

***PVS
OFFICIALS COMMITTEE
HOUSE OF DELEGATES REPORT***

May 21, 2008

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Officials Committee Report
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Organization

The Committee consists of 18 members and ex-officio members, two members left this year. The Committee is currently engaged in a review of the mission and goals of the Committee to identify any organizational or operational changes that might be appropriate to better serve the officials and swimmer of PVS. The Committee held four meeting this year.

Officials

Clinics: This year we conducted twenty one clinics, (see attached list for sites and dates) and **207 attendees***. This is slightly less than last year but still s respectable attendance figure. The number for S&T does not include officials who attended approved summer league sessions.

| No. of Clinics Held | | Attendees* |
|--|-----------------|------------|
| 3 | Referee | 11 |
| 6 | Starter | 19 |
| 10 | Stroke & Turn | 109 |
| 1 | Hy-Tek | 15 |
| 1 | ETS | 11 |
| Swimposium | Ref/Starter/S&T | 27/6/9 |
| 22 | | 207 |
| * Attendee data missing for two sessions | | |
| | Location | |
| 12 | VA | |
| 10 | MD | |
| 22 | | |

There are currently 291 certified officials with a valid certification through CY 2008, this represents an increase of 37 officials from last year. The website certification data for officials is updated through May 17th, 2008.

Other Activities

The Committee continues to provide PVS shirts to officials after two years of working meets. This has been extremely popular and you will see many officials in their shirts at meets. We continue to provide Bells to new starters, also a popular item

The Committee carefully reviewed and established a protocol for Chase Starts this year.

PVS Officials Boots Hall, John Hirschmann and Don Riedlinger have been selected to work the 2008 Olympic Trials in Omaha, Nebraska

The Committee introduced an Officials Newsletter developed and edited by Committee member Jack Neill this year and published three editions. All are available on the PVS Website and a copy is included in the Appendix of this report.

Committee member Jack Neill also compiled and wrote a Timing Judge manual, a complete copy of which is available on the PVS Website

We sent two "new referees" to the Officials Training Workshop conducted by USA Swimming in St Louis Missouri in 2007. Peter Nichols and Lionel Bejean represented PVS.

Committee member Jim Thompson continues to refine and improve an Excel Spreadsheet to allow the Meet Referee from each PVS sanctioned meet to capture the names of each Official who worked, the Meet, actual session(s) and position (s) worked. Final data for this season is attached.

Officials Committee Chair Jim Van Erden attended the USA Swimming Officials Chair's annual meeting in San Antonio on June 14-16, 2007.

This year four meets were approved for National Certification: N2 level certification (PVS Senior Champs and PVS 14 & Under Champs), and N2/N3 (PVS Senior LC Champs and Tom Dolan Invitational). The PVS Senior Champs and 14 & Under Champs had 47 and approximately 70 officials who participated.

In honor of Boots Hall receiving the Maxwell Award and with the support of the PVS Board, the Committee held a reception to honor Boots and to recognize a number of PVS Officials for their outstanding contributions to PVS and our swimmers. The following PVS Officials were awarded 2007-2008 Outstanding Contribution Awards by Potomac Valley Swimming at the Officials Recognition Reception on April 26, 2008:

