

# Officials Committee Report to the PVS House of Delegates

May 2018

The PVS Officials Committee is responsible for:

- Recruiting, training and certifying officials
- Supervising the officials in the LSC
- Staffing the PVS Championship and National Certification Meets

## Some Officials' Statistics from the Last 12 Months:

- As of May 1, PVS has 570 certified officials. There have been 43 officials clinics held in PVS during the 2017-2018 season. Three on-line clinics were offered this season (2 S&T and 1 Referee Recert) and were well received. PVS instructors also lead numerous summer league S&T clinics that can be used for USA-S certification or recertification.
- There were four Officials Qualifying Meets held under the National Certification program in the last year. A total of 82 evaluations were completed.
  - 2017 LC Senior Championships (15 evaluations) – Ron Van Pool and PVS evaluators
  - 2017 NCAP Invitational (24 evaluations) – Melissa Hellervik-Bing and PVS evaluators
  - 2017 SC Senior Championships (21 evaluations) – Mary Jo Swalley and PVS evaluators
  - 2018 14&U Junior Olympic Championships (19 evaluations) – Barb Ship and other PVS evaluators
- 180 PVS officials (31% of all PVS officials) currently hold a National Certification (N2 or N3). This is an increase of 23 over last year.
- Numerous PVS officials were selected to work National Championship, Arena Pro and Futures meets in the last year, including assigned positions.
- PVS officials continue to be selected for leadership positions at Speedo Sectional meets.
- PVS provided its share of officials for the Eastern Zone Age Group meets.
- PVS offers an Officials Education Travel Stipend for working Zone, Sectional, Futures, Arena Pro and National meets. During the last twelve months, PVS provided 20+ stipends and increase of three over the previous year.

## Other Officials News:

- PVS provided numerous officials for local NCAA, High School and Special Olympics meets
- The Officials Committee continues to use the quarterly newsletter, the PVS website and an email list to communicate with all PVS officials.

**Notes:**

- PVS pays for the re-registration of officials that work at least ten sessions during the previous calendar year. 352 PVS officials qualified for this benefit for the 2018 registration year which was a decrease from the previous year.
- Kelly Rowell and Cherlynn Venit attended the USA Swimming Referee Workshop in October 2017.
- Hope Oehler attended the USA Swimming Open Water Nationals/Clinic in May 2018.
- PVS pays for the Background Screening for officials after they have worked a minimum number of sessions. PVS also pays for Background Screening Renewals for officials in good standing.
- The Officials Committee created four sub-committees;
  - Administrative
  - Training and Evaluation
  - Certification and
  - Communications.
- An online meeting of Club Officials Chairs was held in October 2017 to prepare for the new season. It was attended by 15 officials.
- The PVS Officials Committee voted recently to update the certification requirements for almost all positions that will become effective 01 September 2018. The certification sub-committee was responsible for developing and presenting the new requirements to the Officials Committee.
- The PVS Officials Committee (Barb Ship) developed an online, self-paced Hy-tek Computer Operator (CO) clinic. Hopefully, this new training will be ready to go for the 2018-2019 swim season.
- The Training and Evaluation committee recommended changes to the processes to become a PVS officials evaluator and clinic presenter. Those changes were approved and implemented by the officials committee. Additionally, this sub-committee updated all the training materials for the wet-side positions.

**Thank you PVS Officials for all the time you volunteer to support the mission of Potomac Valley Swimming and USA Swimming!**

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