

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

June 20, 2011

Participants: J. Garner, D. Dinardo, M. Rubin, J. Neill, T. Husson, B. Vincent, S. Edwards, D. Griffith, B. Hall, J. Thompson
Location: Convened 20Jun2011/19:00 at Montgomery Aquatic Center, Rockville, MD

Minutes from 20Apr2011 Meeting

Decision Approved minutes of 20Apr2011 meeting with minor corrections.

LC Summer Championships Meets

Discussion

- Discussed status of these meets.

Decision

- Appointed lead officials for PVS Long Course Age Group Championship meet to be held at Fairland Aquatic Center (21-24 Jul 2011): A. Davis (Meet Referee) and L. Broadhurst (Admin Referee).

LSC Officials Chair Meeting

Discussion

- J. Neill attended LSC Officials Chair meeting in Kansas City.
- Meeting was productive, good knowledge sharing opportunity with other LSC chairs from across the country.
- Few key points from the meeting:
 - Discussion of rules
 - Emphasized wearing of two swim caps is legal.
 - Swimmers, in some LSCs, are wearing of arm bands. These arm bands are illegal because they aid in compression.
 - Taping is illegal except for medical reasons. There should be some documentation from a doctor for the taping. However, in absence of such documentation, benefit of doubt is accorded to the swimmer.
 - No major rule changes expected until 2013 (after 2012 Olympics).
 - Encourage reciprocity with YMCA officials.
 - Discussed open water swimming, changes in regulations have been enacted that increase safety requirements.
 - Officials Tracking System: Based on conversations with other LSCs, PVS is one of the few LSCs that make extensive use of OTS.
- Discussed possibility of including athlete representation on PVS Officials Committee. Rationale for the proposal is USA Swimming rules require athlete membership on USA Swimming's standing committees. Some LSCs include athletes on their Officials Committee.

Follow-up

- J. Neill to contact PVS athlete reps to get their opinion regarding athlete representation on Officials Committee

2011-2012 Officials Clinics

Discussion

- Started planning for next season's officials clinics.
- Number of clinics last year was appropriate.
- Continue approach of scheduling clinics to coincide with swim meets and reach out to PVS clubs in need of officials to hold clinics in conjunction with their practices.

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2011-2012 Officials Clinics

- Received requests for Advanced Hy-tek clinic.
 - Discussed need for recertification training for CTS and Hy-tek.
 - Referees often do not have the opportunity to work non-Referee position. Discussed possibility of offering refresher training for Starting, CTS and Hy-tek to Referees
- Decision
- Include 2 Chief Judge Clinics, one early in the season, the other mid-season.
 - For the other positions (Starter and Stroke & Turn) look to schedule one clinic per month in VA and MD/DC locations.
- Follow-up
- Add an Advanced Hy-tek clinic
 - M. Rubin & S. Edwards to draft a proposed schedule

Meet Statistics

- Discussion
- J. Thompson presented several examples of quantifying the impact of number of meets on officials and equipment. (See attached sample)
 - Committee felt it important to continue work and present information to the PVS Board and to the Competition Committee.
- Follow-up
- J. Thompson to develop draft presentation to BOD and Competition Committee

Session Report

- Discussion
- J Neill reported on status of session report submission. Initial submission rate appears to be less than 50%
- Follow-up
- J. Neill to continue monitor submissions. As needed, encourage submission of the session report form.

Violations of Article 205.3.1.F

- Discussion
- The Committee discussed a proposal for addressing violations of Article 205.3.1.F, the so-called "4-Hour Rule" for 12&Under sessions. At present there is no penalty for violating this rule. USA Swimming's position is that each LSC should determine its own procedures for dealing with this rule. The Committee will continue to discuss and refine the proposal via email, before presenting it to the Board.
- Follow-up
- Committee to continue discussion via email to refine the recommendation.

Recommended Number of Officials for Staffing Meets

- Discussion
- J. Neill presented proposal on required meet staffing. See attached document.
- Decision
- Committee endorsed the recommendation.
- Follow-up
- Recommendation will be posted to officials section of PVS website and sent out to all officials.

Long Course Backstroke Judging Recommendation

- Discussion
- J. Neill presented specific guidance on judging backstroke events for Long Course competition. See attached document.
- Decision
- Committee endorsed the guidance with some minor changes.

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- Follow-up
- Guidance will be posted on officials section of PVS website and sent out to all officials.

ETS and Hy-tek Certification Update

- Discussion
- Upcoming Referee clinic should include a Hy-tek/ETS recert.
 - One idea for offering Referee refresh training on Hy-tek/ETS is to hold short clinic focused on specific situations between sessions of a meet.
- Follow-up
- S. Edwards to put a placeholder clinic on next season's training schedule for recertification/refreshers Hy-tek/CTS clinic

PVS Officials' Polo Shirt

- Discussion
- D. Dinardo reports that MD/VA LSC have arrangements with a preferred vendor that offers officials' polo shirts for purchase by their members.
- Decision
- Committee endorses concept of PVS Officials purchasing officials' polo shirts from a preferred vendor. In addition to white polo shirts, the vendor should offer for sale blue button-down shirts.
- Follow-up
- D. DiNardo to work on identifying a preferred vendor and bring back a proposal for the arrangement.

Other Topics

- Discussion
- Officials should request Level 2 background check, not Level 1. Need to reemphasize at clinics.
 - Officials Education Travel Reimbursement – PVS Board of Director's position is that only USA Swimming meets are acceptable for reimbursement under this program
 - Colorado Timing Systems provides some YouTube videos on using the CTS equipment
 - Reported problems with equipment at Wilson Center at the recent long course distance meet. Other than equipment issue, facility is nice.
 - Discussed Committee membership and Evaluator lists.
- Follow-up
- T. Husson to send out link to CTS videos
 - Officials Committee to review Evaluator list and provide updates at next Committee meeting.

Next meeting 28Aug at Overlee Clubhouse

Meeting adjourned 21:20.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Thompson
Officials Committee Member