

Officials' Report  
October 15, 2012

- The Officials Committee invited 14 officials to advance to referee.
- Jim Sheehan from USA Swimming provided important and interesting insights on a variety of topics as the guest speaker for the Officials track at the Swimposium. His participation was very well received.
- The following meets have been designated as Officials Qualifying meets: Winter Classic at GMU – December, 2012 and PVS SC Senior Championships at GMU in the Spring, 2013.
- The Officials Committee remains concerned that some meet directors will not supply adequate personnel for meets including timing personnel as required by Section 102.9 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- The Officials Committee recommends the use of 2 starters per session at every meet, with the off-starter taking order of finish. The Committee recommends against the use of Stroke and Turn judges as place judges because of concerns about their familiarity with quickly identifying lanes and concerns that the task could become mundane without adequate relief and reliability would suffer. Specific guidelines on the assignment and use of place judges in accordance with USA-S rules are being formulated by the Committee.
- Officials clinics have been scheduled and run very successfully so far this season with several more on the schedule.
- Several Officials provided valuable assistance in the preparation of the new Meet Directors Handbook which was recently distributed at the Swimposium.

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