Stroke and Turn: Robert Schwartz

Stroke and Turn: Steve Bajorek

Starter: Dan Young

Deck Referee: Mike Rubin

Deck referee: Bob Vincent

Admin Referee: Tim Husson

Meet referee: Peter Nichols

Meet referee: Pam Stark-Reed

Hy-Tek: Suey Nordberg

Hy-Tek: Robbye Fox

Education: Jack Neill

Operations: Jim Thompson

Jim Van Erden
Chair, Officials Committee

Appendix

List of 2007-2008 Officials Clinics Twenty Two Clinics Completed

| Completed Clinics | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Date | Clinic | Location | Time | Who's Attending |
| Saturday September 29 | <u>Starter</u> | <u>Olney Swim Center</u> | 9:30 - 11:30 AM | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday September 29 | <u>Stroke & Turn</u> | <u>Olney Swim Center</u> | NOON - 2:00 PM | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday October 6 | <u>PVS Swimposium</u> | <u>Georgetown Prep School</u> | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | |
| Saturday October 13 | <u>Starter</u> | <u>Herndon Community Center</u> | 8:00 - 10:00 AM | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday October 13 | <u>Stroke and Turn</u> | <u>Herndon Community Center</u> | 10:00 AM - NOON | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday October 13 | <u>Colorado Timing System</u> | <u>Herndon Community Center</u> | 12:30 - 2:30 PM | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday October 13 | <u>Hy-Tek Computer Operations</u> | <u>Herndon Community Center</u> | 2:30 - 4:30 PM | <u>list</u> |
| Sunday October 14 | <u>Starter</u> | <u>Oak Marr</u> | 12:30 - 2:30 PM | <u>list</u> |
| Sunday October 14 | <u>Stroke and Turn</u> | <u>Oak Marr</u> | 2:30 - 4:30 PM | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday October 27 | <u>Starter</u> | <u>Olney Swim Center</u> | 9:30 - 11:30 AM | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday October 27 | <u>Stroke & Turn</u> | <u>Olney Swim Center</u> | NOON - 2:00 PM | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday October 27 | <u>Referee</u> | <u>2920 South Glebe Rd</u> <u>Arlington VA</u> Park in back. Enter thru rear door. | 9:00 AM - NOON | <u>list</u> |
| Sunday October 28 | <u>Stroke & Turn</u> | <u>PGS&LC</u> | NOON - 2:00 PM | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday November 10 | <u>Stroke & Turn</u> | <u>Madeira School</u> | 9:30 - 11:30 AM | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday November 17 | <u>Starter</u> | <u>Olney Swim Center</u> | 9:30 - 11:30 AM | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday November 17 | <u>Stroke & Turn</u> | <u>Olney Swim Center</u> | NOON - 2:00 PM | <u>list</u> |

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| Saturday February 9 | <u>Stroke & Turn</u> | <u>Spring Hill</u> | 10:00 AM - NOON | <u>list</u> |
| Sunday February 10 | <u>Referee</u> | Please contact Jim Van Erden at <u>jvanerden@dtihq.com</u> | 10:00 AM - NOON | <u>list</u> |
| Saturday April 19 | <u>Stroke & Turn</u> | <u>Oak Marr</u> | 6:30 - 8:30 AM | <u>list</u> |
| | | | | |
| Sunday April 27 | <u>Starter</u> | <u>Fairland</u> | 8:30 - 10:30 AM | <u>list</u> |
| Sunday April 27 | <u>Stroke & Turn</u> | <u>Fairland</u> | 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM | <u>list</u> |

Distribution of Athletes and Officials (II)

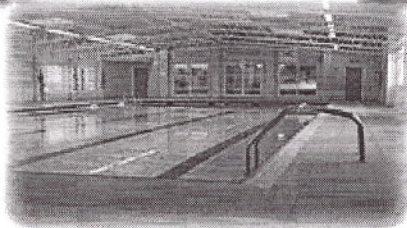
From: 10/1/2007 To: 5/10/2008

Contains data for meets where officials roster or meet entry data are available.

