headlights as he said it again and this time looked quite serious. It often takes a simple conversation, recommendation and/or gentle push to have officials - both new and not so new - pursue advancements through the evaluation process. This is how we continue to nurture our officials' knowledge, National certifications and retention.

We hope you have a bit more insight into the role of a National Evaluator and the interface with

the officials' community at large. You can read much more about the details of the National Officials Certification program by accessing the following USA Swimming link - <http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1515>.



PVS Officials at Nationals




Jan Van Nimwegan, Barbara Ship, Bob Vincent, Jack Neill, Ellen Colket and Joe Tiago.

Fun Facts

by: Tim Husson & Kelly Rowell



Potomac Valley Swimming ended 2016 with more than 600 certified officials, the most ever. PVS officials worked over 9,750 sessions at PVS-sanctioned meets in 2016. 389 PVS Officials (~64%) qualified to have their 2017 USA Swimming registration fees paid by PVS by working at least 10 sessions during 2016. Whether you worked one session or more than 80, Potomac Valley competitions could not take place without your volunteer service. The officials who contributed their time and experience to 50 or more sessions at PVS meets in 2016 are listed below. Thank you to all who generously gave their time and talents to the swimmers of Potomac Valley.

Mohamed Chouikha (DCPR)	Christa Krukiel (RMSC)	Ray Nash (NCAP)	Margaret Schroeder (OCCS)
Scott Christofferson (MACH)	Erika Livingston (DCPR)	Jack Neill (UN)	Barbara Ship (RMSC)
Tim Husson (UN)	Karyn McCannon (UN)	Kelly Rowell (HACC)	Robert Stevens (OCCS)
Courtney Johnston (MACH)	Tukkie McMillan (FISH)	Michael Rubin (SDS)	Steven Strazza (MACH)
John Kost (PM)	Kim McMillen (NCAP)	Dean Schroeder (OCCS)	Jan Van Nimwegan (SNOW)

Potomac Valley sanctioned 159 meets in 2016. Of that total, 5 were approved meets (YMCA, MCSL LC and Black History Meets) and 18 were observed meets (H.S. and Masters). Over 304,000 individual and relay times from these meets were loaded into the SWIMS database.

As of January 1, 2017, 413 PVS officials are fully registered (including current APT and Background Check). If you are among the nearly 1/3rd who has procrastinated updating your APT and/or Background Check, you must update them and register before working on deck in 2017.



Officials Recognition

By: Tim husson



144 PVS officials certified at one or more new positions in 2016. Welcome to those who have joined our ranks for the first time – including those who have transferred from other LSCs! Those who have certified in additional positions provide valuable flexibility to meet referees/club officials chairs who are staffing meets. Congratulations and thanks to all!

Stroke & Turns

Tom Allison (TIBU)
 Ryan Barker (BWST)
 Edwin Betancourt (RMSC)
 Gina Biver (VLAC)
 Dalia Blass (NCAP)
 Katie Bocock (DCPR)
 John Borley (BWST)
 Joseph Budzynski (VLAC)
 Steven Chang (RMSC)
 Jo Clay (PGKS)
 Shaunna Corcoran (OCCS)
 Sabrina Corlette (PM)
 Amy Cotton (MAKO)
 Kathryn Davis (MACH)
 Stephen Davis (MACH)
 Carrie Delaney (BWST)
 Genevieve Diamond-Krebs (RMSC)
 Ton Du (MACH)
 Duke Ducar (AAC)
 Bev Enochs (AAC)
 Dell Evans (NCAP)
 Dianne fiedler (OCCS)
 Scott Frederick (JFD)
 Gene Gabriel (SNOW)
 John Gibilterra (MAKO)
 Drew Glass (PM)
 Mirko Golczyk (AAC)
 Steven Goldstein (ASA)
 Bill Golembiewski (OCCS)
 John Griffin (MAKO)
 Therese Griffin (OCCS)
 Joseph Hall (CSC)
 Carl Harris (SNOW)
 Beth Heidenreich (NCAP)

Stroke & Turns (cont.)

Donna Poulin (NCAP)
 Jayashree Ramani (NCAP)
 Kevin Reed (ASA)
 Olesya Rudin (NCAP)
 Mary Saarinen (PAC)
 Janet Schiavone (RY)
 Fitz Smith (UMAC)
 Elizabeth Sowers (NCAP)
 Bob Sullivan (FISH)
 Eric Toppin (DCPR)
 Phi Truong (RMSC)
 Magda Ungerecht (SDS)
 Sheila Vidal (MACH)
 Cheri Vincent (MACH)
 Tom Williams (MAKO)
 Andrew Wright (RY)
 Hsiaoming Yao (RMSC)

Starters

Travis Blake (PM)
 Blair Cameron (AAC)
 Duke Ducar (AAC)
 David Goldberg (ASA)
 Amy Hutcherson (NCAP)
 Steve Kaiser (RMSC)
 Erika Livingston (DCPR)
 Christopher Nicolai (OCCS)
 Randy Nunes (PM)
 Chris Oliver (OCCS)
 Frank Raines (RMSC)
 Eric Ramey (SNOW)
 Sheila Vidal (MACH)
 Garry Young (CSC)
 Jorge Zamora (OCCS)

