

Officials Report to the Board

2/9/09

Officials Committee met in January. Requests have been submitted for the following Officials Certification Meets.

1. Sectionals: N3 certification for all positions. Peter Soderstrom of the Southern Zone will be the Meet Referee.
2. Senior Champs: N3 certification has been requested. At present we have evaluators for the following positions: Final: S&T, Chief Judge; Initial: Starter and Referee. N2 certifications will be available for administrative positions.
3. JO Champs: N2 Certification has been requested. We have adequate evaluators for N2 certification in all positions.

We are in the process of updating our Starter training to be in compliance with the National Standards. As such we wish to know if PVS still has the strobe that can be placed at a deaf swimmers lane for backstroke starts. If we are still using the starting strobes that are attached to the backstroke flags and cannot be moved, we should be sure to have an external strobe available at any meet where either of the following is likely to occur.

- A known hearing impaired swimmer from PVS is expected to compete
- Out of town swimmers are coming to compete.

Coaches are reminded that it is the coach's responsibility to inform the referee of any accommodations that are needed for any swimmer with a disability. For hearing impaired swimmers, this should include telling the meet host in advance to that an external strobe should be available.

If the PVS external strobe is missing, a new one or two should be obtained.

There were ten PVS sanctioned meets in January 2009. Officials data for seven of those meets has been entered into the OTS. The following three meets are not yet entered, although the meet referee or officials chair has acknowledged their obligation to do so.

PVS Distance Meet (CUBU)
January Open (PM)
Snow Dude Mini Meet (PM)

Submitted
Boots Hall; Officials Representative