| Club | Sessions Worked | | Athletes | | Splashes | |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |
| AAC | 118 | 4.3% | 303 | 1.8% | 1372 | 2.1% |
| ASA | 7 | 0.3% | 229 | 1.4% | 1028 | 1.5% |
| BWST | 24 | 0.9% | 269 | 1.6% | 1096 | 1.6% |
| CODS | 0 | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% | 10 | 0.0% |
| CUBU | 266 | 9.7% | 2492 | 15.2% | 11683 | 17.5% |
| DCPR | 6 | 0.2% | 155 | 0.9% | 676 | 1.0% |
| ERSC | 10 | 0.4% | 34 | 0.2% | 160 | 0.2% |
| FAST | 36 | 1.3% | 109 | 0.7% | 499 | 0.7% |
| FBST | 94 | 3.4% | 177 | 1.1% | 808 | 1.2% |
| FGAC | 55 | 2.0% | 123 | 0.7% | 656 | 1.0% |
| FISH | 42 | 1.5% | 352 | 2.1% | 1891 | 2.8% |
| HACC | 137 | 5.0% | 395 | 2.4% | 1562 | 2.3% |
| HOYA | 16 | 0.6% | 100 | 0.6% | 594 | 0.9% |
| JCCW | 0 | 0.0% | 13 | 0.1% | 43 | 0.1% |
| JFD | 13 | 0.5% | 229 | 1.4% | 706 | 1.1% |
| MACH | 238 | 8.7% | 881 | 5.4% | 4107 | 6.1% |
| MAKO | 9 | 0.3% | 540 | 3.3% | 2095 | 3.1% |
| MSSC | 21 | 0.8% | 93 | 0.6% | 395 | 0.6% |
| NAAC | 8 | 0.3% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| OCCS | 159 | 5.8% | 302 | 1.8% | 1849 | 2.8% |
| OUTLSC | 102 | 3.7% | 1329 | 8.1% | 6344 | 9.5% |
| PEAK | 83 | 3.0% | 46 | 0.3% | 180 | 0.3% |
| PM 1 | 73 | 6.3% | 649 | 3.9% | 3249 | 4.9% |
| RIPS | 10 | 0.4% | 115 | 0.7% | 516 | 0.8% |
| RMSC | 482 | 17.6% | 4828 | 29.4% | 14167 | 21.2% |
| SDS | 277 | 10.1% | 771 | 4.7% | 3229 | 4.8% |
| SNOW | 42 | 1.5% | 564 | 3.4% | 2498 | 3.7% |
| TESC | 0 | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | 16 | 0.0% |
| TIBU | 33 | 1.2% | 225 | 1.4% | 950 | 1.4% |
| UN 132 | 4.8% | 373 | 2.3% | 1632 | 2.4% | |
| UNKN | 15 | 0.5% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| YORK | 138 | 5.0% | 738 | 4.5% | 2776 | 4.2% |
| 32 | 2,746 | 100% | 16,441 | 100% | 66,787 | 100% |

Officials News Letter

Around the Deck



Potomac Valley
Swimming
Officials' Newsletter



February, 2008

Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of our new PVS Officials' Newsletter! The Officials Committee of Potomac Valley Swimming hopes to make this newsletter a regular opportunity to keep you up-to-date with happenings in USA Swimming and PVS officiating, and to provide a forum to help us all become better officials. Do you have comments, questions, or suggestions regarding this newsletter or about PVS officiating? Contact Jack Neill, or any member of the PVS Officials Committee.

We need
you!



Upcoming Meets

February 2008

| Date | Meet | Location |
|------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1-2 | <u>2008 Testudo Invitational</u> | <u>University of Maryland</u> |
| 1-3 | <u>VSC February Challenge</u> | <u>South Run</u> |
| 9-10 | <u>PM 14&U JO Qualifier</u> | <u>Cub Run</u> |
| 9-10 | <u>2008 FISH Qualifier</u> | <u>Spring Hill</u> |

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| 9-10 | <u>2008 MACH/YORK Qualifier</u> | <u>Warrenton Aquatic</u> |
| 16-17 | <u>Winter Gator Mini</u> | <u>Wakefield HS</u> |
| 17 | <u>8/U Friendship Mini Meet Invitational #2</u> | <u>Providence</u> |
| 17-18 | <u>PVS February Distance Meet</u> | <u>Fairland</u> |
| 17-18 | <u>"Right Weekend" Qualifier</u> | <u>Georgetown Prep</u> |
| 22-24 | <u>PVS 14/Under B/BB Championships</u> | <u>Lee District</u> |
| 28-2 | <u>PVS 14 & Under Junior Olympic Championships</u> | <u>Fairland</u> |

March 2008

| Date | Meet | Location |
|-------|--|-------------------------------|
| 6-9 | <u>PVS Senior Championships</u> | <u>PGS&LC</u> |
| 7-9 | <u>Spring Finale</u> | <u>Rockville and Olney</u> |
| 8-9 | <u>Mini Championships</u> | <u>Olney</u> |
| 8-9 | <u>VSC III 12/U Invitational</u> | <u>South Run</u> |
| 13-16 | <u>Speedo Championship Series Eastern Zone Southern Sectional Meet</u> | <u>University of Maryland</u> |

Are You Registered?

