

Update from the PVS Officials Committee

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The return to a regular competition schedule has been a busy time in PVS! There have been 37 meets since the 2021-2022 competition year began September 1, and another 10 on the PVS schedule to finish out the calendar year. Thank you for all you have done to support those meets over the past several months and for what you will do to support meets in the future.

2020-2021 Boots Hall Official of the Year!

Please join us in congratulating the 2020-2021 Boots Hall Official of the Year Recipient, **Jan van Nimwegen**. The Boots Hall Official of the Year Award, [named in honor of long time PVS Official, mentor to, and advocate for PVS officials](#), was created to recognize the efforts of an official who has shown exceptional dedication and support to PVS. During an unprecedented year, Jan spent tireless hours on deck supporting PVS' clubs and athletes. He was the Meet Referee for over 20 meets, for at least 4 different clubs, and the PVS SC Championship Series – Wave III (CM).

Certification Window

Generally, apprentice officials have one year from beginning the certification process for a position to certifying. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PVS Officials Committee has established the following policy:

Officials who started the certification process between September 2019 and August 2021 must have at least two apprentice sessions completed within 3 months of their final apprentice/evaluation session with all certifications completed by August 30, 2022.

2022 USA Swimming Registration – Returning Officials

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PVS Board of Directors has passed a modification to the policy for PVS to pay returning officials registration fee. For 2022 USA Swimming Registration, PVS will pay the registration fee for those PVS officials who officiated at a minimum of 6 sessions in 2021 (reduced from 10 sessions). Those who qualify will receive an email with instructions to register.

Communications Survey

The PVS Officials Committee would like your input into the best ways to communicate with you. Please complete [this survey](#) to help us find the best way to share information with you.

Officials Education Travel Reimbursement

PVS provides reimbursement for officials' travel expenses to officiate national championship level competition. An official may receive up to three (3) travel stipends in each competition year, a maximum of two (2) for meets at or above the USA Swimming 18&Under Spring Cup (1 ½ stars) level. A third travel stipend request must be from an Eastern Zone sponsored meet (Eastern Zones, Eastern Zone Speedo Sectional Championships). Complete details of the policy, including eligible meets for the 2021-2022 season and maximum reimbursement amounts are available on the [PVS Website](#).