

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

February 18, 2014

Participants: B. Vincent, J. Thompson, B. Ship, M. Rubin, T. Husson, J. Garner, D. DiNardo, E. Jester, J. Neill, M. Hurley, S. Edwards

Location: Convened 18Feb2014/19:00 at Alexandria, VA

- **Minutes from 07Jan2014**

Decision • The committee approved minutes from last meeting.

- **Meet Statistics from January Open**

Discussion • The committee discussed January Open staffing levels. Some of the sites were better staffed than others.

- **Status of Short Course Championship Meets**

Discussion • Senior Champs - D. DiNardo (MR), T. Husson (AR). This will be an OQM up to N3 level.
• Junior Champs - A. Hsu (MR), S. Nordberg (AO)
• Junior Olympics - S. Gordon (MR), B. Ship (AR). This will be an OQM up to the N2 level.

- **Status of Long Course Championship Meets**

Discussion • Senior Champs - J. Neill (Meet Referee), J. Dowling (Lead Evaluator)
• Junior Champs - Meet Referee TBD
• Age Group Champs - Meet Referee TBD

- **Status of Certification/Recertification Updates**

Discussion • A subcommittee consisting of M. Hurley, D. Dinardo, E. Jester, S. Edwards, B. Ship and T. Husson reviewed the requirements for certification/recertification in all officiating positions.
• M. Hurley presented the subcommittee's suggested revised changes to Officials Certification/Recertification requirements (See attachment). Changes to be effective next season.

- Referee - remove requirement for CO and TO, but must familiarize at least two sessions as CO, TO and AO. These two sessions could be used as part of certification in these positions, but certification would not be required. Add CJ as requirement for Referee.
- Admin Official - add requirement to become TO. Current AO to recertify will need to get certified as TO.
- Meet Referee - discussed potential certification requirements but no proposal at this time.
- Recertification for TO & CO only. Add requirement to attend an advanced clinic at least once every three years.

Decision • Committee endorsed suggestion that if an official receives N2 CJ certification, then the official will be conferred with LSC CJ. Update LSC requirements to reflect this change.
• Committee added requirement that TO & CO must be registered with USA Swimming.
• Committee accepted all recommendations from the subcommittee with

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amendments.

- **Apprentice Official Registration**

Discussion

- USA Swimming established a new registration category for Apprentice Official. This allows tracking officials before completing their USA Swimming registration. More information expected from USA Swimming. They will not have completed their BG check and APT so they must be under the direct supervision of a certified official while working on deck.
- T. Husson will work with PVS Registrar on implementation in PVS.

- **USA Swimming Officials Workshop**

Discussion

- The committee discussed potential candidates for the Officials Workshop in Pittsburgh in May 2014.

Decision

- Tim will make the final decision and contact the candidate.

- **Budget for 2014-2015**

Discussion

- T Husson reviewed the proposed Officials budget to be presented for next year's PVS budget.

- **Officials Travel Reimbursement**

Discussion

- The committee discussed the officials travel reimbursement policy and procedure.

Follow-up

- B. Vincent to form a subcommittee to modify official travel reimbursement guidance.

- **Other**

Discussion

- B Vincent - soliciting articles for the newsletter.
- E. Jester - invited to be one of the swim officials at the 2014 South American Para Games in Santiago, Chile.
- B. Ship - related her experiences at the Black History Meet. A very rewarding meet experience.
- S. Edwards - reviewed officials clinic attendance.
- T. Husson - reported on the change in the process for championship meet shirts.

- **Next Meeting**

Decision

On-line Web meeting on 9Apr2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 21:15

Respectfully submitted by

Jim Thompson

Officials Committee Member

Proposed Changes to Officials Certification/Recertification

These changes become effective in September of this year. Current apprentices who have not completed certification by that time would still certify under the “old” requirements.

Referee Certification

Referee candidates should be exposed to the dry side, but dry side certifications are no longer required. If the referee apprentice is not certified as CO, TO, and AO, they are required to work at least two sessions as an apprentice/observer at each of those positions. In place of the "dry side" certifications, we will enter CJ certification in path to referee in addition to starter.

Administrative Official Certification and Recertification

For new administrative officials, certification as TO is added as a prerequisite for becoming an admin official (AO). New administrative officials are also required to undergo an evaluation prior to becoming certified.

Since we now have AOs who are not also TOs, certification as TO is required prior to recertifying as AO.

Recertification for Officials Who Are Certified as CO or TO

Every three years, officials who are certified as TO and/or CO (but not in other positions) are required to attend a recertification clinic. Attendance at this clinic plus the requirement of working a certain number of sessions per year would ensure that our certified TO and CO officials are maintaining their certification. Certifying as AO or re-certifying as AO would extend the official's TO and CO certifications.

We will also require that officials who are certified in these positions must register with USA Swimming.

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Chief Judges

Certification as N2 chief judge was added as a path to LSC certification as a chief judge.

(This change becomes effective immediately.)

Evaluations

For any position that requires an evaluation, apprentices must complete all prerequisites (online tests and other certification requirements) prior to becoming eligible to undergo evaluation.

(This change becomes effective immediately.)

Other Changes

For those officials who are certified as both a chief judge and a starter (but not a referee), they would only need to fulfill the recertification requirements for starter.

Recertification as administrative official:

- Previously certified by PVS or another USA Swimming Local Swim Committee (LSC) as an administrative official
- If from another LSC, fulfill all relevant requirements of the PVS Officials' Transfer Policy.
- Have a current membership in USA Swimming as a non-athlete member.
- Must have worked at least four sessions in each year since last certification/recertification at PVS-sanctioned, non-Officials Qualifying meets*. Each year, at least two of these sessions must have been as an administrative official.
- Attend a PVS conducted Administrative Official Clinic.
- Pass the USA Swimming Recertifying Administrative Official Test

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with a grade of at least 90%.

- Submit the online PVS Officials Recertification Request
- Obtain certification as a Colorado Timing System Operator
- Recertification as an administrative official would also extend the certifications for Hy-Tek Operator and Colorado Timing Systems Operator.

The following changes were made to the USA Swimming online tests that are required as part of the initial certification requirements:

- Referee – require the following USA Swimming online tests: certifying referee, recertifying starter, and certifying administrative referee (we presently require the following tests: Recertifying Starter, Administrative, and Referee.)
- Starter– require the following USA Swimming online tests: certifying starter, recertifying S+T, and certifying administrative official (we presently require the following tests: Recertifying Stroke & Turn, Starter, Clerk of Course, and Timing Judge).