Referees

Carla Austin (RMSC)
 Chris Chmielenski (NCAP)
 Armando Gomez (MACH)
 Charles Lundy (AAC)
 Steven Lutz (RMSC)
 Chongchit McGovern (RMSC)
 Karl Stumpf (ASA)

Admin Officials

Carla Austin (RMSC)
 Susan Buda (MSSC)
 Kate Johnson (PAC)
 Carolyn Kotarski (YORK)
 Tukkie McMillan (FISH)
 Lynn Oliver (SNOW)

Computer Operators

Victoria Brantley (AAC)
 Courtney Johnston (MACH)
 John Kaneko (RMSC)
 Jung Lee (FAST)
 Steven Lutz (RMSC)
 Christi Ng (MSSC)
 Mary Poletto (UN)
 Kelly Rowell (HACC)
 Rebecca Schoepfer (NCAP)
 Natalie Taylor (UMAC)
 Chris Whipple (UMAC)
 KT Zamora (OCCS)
 Bin Zhou (MSSC)

Timing System Operators

Susan Buda (MSSC)
 Sarah Flick (PAC)

Deborah Hill (PAC) Jose Idler (PAC) Hillary Jackson (RMSC) John Jones (NCAP) John Kitchen (NCAP) Brian Kux (ASA) Victoria de Lopez (TIBU) Julie Lopez (NCAP) Robert Ludke (PM) Lou Martinage (TOLL) Paul Martinez (NCAP) Abraham McAllister (PM) Mary McCloy (OCCS) Craig Meledick (FAST) Becky Mohler (AAC) Pamela Monk Green (DCPR) Jim Newland (OCCS) Kim Nonato (RMSC) Amy Nunes (PM) Tom Oliver (OCCS) Gabe Ossi (RMSC) Leah Ossi (RMSC) Don Palmer (OCCS) Megan Pase (PAC) Kelly Polich (TOLL)	Chief Judges Kevin Anderson (YORK) Xiaoping Bai (RMSC) Travis Blake (PM) Melinda Bolling (DCPR) Blair Cameron (AAC) George Casimates (RMSC) David Costanza (RIPS) Marcy Hemminger (FISH) Nancy Jardini (SDS) Mitchell Jung (DCPR) Steve Kaiser (RMSC) Tony Knick (NCAP) Ann Kuhlkin (NCAP) Brad Mason (MAKO) Peter Mott (DCPR) Peter Nachod (RMSC) Christopher Nicolai (OCCS) Randy Nunes (PM) Michael Rosman (ASA) Tim Rowe (NCAP) Roy Soller (OCCS) Troy Stovall (NCAP) Pete Toman (AAC) Winslow Woodland (DCPR) Anna Zelinsky (MACH)	Kristine Frohman (RMSC) Blaine Henry (PM) Lisa Johnson (RMSC) Courtney Johnston (MACH) MacKenzie Kearney (MACH) Jeff Klein (NCAP) Tricia Peny (OCCS) David Rogers (AAC) Kelly Rowell (HACC) James Smith (RMSC) Beth Spicer (NCAP) Natalie Taylor (UMAC) Yvonne Taylor (UMAC) Chris Whipple (UMAC) Jorge Zamora (OCCS)
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Upcoming Clinics



Date	Clinic	Location	Time
Computer-Based Training	Timing System Operator	Register for this clinic	Any time
Saturday January 7	Hy-Tek	GMU	8:00 - 10:00 AM
Saturday January 7	Administrative Official	GMU	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Saturday January 7	New Referees (By Invitation Only)	GMU	1:00 - 3:00 PM
Saturday January 7	Referee	GMU	3:30 - 5:30 PM
Sunday January 8	Stroke & Turn	GMU	8:00 - 10:30 AM
Sunday January 8	Starter	GMU	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday January 8	Chief Judge	GMU	1:30 - 3:30 PM
Sunday January 15	Stroke & Turn	MLK	9:00 - 11:30 AM
Sunday January 15	Chief Judge	MLK	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Sunday January 15	starter	MLK	1:30 - 3:30 PM

Upcoming Meets



****Click on the Upcoming Meets Banner to see the latest information*

January 2017

13-17 - Arena Pro Swim Series (USA Swimming)
14-15 - Green & Orange Bowl Invitational (MACH)
21-22 - PVS January Open (PVS)
21-22 - Snow Dude Mini Meet (PM)
27-29 - RMSC January Invitational (RMSC)
27-29 - IM Xtreme Games - NE (PM) - UMD
29 - Polar Pentathlon Mini (NCAP)
29 - Little Blue Penguin Pentathlon (PAC)

February 2017

11 - SNOW February Qualifier (SNOW)
11-12 - PM 14&U JO Qualifier (PM)
11-12 - Winter Gator Mini Meet (AAC)
11-12 - President's Day Classic (OCCS)
11-12 - PVS February Distance Meet (PVS)
12 - Munchkin Mania (FAST)
17-18 - PVS 18&U Qualifier (PVS)
17-19 - 31st Annual Black History Meet (DCPR)
17-19 - NCAP Winter Invitational (NCAP)
18-19 - NCAP Mini Champs (NCAP)
19 - Frozen Penguin Pentathlon (PAC)
24-26 - MACH JO Qualifier (MACH)
24-26 - RMSC February Qualifier (RMSC)



BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT GOES TO THE SWIMMER!

Call what you see and see what you call

