

## Officials Report

November 18, 2013

- Officials attending clinics and stroke briefings at meets have been instructed in the recent rule changes in butterfly and breaststroke.
- 7 referees accepted invitations to begin referee training.
- Additional officials clinics are planned for November and January following the presentation of 19 clinics through mid-October involving 276 attendees.
- Revised stroke and turn judge certification requirements will be instituted in September, 2014. Contemplated changes include increasing the number of apprentice sessions and meet worked , raising the required test score, and evaluation of the final apprentice session by qualified officials. Specific requirements have not yet been finalized.
- Updated Officials Training materials for all positions will be completed shortly.
- Lead evaluators have been identified for Tom Dolan Invitational and both 2014 SC and LC Senior Champs. Officials Chair will soon be selecting meet referees for the SC championship meets in March.
- An official reported an incident involving threatening language directed at swimmers by unrelated parties in the FedEx Field parking lot during October Open. Meetings with personnel at PGS&LC resulted in promises of increased security and the ability to drop off swimmers directly in front of the facility. No similar problems were reported at November Open.

Respectfully submitted,

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