There's still time to submit your 2008 Registration and receive that beautiful pink and gray card verifying you are a member of USA Swimming! If you haven't yet registered for this year, [click here](#) for the registration form. With the start of a new registration year, Meet Referees need to remember that all coaches and officials must be current members of USA Swimming.

You Make the Call

A coach tells you that his swimmer has sprained an ankle and is unable to turn his foot out in the breaststroke kick. The coach says that, because of this sprained ankle, the swimmer should be considered disabled. Should the swimmer be disqualified for not turning his foot out in the propulsive part of the kick, or is he excused because of a disability?

See the answer at the bottom of this newsletter.

Congratulations, Boots!

Congratulations to our own Boots Hall, who is the January, 2008 recipient of the Maxwell Excellence Award for service to local swimming. The Maxwell Excellence Award is given under the sponsorship of *Swimming World* magazine and Maxwell Medals to honor an LSC official for his or her outstanding contributions to local swimming. Boots is the second PVS official to receive this prestigious award, the first being Ron Whalen in 2004. Congratulations, Boots, on a well-deserved honor!

National Officials Certification Renewal

Please note: Officials with N2 or N3 certifications that expired December 31, 2007 have until March 31, 2008 to renew them without dropping a level in that position. For more information regarding the National Officials Certification program, [click here](#). Looking for an “OQM” (Officials Qualifying Meet) in which to be evaluated for N2 or N3 certification? Here’s where you’ll find the [applications to officiate](#) at higher level meets — including the 2008 Eastern Zone Southern Sectional meet, March 13-16, in College Park.

Officials’ Training Material on the PVS Website

Have you checked the Officials area at the PVS website lately? There’s a brand new [Timing Judge Manual](#) now available — recommended reading for all referees and timing personnel — along with review materials for Stroke & Turn Judges, Starters, Referees, and timing system (HyTek, Daktronics, Colorado) operators. [Check it out!](#)

Stroke & Turn Clinic

A Stroke & Turn Clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, February 9 at the Spring Hill Recreation Center, 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean, VA. The clinic will run from 10 am to Noon. Need to attend a clinic for recertification? Have a friend who’s interested in learning more about officiating swimming? [Pre-registration](#) is encouraged, but not required. You can just show up on the date and time of the clinic.

Feature Article:

“Making My First Call” by Jim Thompson

I started my officiating career in the mid-1990s as a timer. After about two seasons of working as a timer and observing the folks “in white” (at that time), I decided that I could become an official. Actually, the thing that got me over the decision to become a certified official is that the uniform changed from “all white” to the current “white top over navy blue pants”. I figured with the “white over navy blue,” I did not look like the Pillsbury Dough Boy or the blimp monster from the first Ghost Buster movie. :-)

I still remember my first time on deck as an apprentice stroke and turn official. I was perspiring even more than the temperature warranted. I remember working with a senior official during that session. He was very helpful and helped me to feel more comfortable on deck.

Even though I could not write-up a DQ, he wanted me to raise my hand when I saw a disqualification. When I raised my hand the first time, I remember my heart rate going up

to at least a thousand beats per minute. And I'm sure when I described the DQ to that senior official it came out sounding like, “um...the swimmer sort of did...this...um...kind of thing with his arms...that...um...did not look right...so I think it is a DQ. You should write it up.” Luckily for my officiating career, even though I must have sounded like I never been to a meet before, he had faith in me and encouraged me to keep at it.

Over time I got better at describing the infractions and being able to write to the rules. It is one of those things that get easier with practice. I found working different kinds of meets, especially mini-meets, allowed me to see all types of infractions and the opportunity to practice verbally describing the infraction.

In the next installment, I'll talk about my “first coach initiated discussion”.

Resolution to ‘You Make the Call’

The swimmer should be DQ'ed. A sprained ankle does not qualify as a disability, which is defined in Article 105.1.1 as “a permanent physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.” No exception to the breaststroke rule is warranted in this situation.

