

Officials' Report
January 9, 2012

- The January Officials Newsletter was distributed. Among items of interest were links to 3 websites showing officials where to purchase their own earpieces. As radio use increases, we will be encouraging all officials to use their own personal earpiece.
- Jack Neill, PVS Officials Chair has been selected to officiate at US Olympic Trials later this year.
- Referee Session Reports from the Fall meets have been compiled and the issue of equipment malfunctions has far surpassed time-line and staffing as the most significant problems in running meets. Were it not for individual officials stepping up to procure starting systems and microphones from summer league teams, major disruptions and/or unfair starts would have been prevalent. Officials are extremely discouraged by the condition of equipment which compromise our ability to run fair and equitable competitions. We are looking forward to having a PVS equipment technician to whom we can communicate about malfunctioning equipment and who will ensure the equipment will actually be repaired.
- At the Tom Dolan Invitational meet, an officials qualifying meet (OQM) for those officials desiring national certification, 21 PVS officials received evaluations for N2 or N3 national certification. Many officials said they worked extra sessions than originally planned for the opportunity for a National evaluation.

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