

PVS Board
Officials Committee Report
May 23, 2005

Organization

In March of this year Mary Beth Hall (Boots) stepped down as Vice Chair after many years of chairing the Committee. She remains active on the Committee serving as the Chief Training Officer and Instructor. Jim Van Erden has taken over the duties of Chair.

The Committee now consists of 20 members, four new members were added to the Committee this year and five meetings were held.

Officials

Clinics: This year we conducted nine S& T, four Starter, one Referee, two Hy-Tek, two Daktronics, and one Colorado Clinics.

There are currently about 235 certified officials with a valid certification through CY 2005. An additional 45 officials have a valid certification through 2004.

The website certification data for officials is updated through May 3rd, 2005.

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

USA Swimming has now implemented an online test for all positions. Boots was one of the beta testers and took the test many times—thanks to Boots.

We will be sending two “new referees” to the Officials Training Workshop conducted by USA Swimming in Colorado Springs, May 28-30, 2005. Rita Page and Denise Wepasnick will be representing PVS.

Early last fall, Committee member Jim Thompson created 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 the year will be used to see who worked, which clubs were represented, and what the staffing levels were for each session. It is hoped that this will lead to a better understanding of the workload and that the information will be helpful in developing strategies to meet the requirements of the myriad of meets without burning out those who work so much.

Jim Van Erden
Chair, Officials Committee

In accordance with Article 8.7.2.A of our by-laws, I offer the following safety report for 2004:

1. In 2004, PVS had 3 injuries reported. This represented less than 1% of the total injuries reported to US SWIMMING for 2003.
2. In the first quarter of 2005, PVS has had 2 reported injuries. Again this represents less than 1% of the total injuries reported to US SWIMMING for the first quarter of 2004.
3. NVPools continues to offer STSC classes through an agreement with PVS.

The PVS web sight continues to offer safety related information. Recently updated items are:

Duties of Club Safety Coordinators

Report of Occurrence Accident Form (in .pdf format)

Coaches corner info on coaches safety training

This is being done at my request in an effort to better disseminate safety information to our member clubs.

USA Swimming is working with the ARC to better coordinate and update the STSC program. I am actively participating in this project

I will be working with Dave over the next year to bring him up to speed on the activities of the safety committee as I will be stepping down as chair in May 2006 with the filing of the 2005 report.

John McDonald