

PVS Officials Committee Meeting

October 25, 2017

PARTICIPANTS

Rich McMillen, Tim Husson, Barb Ship, Kelly Rowell, Pam Starke-Reed, Steed Edwards, Elizabeth Jester, Jack Neill, Mike Rubin, Morgan Hurley

LOCATION

Online, 7:00 pm

OFFICIALS CHAIR

- Minutes from August 20, 2017 reviewed and accepted without modification.

OQMs

- NCAP Invitational: Melissa Hellervik-Bing is the lead evaluator. Steed Edwards, Don Reidlinger and Dave DiNardo (subject to availability) will be on the evaluator team. There are already over 15 requests for evaluation.
- PVS Short Course Championships: Morgan Hurley will be the Meet Referee; Mary Jo Swalley will be the lead evaluator
- PVS Junior Olympics (N2): Meet Referee is TBD.
- PVS Long Course Championships: Meet Referee is TBD; Amy Hoppenrath will be the lead evaluator.

MISSING APT

- Rich will remind Meet Referees to check the registration status of walk-on officials. PVS officials (including apprentices) need to have complete USA Swimming registration, Background Check, and Athlete Protection Training. Officials from other LSCs must meet their LSC's requirements.

RECERTIFICATION and REGISTRATION

- Need some verbiage on the certification page that tells officials that they only have to do the re-certification requirements for their highest-level certification.
- Rich sent email reminders to officials with certifications expiring 12/31/2017.
- Rich encouraged officials who have not worked the minimum number of sessions required to recertify to start working sessions so they will be able to recertify.
- Rich sent a second group of registration codes to 47 additional PVS officials. As of October 18, 2017, 255 officials have qualified for PVS to pay their USA Swimming registration fee.

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

- Communications Subcommittee Chair remains vacant. Rich is actively recruiting.
- Steve Strazza has volunteered to be the editor of the PVS Officials Newsletter. He is in need of articles
- Barb shared that Steve Lottes has granted permission to use any of his content from the MD Swimming Officials Newsletter.
- After an OQM we will include summaries of N2/N3 certifications in the recognition section.
- We need athlete representation on the committee. Discussion about how to solicit athlete members. One idea was to solicit officials to see if their children would be interested. Committee also discussed developing a job description for athletes on the officials committee. What is their role? What are they expected to do? Recommended that athlete member agenda items be first on the agenda and provide a way for athletes to attend in-person meetings remotely. Ideas for ways for athletes to contribute: newsletter article, what is a good starter? DQ from athletes perspective, help at clinics.

TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

- Members of the Training Subcommittee include Jack Neill (chair), Barb Ship, Elizabeth Jester, Jan van Nimwegen, and Erika Livingston.
- The subcommittee has had a lot of good discussion via email and is considering an online meeting.
- The subcommittee has reviewed and updated Starter, CJ, and S&T documents.
- Clinics have been ongoing while the documents were updated. Subcommittee would like to update documents without waiting for an in-person Officials Committee meeting. Officials committee can review and approve updates via email
- Tim would like to see additional emphasis on the Timer's Briefing in Starter Training Materials. Timer's Briefing should emphasize importance of buttons (over watches) and the role of the person with clipboard. Starters should also understand the Timing Rules.
- Jack will add emphasis to timers briefing during Starters clinic.
- Jack will update the Timers Briefing and information.
- Tim will upload the most recent training materials to the PVS website

CLINIC REVIEW

- Overall attendance seems to be down compared to this point last year. 24 clinics so far this season, 1 tonight, and 2 in November, 27 total. 28 last year in the same timeframe.
- The demand for online clinics continues to grow.
- The online ETS clinic appears to have usurped the in person clinic.
- Overall the number of clinics appears to be working
- There will be additional S&T clinics in January

CERTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE

- Barb will investigate clothing items that may be purchased with the PVS logo.
- We currently have a time in service requirement for certification. Is it time to revisit those requirements? Should number of sessions be a requirement?
- Certification subcommittee should annually review certification and recertification requirements.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

- As of October 18, 2017, PVS has 568 fully registered (including updated BGC and APT) and certified officials.
- 255 officials (almost 45%) have qualified for PVS to pay their USA Swimming registration fee.
- 139 officials have registered for 2018.
- There have been 16 meets in PVS so far this season. A total of over 570 officials contributed to those meets.
- Tim will order additional tchotchkes.

USA SWIMMING OFFICIALS WORKSHOP

- Kelly reviewed highlights of the workshop
- Kelly emailed notes and presentations from the workshop to the committee.

NEXT MEETING

January 11, 2018, 7:00 PM, online

MEETING CONCLUDED 9:12 PM